

They were received by the Honorable the Premier and the members of the Provincial Government.

Dr. Heneker, Chairman of the sub-committee, read the memorandum adopted by the Protestant Committee on the subject of the Jesuits' Estates, and placed the document in the Premier's hands.

The Premier then asked each member of the sub-committee in turn, whether he wished to make any remark, and each in turn expressed his concurrence in the memorandum as an embodiment of his views on the question.

The Premier then stated that he felt quite sure that the sub-committee did not expect from him an immediate reply to so important a document, but promised that the matter should receive early consideration.

On the 11th of June, the Premier wrote to Dr. Heneker (as Acting Chairman of the Protestant Committee). In this letter he—as a preliminary answer to the memorandum—refers to the proceedings of the Protestant Committee of the 14th of May last, and to the amendment then moved to the resolution for the adoption of the memorandum, by the Rev. Dr. Cook, and seconded by the Rev. Dr. Weir, which was lost on a division.

He states that although the Protestant Committee rejected Dr. Cook's amendment, yet they do not express their willingness to accept the \$60,000 voted by the Legislature as an equivalent on the part of the Protestant population for the \$400,000 granted to the Roman Catholic community.

He also refers to the action of outside bodies who urge and "command" the Protestant Committee to decline the \$60,000, and he concludes by stating that when the decision of the Protestant Committee on this question is made known to him the Government will be prepared to enter on the discussion of the memorandum.

On the receipt of this letter Dr. Heneker lost no time in again calling the sub-committee together. Due notice was given to each member, and the meeting was held at the Windsor Hotel, Montreal, on the 17th of June. All the members were present, with the exception of Dr. Cameron.

The letter of the Premier was discussed, and after careful consideration the sub-committee came to the conclusion that the Protestant Committee should deal with this new phase of the question as the powers of the sub-committee were limited to the placing of the memorandum in the hands of the Premier. They instructed their Chairman to inform the Premier as to this fact; and also to lose no time in placing in the hands of the Lord Bishop of Quebec—who had recently returned to the Province—the Premier's letter of the 11th of June, with such explanations as would enable his Lordship to understand the present position of affairs.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the sub-committee,

(Signed,) R. W. HENEKER,

Chairman.

Quebec, 25th September, 1883.