

interview with a member of the Quebec Legislature with relation to a bill which had been introduced to establish compulsory education for Protestant children. A large amount of information as to conditions, together with a petition drawn up last year, were given into his hands to be used when he might deem it wise.

Also in February, the Council, at the request of the City Improvement League, sent a resolution to the Quebec Legislature asking that a Parks Commission be established for the Island and City of Montreal.

Civic Work.

The Local Council has been unusually active in civic work. Before the elections on February 1st, when it became known that the party of corruption was trying to force its way again into the City Hall, the Local Council, at the request of the Citizens' Association, undertook to enter the arena for civic reform. The women voters in five city wards were canvassed, both before and on the election day, and results proved that at least one reform candidate would have met defeat but for the women's vote. The Council cordially thanks all those who helped in the fray. As an example of the zeal shown, it may be permitted to cite the resourcefulness of one of the canvassers, who, chancing upon a woman voter returning from market well laden with numerous packages, at once perceived that the nose of the elector was badly frost bitten, and stepping up to her, solicitously applied gentle friction to the afflicted member, and at the same time cogent arguments to the owner's civic convictions. Both treatments, it is a pleasure to relate, were entirely successful. Very courteous acknowledgement was made by the elected aldermen of the assistance rendered by the Council, and frank admission of its value.

Unfortunately, the resignation of a member of the Board of Control, and another attempt of the retrograde party to regain power, necessitated the election of a successor on April 3rd. This time the Council did organized and energetic work in seven wards, on very short notice. All these wards returned the reform candidate, while in four of them the largest majorities were obtained. The canvassers were pleased to note that a better welcome was given them by the women voters, and a greater sensibility of the duty of voting was shown. Again the Council's thanks are due to its valiant workers, to the individual friends who offered hospitality, and to the Citizens' Association for its kind words and generous contribution of \$50.00 for expenses incurred.

At the request of the National Council, the Convener of the Local Committee on Civics and Legislation has lately made a trip to the Maritime Provinces to do extension work. Sackville was