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GRAND BOOK CONCERN.

The Superintendent of Schools has purposed to establish under the direction of his office, a grand central depot in Montreal, and branch depots in different parts of the Province, from whence the dear people can more readily than otherwise procure all the books, papers, maps, charts, etc., which shall have been recommended by the Council of Public Instruction for exclusive use in all the schools in Lower Canada receiving public money. This proposition comes coupled with the intimation that Dr. Ryerson is said to have made a "good thing" out of a somewhat similar operation in Upper Canada. But to say nothing of the "pickings" which might thus be added to \$4000 salary, has the experience of one "Queen's Printership" been of no avail? *

"MINISTRE DE L'INSTRUCTION PUBLIQUE."

Mr. Chauveau's obliviousness in regard to the use of the foreign title, "Minister of Public Instruction," is passing strange. With his sanction by letter of what appears on the 137th page and elsewhere of the *Annuaire de Ville Marie!* (i. e. Montreal!) for 1863, no one can doubt that he, at least, willingly suffered it to be attached to his name for some purpose, and so permits it to be circulated from the Dan to the Beersheba of the Roman Catholic World.

WHERE AND HOW A PART OF THE SUPERIOR EDUCATION FUND HAS GONE.

The following institutions received the annexed sums for the year 1856-57, for the erection of buildings and payment of debts, in addition to their aggregate grants of \$37,300 for the same years:

McGill, \$7,000; St. Hyacinthe, \$5,600; Ste. Anne, \$5,060; Ste. Marie de Montreal, \$2,800; Ste. Therese, 1,680; Notre Dame de Levis, \$1,680; L'Assomption, \$1,680; Nicolet, \$1,120; Ste. Marie de Beauce, \$1,120; Masson, \$340; St. Michel, \$840; Laval, \$840; Chambly, \$560; Rigaud, \$560; Ste. Marie de Monnoir, \$560. Total, \$31,940.

Although St. Francis College was guilty of making application, in the same years, for a small grant to aid in liquidating a debt incurred in building, not a farthing was given to it or any other Protestant college except McGill for that purpose during those years.

The ready answer by the disburser to all this is, that the proportion is more than just according to "Representation by Population." He may

* It is stated on what is considered reliable authority, that the Council has given a large publishing contract to one of its own members; so that the Upper Canada education office "casual-advantage" and "book-monopoly"-warfares, seem likely to be waged here with increased bitterness.