

deemed it right, in the first place, to lay before the Committee the nature and origin of the several funds available for the promotion of Superior Education. These are three in number, classified as follows, viz.:

1. The Superior Education Income Fund.

2. The Protestant Marriage License Fund, which includes not merely the fees annually received by the Provincial Treasurer from the sale of marriage licenses, but also the interest on the sum invested with the Government, known as the Protestant Marriage License Arrears Fund. This Arrears Fund, amounting to \$28,000.00, bears interest at 5% per annum.

3. The Protestant Compensation Fund, consisting of the sum of \$62,961.00 granted by the Legislature on the settlement of the Jesuits' Estates question, which sum is also, for the present, invested with the Government at 4% per annum.

These several sources of income and their application to Superior Education will be considered in order:

1st.—The Superior Education Income Fund.

This Fund is derived from the revenues of the Jesuits' Estates, supplemented by annual grants from the Consolidated Fund voted by the Legislature (section 5, chapter XV, Consolidated Statutes, Lower Canada). Since the time of Confederation, however, this Fund has been included in the gross sum for Superior Education voted annually *en bloc* by the Legislature. In 1888, clauses 1 to 5 of the Act XV, Consolidated Statutes of Lower Canada were abolished by the passage of the Jesuits' Estates Act, (51-52 Victoria, chapter XIII, sections 6 and 7), but were promptly restored when the attention of the Government was drawn to the matter (53 Victoria, chapter XXXI).

Sections 6, 7 and 8 of chapter XV, Consolidated Statutes Lower Canada, under the heading "*Aid to Superior Educational Institutions*," direct the appropriation of the fund as follows, viz.:

6. "The said Income Fund, or such part thereof as the Governor in Council may from time to time direct, shall be annually apportioned by the Superintendent of Schools for Lower Canada, in such manner, and to and amongst such Universities, Colleges, Seminaries, Academies, High or Superior Schools, Model Schools and Educational Institutions, other than the ordinary Elementary Schools; and in such sums or proportions to each of them, as the Governor in Council shall approve, etc."

7. "Grants to be made under this act, out of the said Income Fund, shall be for the year only and not permanent; and the Governor in Council may attach to such grants any conditions which may be deemed advantageous for the furtherance of Superior Education."

8. "No grant shall be made to any Educational Institution not