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PREFACE.

The reading lessons and exercises of this pamphlet are based on a series of Oral Lessons, published by W. DRYSDALE & Co., Montreal, under the title, "Teachers' Manual, Oral Lessons in French."

In the course of this oral instruction, which must always precede the reading lesson, the pupils learn the meaning and practise the use of all the words and expressions found in these pages.

The Oral Lessons in French and the accompanying Teachers' Manual will be issued in five parts, each part containing sufficient work for one year.

They represent an effort—the most extensive that has yet been made, so far as I am aware—to adapt the Natural Method to the conditions that obtain in public schools. So far as they have been issued, these books have received the approval of the teachers who use them in the Protestant Schools of Montreal.

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