

and Legislature, in what is known as the Jesuits' Estates Act, to be, both in the style and substance of the said Act, insulting to the Protestant inhabitants of the Province and of the Dominion, and to the Imperial Government itself, by introducing the will and law of a foreign power into a matter which concerned only the subjects of the Queen, and left to be regulated solely by British law and usage; and further, considering that the sum allotted to Protestants under the said Act, since whatever moral claim might be alleged to exist for the Jesuits, none such was or could be claimed for Protestants cannot be reasonably regarded as other than a bribe to induce acquiescence in such insult.

"I, for one, cannot consent in any form or way to the acceptance of it by this Committee.

"(Signed)      JOH. COOK."

The foregoing protest is endorsed by the Rev. Dr. Weir.

5. From Dr. Thornton, concerning the grant to the New Richmond Model School.

The Committee instructed the Secretary to inform Dr. Thornton that his representations would be taken into favorable consideration at the next distribution of grants

6. From Mr. A. Odell, concerning the grant to Suerbrooke Academy.

After explanations were given by the Inspector of Superior Schools, Mr. Hewton agreed to report upon the matter to the School Commissioners of Sherbrooke.

7. The Secretary reported that arrangements had been made to hold four Normal Institutes during the second and third weeks of July next, namely, at Inverness, Lennoxville, Cowansville, and Shawville. The authorities of Bishop's College have again kindly placed the College Buildings at our disposal for the Institute for the St. Francis District, at a nominal charge per head to cover the necessary expenses.

Hitherto the Lennoxville Institute has been the only one at which the teachers have paid their own expenses. The plan has worked so well at Lennoxville that we propose to adopt this plan at Cowansville this year with the expectation that all our Institutes will be conducted in this way in the near future. The programme for the Institutes will depend, in a measure, upon the result of the effort that is being made by the Provincial Association of Protestant Teachers to establish a Summer School for Teachers at Bishop's College, Lennoxville, during the month of July. If the Summer School is organized it will be conducted in connection with our Lennoxville Institute, and it will therefore affect our Institute programme to a certain extent. The Institutes will be conducted, as usual, by Dr. Robins, Professor Parmalee, Dr. Harper, and the English Secretary of the Department, and if the Summer School is held, additional assistance will be given by Inspector Taylor and Inspector Parker.

The report was received.