

The inaugural meeting was held on the evening of the 19th of October. The President, Dr. Cameron, M.P.P., and member of the Protestant Committee of the Council of Public Instruction, was accompanied to the platform by Rev. E. I. Rexford, Secretary of the Department of Public Instruction; Dr. S. P. Robins, Principal of the McGill Normal School; Dr. J. M. Harper, Inspector of Superior Schools; Rev. Mr. Sparling, Inspectors MacGregor, Hubbard and McLaughlin, Dr. Kelley, of the Montreal High School; Mr. E. W. Arthy, Superintendent of the Montreal Schools, and others. The audience was large and attentive. Dr. Cameron, in his inaugural address, referred to the honour which had been conferred upon him by the teachers of Quebec, an honour which he modestly claimed to be hardly his by right. Yet he had determined to fulfil the duties of President to the best of his ability. He had taken a great interest in the Huntingdon Academy, and was proud to say that the record of its thirty years' career was one which no one need be ashamed to contemplate alongside the achievements of its students at the McGill University and elsewhere. The Teachers' Association was an important institution, representing, as it does, the common school as well as the higher education, which rests upon the common school as a pyramid rests upon its base. The improvement of the country school within the past few years is very marked. The schools of twenty years ago had nothing of beauty about them, neither in management, buildings, furniture nor apparatus. Now there are comfortable school-houses, well warmed in winter and well ventilated in summer, and furnished with improved seats, maps, globes and blackboard. The teachers are better paid, though even now their salaries are by no means as high as they should be. It were well if the school funds of the province were so increased that larger grants for common school purposes could be made by the Government, and possibly the time is an opportune one to press the justness of such a claim on the attention of the Government. The Premier and delegates from the different provinces of the Dominion are about to meet in conference to discuss among other matters the necessity for a larger subsidy from the Federal treasury for provincial purposes. This demand is no less just than would be the demand for an increased subsidy for school purposes. The duty