

the school assessment on Price's Mills, Metis, as there was some doubt about the proprietorship of said property.

The Hon. the Superintendent of Public Instruction laid before the Committee the steps which he had taken in regard to the arrears of marriage license fees at present in the hands of the Government at Ottawa, and read some correspondence between the Quebec and Dominion Governments on the same subject. He was requested to continue his exertions for the recovery of the money.

Principal Dawson reported respecting THE EDUCATIONAL RECORD:—

"That in the present year 804 copies had been issued gratuitously to teachers and others entitled to receive the publication. The total cost was \$753.33, of which \$500 had been paid by the Legislative grant, and \$253.33 remained to be paid. The RECORD had been issued regularly, and the December number was now in the press. It had been edited and printed in a very creditable manner, and must have done much good.

"It was now necessary to make arrangements with reference to the next year. The returns submitted at last meeting from Inspectors, through the Hon. the Superintendent of Education, show that there are 1,049 Protestant schools, including dissentient schools, and that if all are to be supplied with copies, as well as the Inspectors, Boards of Examiners and members of the Council and Education Department, and exchange copies sent to leading newspapers, an edition of at least 1,000 copies would be required. This the publishers would undertake to furnish and mail for a sum of \$750, and the question for the Committee was whether the Government grant could be increased, or a sum of \$250 placed on the contingencies of the Committee, or whether failing these, the gratuitous circulation should be restricted, or some mode adopted for diminishing the expense.

"Experience had shown that, except by gratuitous circulation, only a small proportion of the school districts could be reached, and after some difficulties we had now arrived at the means of reaching nearly the whole. It seemed, therefore, inexpedient to abandon the effort in its present stage. He had enquired into the expense of printing, editing, &c., and the amount likely to be obtained from advertising and subscriptions, and he believed that it would not be possible to issue the RECORD more cheaply than by the estimate he had stated.

"In these circumstances it appeared advisable to secure, if possible, the sum of \$750 for next year, so as to be able to issue 1,000 copies. If this cannot be done, since it seems impossible to make any selection from the lists of schools without injury to the interests of the districts most in need of information and stimulus, it