

His Excellency the Governor General has kindly signified his intention of giving to McGill University, Montreal, annually during his term of office, a gold and silver medal. The gold medal will be awarded to the student who shows the greatest proficiency in modern languages in an honour course open to all matriculants. The silver medal will be open for competition to the students in the faculty of Applied Science. Charles S. Black Esq., late of Montreal, now of New Haven, has presented the University with his valuable astronomical instruments, including a telescope of six inches aperture equatorially mounted by Fitz of New York, a large transit instrument by Jones of London, and an astronomical clock by Howard of Boston. The transit is already mounted and in use. The telescope will be in its place in a few days.

The annual university lecture of the McGill University was given this year by the Venerable Archdeacon Leach, L.L.D. His subject was, "Lord Bacon a Poet." There was a very large attendance on the occasion, and much interest manifested in his learned discussions and *a priori* argument, the gist of which was—that there is a great discrepancy between the authentic facts of Shakespeare's life and the plays ascribed to him, and that Lord Bacon had the capacity to be the author of the plays in question, and that thus there was a possibility if not an absolute probability that he really was so.

Mr. C. Thomas has resigned the Principalship of the Waterloo Academy, and Mr. I. L. Walton, late of St. John's Academy, has been appointed to succeed him.

Bishop's College, Lennoxville, has commenced the session of 1879-80 with the largest attendance of students that it has had since its foundation. Twelve new students from the United States and Canada have entered the Arts course this year, and the institution is deservedly growing in public favor, numbers and efficiency. The Emperor of Russia has lately forwarded to it, through the Russian Ambassador at New York, a rare and most valuable gift, viz., a fac-simile copy of the famous Codex Sinaiticus in four large and handsome volumes. The Codex Sinaiticus is the only un mutilated manuscript of the New Testament known to exist, and was discovered by M. Tischendorf, in 1859, at St. Catharine's Convent, on Mount Sinai. It is indeed a princely gift, and Bishop's College may well feel proud of it.

At a meeting of the Protestant Committee of the Council of Protestant Instruction, recently held, the grants from the Fund for Superior Education, which should have been apportioned in September, but which were delayed in consequence of the refusal of the supplies, were made to the several institutions entitled to a share in them. The Committee unanimously adopted a resolution strongly supporting the recommendation of the Roman Catholic Committee, for the granting of the ordinary amount in full to Normal Schools, and for prizes and school inspection.

#### NEW BRUNSWICK.

The Board of Education, on the 30th of October, made the anticipated Orders relative to Inspectors of Schools and Inspectoral Districts, of which the following is the substance, as abridged from the *Royal Gazette*:

The number of Inspectors is decreased to eight, and the Inspectoral Districts are revised and enlarged, so that there will henceforth be eight Inspectoral Districts, which are numbered and described as below:

**District No. 1.** The Counties of Restigouche and Northumberland, and the Parish of Beresford, in the County of Gloucester. *Inspector.*—Philip Cox, A.B., Newcastle, Northumberland Co.

**District No. 2.** The County of Gloucester (except the Parish of Beresford), the County of Kent, and the Parish of Shediac, in the County of Westmoreland. *Inspector.*—Valentin A. Landry, Richibucto.

**District No. 3.** The County of Westmorland (except the Parish of Shediac) and the County of Albert. *Inspector.*—Henry Powell, A.B., Sackville.

**District No. 4.** The County of Queen's, the County of King's (except the Parishes of Greenwich, Westfield, Rothesay, Upham and Hammond), and the Parish of Clarendon, in the County of Charlotte. *Inspector.*—D. P. Wetmore, Clifton, King's Co.

**District No. 5.** The City and County of St. John, and the above-named parishes in the County of King's. *Inspector.*—W. P. Dole, A.B., St. John.

**District No. 6.** The County of Charlotte (except the Parish of Clarendon) and the County of Sunbury. *Inspector.*—Ingram B. Oakes, A.B., St. Stephen.

