

# THE LAVAL NORMAL SCHOOL.

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## Inauguration of the Normal School.

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This school, the foundation of which was urgently demanded by the first Council of Bishops of the Province of Quebec, (1) was established in 1856 by Acts 19, 20. Victoria, Chap. 54, Chap. XV of the Revised Statutes of the Province of Quebec, and by a Regulation of the 6th Oct. of the same year approved by the Governor-in-Council.—“ It is especially intended for the benefit of the Catholic population of the Districts of Gaspé, Kamouraska, Quebec, town of Three Rivers, and that part of the District of same, lying East of the town ” . . . .

French is the language used in teaching nearly all the different subjects of the School, but English is also taught.

The solemn opening of the school took place on the 12th. May 1857, at the old *Chateau St. Louis*, (2) in presence of

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[1] “ And first we will endeavor to obtain a Training School [commonly called a Normal School] to prepare masters imbued with sound doctrines and recommendable on account of their good morals. [X V Decree concerning mixed Schools.]

[2] With the work of the pupils there will be sent a photographic view of the *Old Chateau St. Louis*.