

LOCAL ITEMS.

Protestant Board of School Commissioners, Montreal.—At the regular monthly meeting held on Wednesday, 13th February, in addition to routine business, the monthly statement of accounts for February, duly audited, was submitted; and also returns of attendance in the various schools, showing a total enrolment of 3,761 pupils, and a daily attendance of 89.7 p. c. in Common Schools, and of 93.4 p. c. in the High Schools.

The cadastration of the Logan's farm property and the transfer of the Burnside Hall property to the Hon. J. J. C. Abbott, were reported complete. the Hon. Treasurer further reporting that he had received from the G. T. R. Superannuation Fund an offer to purchase the Deed of Mortgage on the latter property.

The Committee on revision of curriculums for Common Schools recommended several changes in the course in Scripture History, a more systematic course of instruction in Morals and the adoption of the "Points of Politeness," "Dr. Richardson's Temperance Lesson Book," and the "Humanity Series," as text books for that purpose; the abolition of military drill except in changing of rooms, and the institution of fire drill. A report revising the present course of instruction in Sewing was also submitted and approved.

The Commissioners determined to rectify all errors and inaccuracies whether in the way of overcharge or undercharge, that have come to light in consequence of the recent investigation on the part of the Government and the Board into the Teachers' Pension Fund. It was resolved to invite the Trustees of the Protestant School of Hochelaga to meet representatives of the Board with the view of including that school in the public educational system of the City.

District of Bedford Educational Association.—There are manifest indications of an awakened interest in the educational affairs of our Province. While New England has been eagerly striving at perfection in these matters, with Ontario close following the contest, the school system of the Province of Quebec has not kept pace with the advancing times in progress and improvements. Happily, however, under the guidance of such men as the Hon. W. W. Lynch a sincere and influential friend of education, and the Rev. Mr. Rexford, whose energy and zeal have already accomplished so much in the direction of reform, a new regime appears to have been instituted. Old abuses have been swept away, and the basis at least has been laid in order and system in so important a matter as the training of the coming men and women of our age. Primary teachers in the country do not continue to shift their lodgings three hundred and sixty-five times in a year, and the great feat of securing uniformity of text books and a definite course of studies has been virtually accomplished.

The teachers of the District of Bedford have caught the enthusiasm of the hour, and in response to the summons of the Hon. Mr. Lynch, met in Cowansville in considerable numbers on Saturday last for the purpose of