

Moved by Principal Peterson, seconded by the Dean of Quebec, "That inasmuch as the text-book committee has been unable, in its negotiations with the Educational Book Company, to fulfil the obligations imposed on it by the date specified in the minute of 28th of February, 1896, (viz: 1st September, 1896,) the text-book committee be now requested to consider the propriety of recommending other text-books to be considered as alternatives to the series now in course of preparation by the Educational Book Company."—Carried.

The Reverend Mr. Rexford reported progress for the sub-committee on professional training and asked leave to sit again, granted. Dr. Robins and Professor Kneeland dissenting.

The following report on the relation of the city schools to the regulations of the Protestant Committee, was submitted:

The sub-committee on distribution of grants to whom this question was referred, beg to report that they have carefully considered, in consultation with the Inspector of Superior Schools, the question referred to them, and beg to recommend that with a view to the proper recognition of the high schools of the cities as a part of the provincial school system, the following article be added to the regulations of the Protestant Committee, to be known as 84a.

ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS FOR HIGH SCHOOLS.

84a.

1st. Course of Study.

The Protestant Committee may authorize the High Schools of Montreal and Quebec, and other superior schools not receiving grants under the regulations of the Protestant Committee, to modify the course of study in order to meet their special conditions, provided that the modified course is at least equivalent in all respects to the course prescribed by the Protestant Committee.

2nd. Examinations.

It shall be competent for the Protestant Committee to accept a local system of annual written examinations in such schools instead of the examinations prescribed by these regulations.