

may rest in security; even soldiers must be trained that the nation may be protected.

Little by little is instilled the meaning of true knight-hood and lofty heroism, which sacrifices personal interests, family ties, and mercantile prosperity when the state demands it, until the flag of our nation becomes the symbol that it really is of loyalty to country, of sacrifices of lesser interests to greater. Could you see as I have seen twenty, thirty, forty little Bohemians and Germans waving the American flag high above their heads, bowing in reverent laudation to the picture of George Washington as it hung upon the wall, singing with all their might "My Country 'tis of Thee," you would realize as no words of mine could paint for you the strong and deep impression which state life has already made upon these young minds.

### **Official Department**

The annexed circular is being sent out with the new list of authorized text-books for Protestant schools.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,

QUEBEC, July 12th, 1899.

#### *Circular to Teachers, School Commissioners and Trustees.*

It is the duty and privilege of Commissioners and Trustees to select from the accompanying list of authorized text-books, those that shall be used in the schools under their control for the next five years.

This selection should be made at once, and a copy of the list selected should be sent to the Department of Public Instruction forthwith.

Teachers have not a right to make this selection nor to change the list selected by the school board; but they may advise the Commissioners or Trustees.

It is recommended by the Protestant Committee, that Commissioners or Trustees consult with the Inspectors in charge of their schools, before making their selection, and it would be well also, to take the teachers into their confidence.