

Current Events.

THE following communication has been received from the Acting Secretary of the Associated Board of the Royal Academy of Music and Royal College of Music:—At the request of a number of Canadian musicians and others who desire to establish a standard of musical education in this country, the Associated Board will hold examinations in leading centres, in November. The board, of which the Prince of Wales is president, is composed of representatives of the Royal Academy and Royal College of Music, London, England. These are the only two institutions of the kind which are aided by government grants. The chairman for Canada is His Excellency the Earl of Aberdeen, and the honorary general representative, Lieut-Col. J. B. MacLean, Montreal.

Centres have been established at Halifax, St. John, Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa, Kingston, Toronto, Hamilton, London and Winnipeg. As the work of the board becomes better known, centres will be established in the principal towns as well. Until then candidates may apply for information to the nearest representative or to the secretary, Mr. P. A. Grinstead, Montreal. The examiner, who is always a well-known musician, will be sent from England, and it is not improbable that either Sir Alexander Mackenzie, the president of the Royal Academy, or Sir Arthur Sullivan, both of whom are members of the board, may be asked to come out to formally inaugurate the work in Canada.

The board does not teach music, but is a purely examining body. In Britain many so-called colleges held examinations to make fees, for they passed every candidate—just as in some of the States any person can get the degree of M.D., on payment of \$25. The board was organized to conduct thorough and searching examinations. No one connected with it receives a cent. In Canada the surplus, after paying the necessary expenses, will go to found scholarships in this country.

—THE Protestant School Commissioners of Montreal are having no little difficulty in providing accommodation for the ever increasing number of children applying for admittance to the various city schools. At the last meeting of the Board, the Superintendent reported that the attendance