

in the third year of its existence, it has 227 pupils and a teaching staff of 15 persons. Promising girls from the elementary schools are admitted to it free of charge.

SENIOR SCHOOL.

This school was opened in 1877, with the purpose of providing for pupils, who have passed through the elementary schools, a course of business training including a thorough review of English subjects, book-keeping, the rudiments of algebra, geometry and mensuration, British history, the elements of commercial law, and the French and German languages. The course of the Senior school covers two years. There are in attendance 86 pupils under the charge of 8 teachers.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

The first public elementary school, in Montreal, and one of the first in the Province of Canada, now the provinces of Ontario and Quebec, was established by a committee of gentlemen, in the year 1822, and was designated the British and Canadian School. The necessary funds were furnished from year to year by public subscription and by an annual subvention voted by the Legislature. In the institution and maintenance of the school Lord Dalhousie, then Governor, and many prominent persons of both British and French Canadian origin took a lively interest. After a chequered history of forty-four years this school was handed over to the control of the Protestant School Commissioners.

The first Protestant Elementary Schools in Montreal, established under a general public system, were two schools opened in 1850 by the Protestant School Commissioners, which provided instruction for 244 pupils, taught by three teachers. Now the Commissioners maintain nine elementary schools, attended by 3,125 pupils and taught by 84 teachers.

These schools provide a five-years' course of instruction, properly graded and organized in accordance with regulations and limit-tables issued by the Board. Many pupils complete the course in five years, but owing to natural inaptitude, irregularity of attendance and other causes, the average pupil, beginning to attend school at the age of six and a half years, finishes the work