

the performers in their parts, was successfully given by the boys of the McTavish School. The chief performers were Master G. Thomas, P. and G. Simpson, P. Barclay, and E. Hannaford, to whom, as well as to the other actors, and to the boys composing the Chorus, great credit is due for the spirited way in which the performance went. We have had occasion to remark before on the successes attained by this school, inside as well outside the classroom. The educational system of Montreal would be far from complete, if it were without its system of Private Schools, side by side with the Public System. Competition is good in other matters besides business, and Montreal is to be congratulated, as well as Mr. Lyall, on the stability and excellence of the McTavish School.

The City Council and the School Boards.—At a meeting of the City Council upon the afternoon of Dec. 19th, Alderman Donovan presented the following motion in regard to the School Boards:—

“That in the opinion of this Council it is expedient in the interests of education, and more especially of the rate payers who are taxed for the erection and maintenance of the Commissioners' schools in this city, that the Educational Act, 32 Victoria, chapter 10, and amendments, should be further amended by the introduction of the following additions to the law:

Firstly—That hereafter it will be imperative upon the School Commissioners, whenever they shall have decided to apply to the Legislature for power to increase the school rates, to give notice in writing to this Council at least one month previous to the meeting of the Legislature, of such their intention stating the rate of income and their reasons in justification of the same.

Secondly—That whenever the School Commissioners will negotiate bonds or obligations for the raising of money for educational purposes, they shall be held to ask for tenders through the newspapers in which corporation advertisements appear for at least ten days before the acceptance of any said tenders. And immediately thereafter a list of all such tenders as shall have been received shall be published for the information of the parties interested.

Thirdly—That all meetings of the School Commissioners, acting in such capacity, shall be open to the public, and due notice of the same shall be given by public announcement in the newspapers as aforesaid, intimating the place, day and hour such meetings will be held, for at least one day previous to any such meeting; and that any business done at meetings without the observance of said formality shall be considered as null and void.

Fourthly—That on the 31st December of each year, or as soon after as practicable, the School Commissioners shall render to this Council a full and detailed statement of their receipts and expenditures for the year just elapsed in like manner as bank returns are made to the Government, so that the same may be considered by this Council and published for the information of the rate-payers.

Be it therefore resolved that an humble petition from this Council founded on the foregoing recommendations be prepared for presentation to the Quebec Legislature at its next session, praying for the incorporation of the same in the Educational Act, in so far as the city of Montreal is concerned.

In support of his motion, Alderman Donovan contended that the returns of the Protestant Board shewed that the Government only contributed the sum of \$4,900, while the city gave \$48,000. It was only fair that the city, which gave most of the money,