

tables were referred to the Sub-Committee on the Educational Act.

The Hon. the Superintendent of Public Instruction was requested to present to the Government the earnest request of the Committee that a sum of \$500 per annum may be placed at its disposal for the purpose of aiding the publication of an educational journal for the special benefit of the Protestant schools. The Superintendent was also requested to mention this resolution to the Catholic Committee.

A deputation, consisting of Messrs. Colby and Holmes, from the Stanstead Academy, and Stanstead Wesleyan Ladies' College, was heard in behalf of these Institutions, urging their claims to a larger grant from the Superior Education Fund. The Committee assured the deputation that the matter would receive their careful consideration when the distribution of the Superior Education Fund was made next August.

Petitions from School Commissioners in the village of Huntingdon and from other School Commissioners in several municipalities of the Counties of Huntingdon, Chateauguay, and Beauharnois, were submitted to the Committee by the Hon. the Superintendent of Public Instruction, praying for the establishment in Huntingdon of a Board of Examiners to grant Teachers' Diplomas. The secretary was instructed to acknowledge the receipt of the petitions from the Superintendent, and to say that they are under the consideration of the Committee.

The Committee adjourned to meet on Wednesday, the 25th August next, or sooner if necessary, on the call of the chairman.

MANITOBA.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Education and of the University of Manitoba took place on 3rd June. The Council made the necessary arrangements for taking the ad eundem degree.

Graduates of Universities within Her Majesty's dominions become eligible for an ad eundem degree by presenting their certificates to the Registrar, and paying the sum of ten dollars.

The Rev. Professor Forget Despatis moved, seconded by Rev. A. Chenier, the following resolutions, of which he had given notice at the last meeting, viz.:

1. That the Board of Studies shall prepare a certain number of questions on each of the subjects of examination determined by the Council.
2. That every year the Board of Examiners shall, in due time, select on each subject a certain number of questions prepared by the Board of Studies, to be balloted, and they shall at the same time determine how many of these selected questions shall be the matter of the present examination.
3. That the Chancellor or the Registrar, or two other members appointed by the Council, shall ballot out of the selected questions the exact number determined upon by the Board of Examiners.
4. That at the time of examination the different papers shall be handed under seal, by the Registrar or any other member, to the person appointed to preside at the examination, in order to be distributed to the candidates in time, as provided by the Board of Studies.

A very animated and lengthy discussion took place upon these resolutions. Subsequently Canon O'Meara moved as an amendment, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Bannatyne, that the whole method of conducting examinations be referred to a Committee consisting of the Chancellor, (the Metropolitan of Rupert's Land), the Vice-Chancellor (Hon. J. Royal, M.P.), His Grace the Archbishop of St. Boniface, Professor Forget Despatis, Professor Bryce, Professor Hart and the mover. The amendment was carried.

An adjourned meeting of the Council was held on 9th June, to receive the report of the Board of Studies upon the university examinations, which commenced on 31st May. The following members of the Council were present, viz., The Chancellor, His Grace the Archbishop of St. Boniface, Rev. Dr. Larrie, Rev. O. Fortin, B.A., Rev. Canon Grisdale, B.A., Rev. Canon O'Meara, M.A., Rev. Professor Hart, M.A., B.D., Rev. S. P. Matheson, Rev. J. Robak, Rev. W. Cyprian Pinkham, R.D., Rev. Professor Forget Despatis, and the Registrar.

The Board reported that the two medals presented by His Excellency the Governor General had been awarded as follows:—

The silver medal to Mr. W. R. Gunn, of Manitoba College, and the bronze medal to Mr. A. Hibert, of St. Boniface College.

The candidates and a number of their friends were then called in, and the assemblage was addressed by the Chancellor.

His Lordship congratulated the University upon the fact that in the progress of its work, the stage of conferring the first degree had been reached. He was happy in looking back to notice with

what very kind and generous feelings the members of the various colleges had united in the work of the University. He might say, on the part of the members of St. John's College, that they felt very deeply the very kind way in which the members of the other colleges had co-operated in the great work that was before them in the establishing of this University. They had had difficulties in the past, and they might expect to have difficulties in future; but he was sure that if they approached them all with the same loving, brotherly spirit that they had manifested in the past, those difficulties would be smoothed over and would pass away. He thought they had nothing to be ashamed of in the standard they were aiming at in this University. With regard to what was required for the ordinary degree, students who received the first or second class here would probably do the same if they went to any other institution. One of the students of this University had done better at the previous examination of the University of Cambridge last year than he had done at the previous examination here. But in considering the standard required for honors, of course they must expect to find a very large difference between the standard where young men were prepared at about the age of sixteen, and that of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, where the students commenced at nineteen or twenty. Besides, there were at these Universities between 500 and 600 fellowships, yielding to each student elected thereto from \$1,400 to \$1,500 and upwards, about forty of these falling vacant every year. The effect was to draw to these Universities the best students of the other British Universities, who, after pursuing their studies at these, began again as undergraduates at Oxford or Cambridge, thereby attaining a higher standard of scholarship. Hence the standard for honors in these two Universities was not to be compared with that of the other British Universities. The standard for honors in the University of Manitoba would compare favorably with that of the British Universities, excepting the two named. It was a pleasure to observe that the first degree conferred in this University was obtained in honors. His Lordship did not undervalue the ordinary degree; still, he thought it of the utmost moment that students should, if possible, take up the honor subjects, as their minds would be much better trained by these higher studies. He thought he might express, on the part of the examiners, their very great satisfaction with the results of the examinations generally. The proportion of the students who had entirely failed was very, very small. It was more important that there should be a good average than that a few should do extremely well, while the majority were inferior. His Lordship concluded by reading the list of the successful candidates, with the standing of each in the several subjects.

The announcements that the Silver Medal had been awarded to W. R. Gunn, and the Bronze Medal to A. Hibert, were received with applause.

The Chancellor stated that Mr. Betourney, who had gained such a distinguished place in the study of Moral Science, had received his examination papers in Latin, and had written all his answers in Latin; so that his examination had been conducted like those of the Universities of the olden time, the custom having in these modern days gone out of use.

Mr. W. R. Gunn is a native of Manitoba, the son of Mr. John Gunn, ex M.P.P. for North St. Andrew's; and Mr. Batourney is the eldest son of the late Mr. Justice Batourney, one of the Puisne Judges of the Court of Queen's Bench of this Province.

Teachers' Associations.

The publishers of the JOURNAL will be obliged to Inspectors and Secretaries of Teachers' Associations if they will send for publication programmes of meetings to be held, and brief accounts of meetings held.

PRESCOTT.—A very successful session of the County of Prescott Teachers' Association was held at Hawkesbury on the 4th and 5th of June. There were about seventy teachers, and others concerned in the teacher's work, present. The following was the programme: Opening Address, T. O. Steele, I.P.S., President; Object Lessons, E. Robinson, Esq.; Grammar, T. O. Steele, I.P.S.; Composition, A. J. Houston, B.A.; French Address, Rev. J. O. Routhier, P.P.; Geography, Henry Gray, Esq.; Lecture, John Maxwell, B.A., Subject—"Relations of State and Teacher;" Arithmetic, John McCutcheon, Esq.; General Business. Rev. Mr. Philips was present and took part in the work of the Association. The following resolutions, among others, were passed: "That this Association take fifty copies of the CANADA SCHOOL JOURNAL for use of members who pay an annual fee of twenty-five cents." "That teachers should have the privilege of retiring from the profession, and being placed on the pension list of superannuated teachers, at the age of fifty, or after having taught