

adequate subvention to the Protestant Universities and Colleges of the highest class.

The Hon. P. Chauveau, Premier and Superintendent of Public Instruction, had been repeatedly requested by the Protestant members of the Council to procure a grant from the Legislature for this purpose. His unvarying reply was that the thing was impossible, that a proportionate grant must be made for the Roman Catholic institutions, that this grant would be very large, that it was not required, and that the proposal would be negatived.

He was then reminded that the funds accruing from the fees for Protestant Marriage Licenses, then forming part of the general revenue of the Province, would be more properly applied to exclusively Protestant uses; and that the same might be made available for the more adequate assistance of Protestant Universities and highest class of colleges. An Act was thereupon passed by the Legislature in the session of the year 1871, authorizing the handing over of the moneys derived from Protestant Marriage License fees to the Superintendent of Public Instruction. The estimated income for the ensuing year was \$5,000. The Superintendent, upon the advice of the Protestant members of the Council, and in order to the disbursement of the money with due regard to the purpose for which it had been obtained, put aside one-fifth of the estimated income for contingencies connected with superior education, and of the remaining four-fifths, he assigned to McGill College, two-fifths, Bishop's College, one-fifth, and Morrin College, one-fifth. In subsequent administrations these proportions of the distribution were not always adhered to, but it was for the support of universities and higher colleges that the money was obtained, and the foregoing was laid down as the principle and permanent basis of its expenditure.

(Signed), J. W. QUEBEC,
Member of the Council of Public Instruction
at the date of transaction.

The report was received, and the Sub-committee was continued with instructions to make further enquiries and report at next meeting.

The Sub-committee on Normal School appointments presented an interim report, which was received, and the action of the Sub-committee was approved. The Sub-committee was continued with instructions to carry out the first recommendation of their report, and to make a final report at the next meeting.

The Sub-committee on school text books presented a detailed report upon the text books submitted, which was received and adopted.

It was moved by Rev. Canon Norman, seconded by G. L. Masten, Esq.,

“That a Sub-committee be appointed to consider the question of Vocal Music, as taught in the schools of the Province, to report at a subsequent meeting; said committee to consist of Archdeacon Lindsay, G. L. Masten, Esq., the Secretary and the mover of the above as convener, with power to add to their number.” Carried.