

Editorial Notes and Comments.

It is always pleasant to contemplate the progress of the times in which we live, in whatever direction that progress may be visible. And as educational progress confessedly lies at the root of all true social progress, we really ought to take as much interest in the great educational movements of the times, as in any other. During the months of midsummer, we see everywhere an activity among our teachers, as they flock to the various normal institutes, summer schools and teachers' conventions held in every section of the continent of America; and recognize in such activity an earnest of success in school work, under whatever general system of public instruction such work may be carried on. Nor need we be ashamed to contemplate the activity to be seen among the teachers of our own province, having evidently for its object their own advancement as professional workers in a great cause; and when enquiry is made how far those in authority are seeking to second the efforts of the teachers of the province in their attempts to improve the schools under their supervision, it is further gratifying to learn that among such also we have evidences of increased activity. Indeed the past year has been a momentous one in the history of education in Quebec, inasmuch as the Legislature has during its last session sanctioned the revised statutes dealing with education in the province, thus giving what may be recognised as being virtually a new and improved Education Law. Such a movement had its origin some years ago in the action of the Protestant Committee, who, with a praiseworthy desire to look after the interests of the minority without injury to the general interest, have thus succeeded in enlisting the sympathy of the whole Council of Public Instruction, to some extent at least, in behalf of our common schools. It is certainly a pity that such endeavours should not have been crowned with the success of the movement in favour of an increased subsidy to common school education. There can hardly be a doubt but that such a movement will meet with favour at the hands of our legislators, whenever they have an opportunity of discussing it on the floor of the House. But it seems that there was some delay in presenting the petitions praying for such an increase, and the matter has