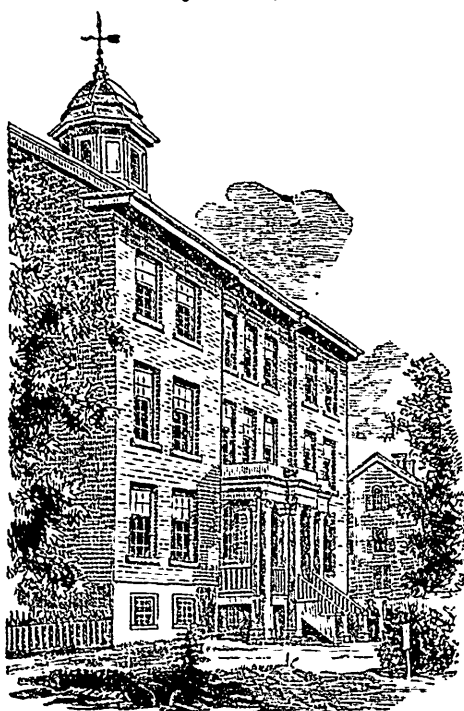


## Point-aux-Trembles Mission Schools.



WITH the exception of the cities of Montreal and Quebec there is perhaps no place in Lower Canada the name of which is better known than that of Pointe-aux-Trembles, where for the last forty years Mission Schools for the Christian education of the children of French Canadians have been successfully conducted. Pointe-aux-Trembles is on the North Shore of the St. Lawrence river, about 9 miles east of Montreal. On the Mission property there are two large school buildings, one for boys which can accommodate about 150 and the other for girls with accommodation for between 40 and 50.

The above cut represents the boys' school. The schools were founded by the French Canadian Missionary Society and were in July last transferred to the Board of French Evangelization of our own Church. About 2000 French Canadians have been educated here. Many of these now occupy positions of trust and influence as ministers, teachers, physicians, lawyers, merchants, &c. Pupils are admitted between the ages of 13 and 25, the average age being about 18. A preference is given to the sons and daughters of French Roman Catholic parents and to the children

of recent converts from Rome, living in parishes where there is no protestant school.

Heretofore very few of the pupils have remained Roman Catholics after being for a short time in these schools. The session begins on the 15th of October and lasts seven months. About 200 applications for admission during the present session have been received, but owing to the scarcity of funds the Board have thus far agreed to admit only a limited number. The expense of each pupil is about \$50 per session. With a view to meet the expenditure and to deepen the interest of the Church in this important work, the Board are anxious that the schools should be entirely supported by means of scholarships contributed by private friends and especially by the Sabbath-schools of the Church,—a particular pupil being assigned to the donor of each scholarship and put in correspondence with him. Thus far only 30 of these scholarships have been guaranteed for this session, and those have been taken chiefly by small Sabbath-schools or parties of limited means. Many of the letters intimating the scholarships have been most cheering and encouraging. One gentleman in Ontario—by no means wealthy—thus writes “By the appeal of the Board I have decided, I trust under the leading of the Holy Spirit, to undertake the support of a pupil at the Mission School at Pointe-aux-Trembles, paying \$10 per month for five successive months beginning with November, &c.” Another member of the Church, of limited ability, in the Guelph district sends a draft for \$50 to maintain a pupil this session. A lady from Pembroke, who has no money to give, forwards a piece of embroidered work to be sold in the interest of the schools.

A lady from Quebec city in remitting a contribution says “The cause is very near and dear to my heart. I think as a church the schools at Pointe-aux-Trembles have a very strong claim upon us. It was with much sorrow I learned that the funds are so low. Should not a special Sabbath day collection be taken in all congregations for the schools? Are there not individuals who would club together, two or three, and support a pupil. Oh how I wish that I had more time at my disposal so that I might use it in obtaining help. As it is I try to urge the necessity when I have an opportunity, but here in the midst of popery it is not easy to do much. When so much money is being wasted in Church adornment and tinsel and folly, surely, surely it becomes us to work in such a cause as the Christian education of young Catholics. I now enclose a small contribution which you will please devote to the fund and you may (D.V.) expect the sum of \$2 on the first week of every month till August 1881 which is all I can do in the mean-