

He had filled the post of Examiner in English Literature in the Halifax University from the foundation of that Institution. Though working in another sphere, Professor De Mille was in lively sympathy with the cause of Common Schools.

An omission of the number of pupil teachers at the Normal School who are working for *first class licenses*, occurred (the *notator* assumes through a lapse of the printer) in the brief paragraph of last month's notes referring to the Normal School. The number sent us, we believe, was about 20.

During the month of February, the Superintendent of Education visited the Normal School at Truro, the Pictou Academy, and the High School and County Academy at Guysboro'. He also spent some time at Antigonish, where he was invited to visit the classes of St. Francis Xavier's College, an Institution affiliated with the Halifax University.

R. J. J. Emerson, Esq., A.B., of Dalhousie, has been appointed Principal of Guysboro' Academy.

F. G. Harrington, grade A, 1879, has assumed charge of the Liverpool Academy. The principalship of this Institution was resigned by T. R. Patillo, Esq., A.M., on his appointment to the inspectorship of Division No. 2 (Counties of Lunenburg and Queens).

From the accidental substitution in last month's "Official Department" of "Minister" for "Superintendent," the Windsor Mail infers an intention on the part of the Government to create a Departmental Bureau of Education, as in Ontario. This is not, we believe, a case in which "coming events cast their shadows before."

NEW BRUNSWICK.

The Lieut.-Governor being a member of the Board of Education, the death of the late Governor, Hon. E. B. Chandler, and the appointment of Hon. Senator Wilnot as his successor, has made an important change in the *personnel* of that body.

Hon. Judge Stevens, of the County Court, has been appointed Chairman of the Board of School Trustees of the town of St. Stephens; and Wm. T. Rose, Esq., has been appointed a member of the Board. These appointments are made by the Government.

The Truro Council some time since chose R. Wilson, Esq., to be a Trustee of Schools, in place of H. Graham, Esq., resigned.

P. McPeake, Esq., was appointed by the City Council of Fredericton to be a member of the Board of School Trustees, in place of P. Dever, Esq., resigned.

The Chief Superintendent delivered an educational lecture at Nashwaaksis, Parish of Douglas, on the 12th February, in the course of which the character and objects of the recent changes in relation to inspection and the course of instruction were pretty fully discussed.

Very much good may, and no doubt will, be accomplished by the Inspectors in the way of correcting misapprehension, and removing difficulties that arise from the fact that many people take a partial and one-sided view of the situation. We are informed that "Ingram B. Oakes, A.B., Inspector of District No. 5, and D. P. Wetmore, Esq., Inspector of District No. 4, are very successfully awakening a deeper interest in education and a sympathy with the 'new departure,' by delivering public addresses on their tours of visitation."

A complete list of the schools in which the Governor-General's medals are offered for competition has not yet been obtained. The usefulness of these prizes must depend very much upon the basis of award. This, no doubt, is determined in all cases by the authorities of the several institutions, subject to His Excellency's approval. If the offer of a prize merely stimulates a few students or pupils to strenuous exertions in one particular direction, as for example in the preparation of an essay on a specific subject, the benefit conferred is hardly commensurate with the outlay.

In the Provincial Normal School, the silver medal is to be given at the close of each session to the student-teacher having the highest "professional standing." This depends mainly upon the estimates of professional knowledge and professional skill, but also takes into account the general scholarship, deportment, punctuality and regularity of attendance.

In the Model School (highest department) the pupil having the highest school standing for the term will receive the medal. This is as far removed as possible from a premium on specialties, since it includes progress in studies, diligence, good conduct, punctuality and regular attendance.

On the 12th and 13th of February, the Westmorland County Teachers' Institute met at Dorchester, with Mr. J. G. McCurdy, the retiring President, in the chair. For some reason unknown,

the Inspector, Mr. Geo. Smith, A.B., was not present; but he was nevertheless elected President for the ensuing year. Mr. A. J. Denton, A.B., of Shediac, was chosen Vice-President; Miss L. A. Seamon, Secretary-Treasurer; Miss Maggie Harris and Mr. C. E. Lund, additional members of Committee.

The present session of the Provincial Normal School will close on Friday, the 12th March, when there will be the usual exercises.

The March Examination of candidates for license will take place at Fredericton, beginning on Tuesday, the 16th.

QUEBEC.

A special meeting of the Protestant Committee of the Council of Public Instruction for the Province of Quebec took place in the Education Office on the 4th Feb. Those present, after having heard the letters of apology read, resolved themselves into a sub-committee for the conduct of business, and left their acts to be confirmed by the next quarterly meeting. The following is a summary of the business transacted.

(a) A new form of returns for inspectors of academies and model schools, prepared by the secretary on the plan suggested by the Lord Bishop of Quebec, was recommended for adoption, as was also a uniform set of text-books.

(b) Every pupil before being enrolled as an academy or model school student must pass a satisfactory examination in reading and spelling by dictation, including 4th Reader; in writing; in arithmetic, to the end of vulgar fractions; and in geography and grammar. The examination to be conducted by the principal of the school.

(c) None but certificated teachers or those holding legal diplomas shall be allowed to teach in an academy or model school.

(d) Inspectors must have completed the inspection of all the schools and academies by the 24th of March.

(e) When a district shall raise \$80 in addition to its share of school monies, and when in the school in that district model school subjects shall be taught, the commissioners may report such school as a model school.

(f) The Rev. F. I. B. Allnutt, D.D., of Drummondville, was appointed inspector of academies and model schools.

(g) Inspectors are to recommend the principals of academies and model schools to adopt the course of studies in harmony with the universities.

(h) The amended form for teachers' diplomas, drawn up by Dr. Cornish, was handed to the Hon. the Superintendent to report thereon.

The quarterly meeting of the Protestant Committee took place in the Education Office, Quebec, on the 25th of Feb. Present.—Dr. Dawson, R. W. Heneker, Esq., Hon. L. R. Church, Dr. Cook, Hon. W. W. Lynch, and the Hon. G. Oumet, Superintendent of Public Instruction. Dr. Cook presided. The sub-committee on inspection was instructed to examine the reports of inspectors of academies and model schools, and to report on the distribution of the education fund before the August meeting. With reference to normal school fees and balances unappropriated of the grants for common schools, it was resolved that all such sums and monies shall remain at the credit and disposal of the committee, and that the committee shall render an account of the expenditure of the same to the Hon. the Superintendent for the information of the Legislature. An interesting conference was held between the Protestant and Catholic sections of the Education Committees of the Province of Quebec on the subject of the proposed consolidation of the education laws. The bill is to be printed in English. The different classes of the population and their separation are more fully defined in it; and the Protestant committee wishes to consider carefully how the new bill will bear on the education of Protestants. Definitions are given in the new bill of the terms Roman Catholics, Protestants, mixed and common schools. Arrangements for official supervision and inspection, and classification of different grades of schools, are also attended to. Both sub-committees agreed that it was desirable that graduates in arts should have privileges not at present enjoyed with reference to professional examinations; and also that improved methods of inspection should be adopted. The secretary submitted the accounts of the Contingent Fund, showing a balance of \$585.44 in the Bank of Montreal. The committee was of opinion that the claims of Dr. Miles should be promptly settled by the Government. The Superintendent informed the committee that it was his desire to exhibit the scholastic system of the Province of Quebec at the Provincial Exhibition to be held in Montreal in September next, to which the sanction of the committee was most cordially given. Mr. James