**District No. 7.** The County of York, and the Parishes of Northampton, Brighton and Peel, in the County of Carleton. *Inspector.*—Eldon Mullin, Fredericton.

**District No. 8.** The County of Carleton (except the parishes just named) and the Counties of Victoria and Madawaska. *Inspector.*—W. G. Gaunce, A.B., Woodstock.

Any Border School District constitutes a part of the Inspectoral District in which the school-house is situated.

It is made a condition of holding the office of Inspector of Schools, that the person appointed thereto shall devote himself exclusively to the performance of the duties of the office.

By another order made about the same time, the Board of Education prescribed a course of instruction for the schools of New Brunswick, that is to say, for "primary and advanced schools in cities and towns, schools in villages, and ungraded schools in country districts." The course for high schools is to be issued hereafter.

In accordance with the provisions in Sec. 13 of the School Act (as amended in 1879), which is thus brought into operation throughout the Province, the provincial aid to teachers and assistants, properly qualified and employed, will henceforth be regulated in part according to the quality of instruction given in the school, as determined by the examination of pupils by an Inspector. And it is now ordered that, in determining the quality of instruction given in any school or department, the Inspector shall require an intelligent acquaintance with the subjects of the standards prescribed for the same in the course of instruction.

In reference to the superior allowance of \$7,000 for the whole Province, one-half to be paid to teachers and one-half to Boards of Trustees (Sec. 3, Amendment Act of 1879), it is ordered that schools or departments shall participate in this allowance (the school accommodation and appliances being sufficient in the judgment of the Inspector), according to the number of pupils annually certified by the Inspector as having satisfactorily completed the work embraced in Standard VIII of the course, for schools in cities, towns and villages; and for ungraded schools in country districts, the work embraced in Standard VI, as prescribed for a district having a teacher and a class-room assistant.

The pupils so certified shall be entitled to receive from the Chief Superintendent, through the Board of Trustees, a certificate of their attainments.

The above orders were declared to take effect on the 1st Nov. In consequence of the adoption of the course of instruction requiring readjustments of school programmes, and various other changes, several of the new Inspectors have summoned the teachers within their districts to meet them for the purpose of receiving instructions and advice in relation to the new order of things. In some cases, as at St. John on the 15th November, and in Fredericton on the 22nd, the Chief Superintendent has been able to meet with the teachers thus assembled, and to assist them and the Inspector by his wise counsels in surmounting the difficulties that seemed to present themselves.

The Portland Teachers' Association met Nov. 14th, and elected officers for the ensuing term, the President being Mr. W. H. Parless, and the Secretary-Treasurer Mr. A. D. Smith.

One of our N. B. exchanges mentions the burning of a school-house at Bartibogue, under circumstances that left no room for doubt that it was the work of an incendiary.

Mr. Gaunce, whose appointment as Inspector is mentioned above, has been succeeded in the Principalship of the York Street School, Fredericton, by Mr. L. E. Wortman, A.B., recently of Burlington, Iowa. Mr. Wortman is a graduate of the University of New Brunswick, and was a candidate for the Classical Professorship in that institution.

The Principalship of the Chatham Grammar School, vacated by Mr. Oakes' appointment as Inspector, has been given to Mr. C. G. D. Roberts, A.B. We trust he may achieve even a higher reputation as a successful teacher than he has gained as a rising poet.

Mr. S. J. Jenkins, A.B., lately of Grand Manon, succeeds Mr. Fulton as Principal of the Winter Street School, Portland, the latter having gone to study medicine, we understand, at Dalhousie College, Halifax.

Miss Lyle, of the Model School, Fredericton, having obtained leave of absence for six months for the benefit of her health, her place is now filled by Miss Julia R. Bateman, formerly on the St. Stephen staff.

At the recent terminal examination of the High School at Sussex, Kings Co., the Principal, Mr. S. F. Wilson, M.A., received very high commendation from several prominent gentlemen who