

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT,
TORONTO, 20th Dec., 1886.

DEAR SIR,—Your letter of 17th instant, with enclosure is duly received, and you would further oblige by stating whether any portion of the funds for the building were raised for high school purposes, or from municipal grants for such purposes, as you observe that "the wing was intended for the accommodation of a high school."

Yours, etc.,

ALEX. MARLING,
Secretary.

EDEN P. JOHNSON, Esq.,
L'Original.

L'ORIGINAL, 23rd Dec., 1886.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to your letter of the 20th instant, just received, I beg to explain that the wing of the L'Original school building intended for the accommodation of a high school, although attached to the main building, is separate and distinct therefrom with reference to interior accommodation.

The wing has its own outside door and interior hall, and staircase, and there is no communication between the wing and main building from the inside. The wing cost about *one-third* of the whole, and that proportion, say \$2,500, has been provided by our high school district which for one year after the debt was incurred, consisted of the Township of Longueuil including this village. About \$600 was paid by the said township after the incorporation of this village on account of said debt, after which the township withdrew itself into a separate high school district, without duties or responsibilities respecting such a school, leaving the burden of the payment of the balance of this debt upon the reduced limit of our high school district, which is now simply the incorporated village of L'Original.

The cost of the public school part of the building—say \$5,000—has been, and is, being entirely provided by the ratepayers of School Section No. 1, L'Original—only a portion of this municipality—apart from their additional annual assessment for the debt on the high school wing.

Yours very respectfully,

ALEX. MARLING, Esq.,
Secretary Education Department, Toronto.

EDEN P. JOHNSON.

L'ORIGINAL, 24th Dec., 1886.

DEAR SIR,—I omitted to mention to you in my letter of yesterday that one-half acre of the one and a half acre in the school lot was purchased on behalf of the high school, although the deed was executed for the whole lot in favor of the Public School Board.

The Protestant ratepayers petition is, of course, for a division of the front or main building alone.

Yours etc.,

EDEN P. JOHNSON.

ALEX. MARLING, Esq.,
Secretary Education Department,
Toronto.