

the profession such a knowledge of law, in its bearing on teaching, as will enable teachers to know what is and what is not an actionable offence.

7. To advise teachers against whom legal proceedings, on charges connected with their profession, are being taken; and in case of an unjust decision, to aid in an appeal to a higher court.

8. To arouse teachers, not only to a full sense of their duties as teachers, but also to a realization of their obligations and responsibilities as citizens, in the broadest and fullest meaning of the term.

---

In the coming contest of a general election in the Province of Quebec, the politicians hardly know which side to look towards. They are not sure whether the story of the Dominion elections will repeat itself in the Provincial. The educational progress of that province for years back—in fact the only educational progress to be reported—has been supervised by a body and superintendent over whom the education department has had virtually no control. The rest of the system has been gradually on the decline. The elementary schools are said to be in a deplorable condition while the Catholic superior schools and colleges cannot, in any sense, be ranked as being very efficient. The Normal Schools are also requiring reorganization—English, as well as French, being at least a quarter of a century behind the times; and the inspection, notwithstanding the enthusiasm of many of the inspectors, amounts to next to nothing in its influence to force the school districts to do their best in the matter of the erection of school buildings and the supplying of the necessary apparatus and furniture. The Conservatives have sanctioned the setting aside of a subsidy of fifty thousand dollars towards school improvements, but they have

kept in their own hands the distribution of this subsidy, and most of us know what that means, the building of a bridge at the double of what it ought to cost, and the bridge a rotten one in the end. Nevertheless, let us hope that the situation is only what a contemporary says it is, in these words: "An agitation is being carried on in the Province of Quebec, looking to radical changes and improvements in the Public Schools of that province. This is one of the cases in which party rivalry seems likely to be productive of good. The opposition are, we believe, making school reform one of the planks in their platform, on which they hope to win at the approaching election. On the other hand, the Government are, it is said, quite ready to introduce and carry through important reforms in the educational system. Consequently, marked improvements may be hoped for in the near future."

---

The news that comes to us from Prince Edward Island tells us of the death of Ex-Inspector Arbuckle, who, some years ago, became a victim to the "spoils system," which is still in vogue among the politicians there. For eight years he had been an Inspector—an Inspector who gave satisfaction to everybody, but when a change of government took place, he was not of the "faithful," and had to go. For some time he had been Vice-Principal of the Summerside High School, being held in high esteem by his pupils and associate workers.

---

Considerable interest has been excited in Halifax in a project for gathering into kindergartens those children who are too young for school, but too old to be allowed to go without some suitable training. It is felt that this preparation for school life will render our system more effective,