

NATURE OF GOVERNING BODIES, &c., &c.

REFERRED TO IN ANNEXED STATEMENT TRANSMITTED TO THE HON. THE TREASURER.

The Ladies of the Protestant Orphan Asylum of the City of Montreal are a Corporation created by the Provincial Statute, 7 Vic. Cap. 52, amended by 23 Vic. Cap. 143, and originally established in the year 1822, who, at their annual meeting on the second Wednesday in the month of January in each and every year elect their Directresses and Managers, Secretary and Treasurer, by and through a majority of whom all matters and things relating to the said Corporation are transacted. The Office Bearers are a First and Second Directress, a Secretary and Treasurer and a Committee of Management consisting of Twenty-nine ladies of the Protestant Churches of this city elected as above, and who meet at the House of the Institution on the First Monday of every month for the transaction of business,—eight forming a quorum—every Protestant lady subscribing Five dollars annually being a member of the Corporation and eligible to office, and Fifty dollars paid at one time constituting life membership.

The special object of the Institution is the reception, care and maintenance of Protestant children of both sexes (having lost *both* parents, *vide* Bye-law (X) coming from any part of the Province, whether their fathers were civilians or soldiers, who are instructed in the elements of reading, writing, geography and arithmetic, &c., &c., by a competent teacher, as well as sewing and housework, according to the ages, capacities and sex of the pupils.

Registers are carefully kept of all matters connected with the said orphans, who at a suitable age (the boys at 12 and the girls 14) are apprenticed to worthy and respectable members of any Protestant Church who must be previously recommended as deserving of such trust, each recipient paying the Corporation for each child an annual fee of six dollars during the period of apprenticeship, which is placed at Interest in the "Bank of Montreal Savings Bank" until the child has attained the age of majority or had a legal tutor duly appointed to him or her, when the accumulated amount is paid over to them for their own use, provided they have performed their apprenticeship faithfully.

The Revenues exclusive of the Provincial Aid are derived from the annual subscriptions of the members of the Corporation, the voluntary contributions and gifts of charitable individuals, and the interest, and dividends on Legacies and Gifts invested as an "Endowment Fund," and Interest from the Bank on the Current Deposit account.