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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,

QUEBEC, September 29th, 1899.

On which day the regular quarterly meeting of the Protestant Committee of the Council of Public Instruction was held.

Present:—R. W. Heneker, Esq., LL.D., D.C.L., in the chair; George L. Masten, Esq., the Reverend Principal Shaw, D.D., LL.D., D.C.L.; the Reverend A. T. Love, B.A.; Samuel Finley, Esq.; H. B. Ames, Esq., B.A.; Principal W. Peterson, LL.D.; W. S. Maclaren, Esq.; G. J. Walker, Esq.; the Reverend E. I. Rexford, B.A.; Principal S. P. Robins, LL.D.; the Honorable Justice Lynch, D.C.L.; John Whyte, Esq.; James McGregor, Esq.; Jas. Dunbar, Esq., Q.C., D.C.L. Professor Kneeland, M.A., B.C.L., sent a letter of regret for his unavoidable absence.

After the opening with prayer Mr. Gavin Walker and Dr. Dunbar being present for the first time were introduced and welcomed to the Committee.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

A report upon the state of business was made by the Secretary.

Mr. McGregor's motion to the effect that the marriage license fees be devoted entirely to elementary education was presented and it was resolved to take it up clause by clause. After discussion of the first clause it was resolved that a deputation wait upon the Honorable Mr. Duffy to discuss with him the intention of the Government in regard to the destination of the marriage license fees.

The deputation upon return reported that while Mr. Duffy disclaimed the right or the intention to speak for the Government he expressed his own opinion upon two points as follows:—1st. It was the intention of the members of the Legislature to have a division of the marriage license fees made this year so that the poor municipalities may receive one half. 2nd. That this half of the marriage license fees should be taken from the share previously given to universities.

Mr. McGregor's motion, 1st clause, was read as follows:—That in accordance with the second alternative suggested by Art. 450 of the School Law, the amount of money accru-