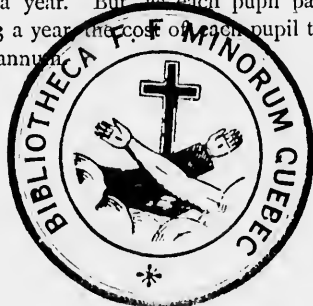


of the elementary school at thirteen years of age. At that age he is able to read English with ease and expression; he can write a letter or draw out an account legibly, in proper form and with but few errors in spelling or computation; he can use the elementary rules of arithmetic with speed and accuracy, and with some hesitation and an occasional mistake, he can solve questions in fractions, proportion and interest; he has an elementary knowledge of French, of English Grammar, of Geography and of Canadian History; he has learned by rote several songs, and he can copy a simple outline drawing with reasonable accuracy and neatness. If he has aspired to the High School, one year's instruction in Latin has been provided for him.

#### SCHOOL FEES.

The Law of the Province of Quebec does not recognize free schools but it provides that the fees shall be moderate, and it makes such provision for cases of indigence that no child is excluded from the elementary schools by inability to pay the school fees demanded. The fees of children attending the elementary Protestant schools of Montreal range from 10c. to \*20c. a month. The actual cost of the instruction given was \$13 for each pupil in attendance during the school year 1866-7, of which amount each pupil paid in school fees \$1.66. In the High Schools the cost of education is much greater, amounting to \$41.06 for each pupil for a year. But as each pupil pays an average school-fee of \$37.43 a year, the cost of each pupil to the school tax is but \$3.63 per annum.



\*About one franc.