

justice, but with generosity, and no government has ever considered, much less proposed, a method to curtail in any manner the privileges guaranteed them by the constitution. This law is a monument of religious toleration, of which the Province of Quebec is justly proud.

Each committee, Catholic and Protestant, has its meetings separate, and it may fix the period and number thereof. It establishes its quorum, and appoints a chairman and a secretary.

Everything within the scope of the functions of the Council of Public Instruction, which specially concerns the schools of Catholics, is within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Catholic Committee. In the same manner, everything which specially concerns the public instruction of Protestants, is within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Protestant Committee.

The two Committees have made regulations which are almost identical.

These regulations concern public schools, courses of study, Normal School, the examination of candidates for the position of inspector, the examination of candidates for teachers' certificates, instruction, school houses, school furniture, the choice of text books, etc.

THE SUPERINTENDENT.

There is a Superintendent of Public Instruction, named by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council. He is chairman of the Council. He is also a member of each of the Committees, but he has a right to vote only in the Committee of the religious faith to which he belongs.

The Superintendent has charge of the Department of Public Instruction, and in the exercise of his functions is bound to comply with the directions of the Council of Public Instruction, or with those of the Catholic or Protestant Committee, as the case may be.

The Superintendent draws up annually a detailed statement of the sums required for public instruction, and submits it to the Government; he lays before the Legislature a report containing a statement of what has been done with the amounts voted for education; an account of the actual state of education in the Province; statistics and information respecting educational institutions, and in general respecting all subjects connected with literary and intellectual progress.