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ADDRESS OF WELCOME—CONVENTION OF PROTESTANT TEACHERS OF THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

Rev. W. I. SHAW, LL.D., D.C.L., Chairman of the Protestant Committee of the Council of Public Instruction.

To excel under great difficulties is one of the greatest of virtues. I highly admire the feeling of the young Queen of Holland, Wilhelmina, like in many respects to our own Gracious Sovereign at her accession in 1837, Wilhelmina, queen of a noble race, notwithstanding their basely degenerate descendants in South Africa, when at her coronation two years ago she said she prayed God that Holland might be as great as it is possible for a small nation to be; so we earnestly desire our Protestant educational system in Quebec may be as great and good as it is possible for our Protestant minority of 200,000 to make it. So in the name of the Protestant Committee of the Council of Public Instruction, the chief administrative authority of our Protestant educational interests in this Province, I welcome you in your annual convention now and here assembled. I greet your honoured President, the Principal of our great university, who ever since his coming to Canada has thrown himself most zealously into the work of advancing the interest of our schools, and I welcome the hundreds of