

The following circular letter of the Superintendent, concerning the representation of the Government upon the appointment of additional inspectors, was taken into consideration :—

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,

Quebec, 5th November, 1890.

SIR,—I have the honor to inform you that, having communicated to the Government the resolutions of the Roman Catholic and Protestant Committees recommending the reports of the sub-committees charged to examine the question of the salaries of the school inspectors, the Honorable the Secretary of the Province has informed me that the Government will grant the request made for an increased number of inspectors only upon the condition that it shall have itself the selection of those to be appointed.

According to explanations which I have obtained concerning this matter, the Government would only reserve the right to select the inspectors from the candidates for this position who have fulfilled the conditions prescribed by law, which provide all necessary guarantees.

As the Government desires to have the opinion of the members of the Council upon this question, and as it would be difficult to convene a meeting at this time of the year, will you kindly inform me whether you see any objection to acceding to this request, concerning which the Government appears to be very decided.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) GÉDÉON OUMET,
Superintendent.

Moved by the Dean of Quebec, seconded by Reverend Dr. Shaw :
“That this Committee accept the communication received by each member of the same, from the Government, through the Honorable the Superintendent, relative to the appointment and payment of additional inspectors, and do hereby concur in the conditions therein laid down—viz., that while the Committee retain the right of deciding what persons are eligible for the office of inspector, as provided by law and regulation, the right of appointment rests in the hands of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, provided always that no appointment of inspectors shall be made outside the list of names declared by this Committee eligible for appointment, and that they be permitted to indicate the relative merits of each candidate recommended by them.”

Carried on division.

Text-books on Chemistry and Agriculture were submitted to the Committee, and referred to the Standing Committee on Text-books.