

MCGILL NORMAL & MODEL SCHOOLS.

The Normal School, established by the Canadian Government in 1857, and supported by an annual grant from the Province of Quebec, is the provincial training school for Protestant teachers. The Model School, attached to it, is an elementary school designed to afford the teachers-in-training an opportunity to acquire by practice experience in imparting instruction and in maintaining discipline. The Normal School has 9 professors and instructing officers and 126 teachers-in-training, for whom a three years' course of instruction is provided. The Model School has 8 masters and mistresses and 350 pupils. These institutions are administered by the Superintendent of Education of the Province of Quebec, in association with a committee of the Corporation of the McGill University.

PROTESTANT BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS.

This body, under powers conferred by legislation, controls the expenditure of the proceeds of the School Tax levied upon real estate in Montreal belonging to Protestants. It was called into existence by Act of Parliament in 1846. The money placed at its disposal in 1847 was \$558,95. From that date to 1861 its annual receipts from the Government and the City Council scarcely averaged \$1,200. During the next six years it received about \$1,800 per annum. Consequent upon the guarantees given to Protestants in the accomplishment of Confederation by the British North American Act, a more liberal provision was made for the maintenance of schools. During the years 1868-'69-'70 respectively, the income of the Board, omitting school fees, was \$8,900, \$19,400, and \$18,300. In 1871 the School Tax of Montreal was fixed at one-tenth of one per cent on the assessed value of all rateable property. This raised the income of the Board from the City and the Government to about \$26,000 per annum. In the year 1873, in answer to an application from the City Council, supported by a petition of citizens, the School Tax was doubled, and the income of the Board became more nearly adequate to the work devolving on it.

This tax, at the rate of one-fifth of one per cent of the assessed value of property belonging to Protestant proprietors,