

decided to consider these applications at the September meeting after a special report from the Inspector of Superior Schools.

Several applications for diplomas were held over till after a decision by the Government as to the proposed new regulations for the Normal School and the Central Board.

A reply from Dr. Harper to the enquiries of the Committee as to methods of examining the superior education papers was read.

Moved by the Reverend Mr. Love, seconded by Mr. Ames, "That the Quebec members be a sub-committee to arrange for the appointment of examiners for the June examinations in consultation with Dr. Harper and the Secretary, and to report at the May meeting. Dr. Norman, convener."--Carried.

A letter from Mr. J. A. Nicholson, of Westmount, recommending an extension of time for the June examinations, was read.

It was moved by Dean Norman, and seconded by Inspector McGregor, "That the question be referred to the sub-committee now engaged on a revision of the course of study."--Carried.

A letter having been submitted from Messrs. F. E. Grafton & Co., in regard to their inability to obtain copies of Calkin's Geography, it was moved by Mr. H. B. Ames, seconded by the Reverend A. T. Love, "That the action of the Secretary as per his letter of December 21st, 1896, to Messrs. Nelson & Sons, of Edinburgh, in re insufficient supply, of Calkin's elementary Geography, be hereby endorsed, and, inasmuch as the cause of complaint still appears to exist, the Secretary of the Department is hereby instructed to lay this fact before the Messrs. Nelson again with the intimation that unless arrangements can be made by the publishers to keep in stock in Canada with their agent or agents an adequate supply of the book in question, the Committee will be compelled seriously to consider the advisability of striking this geography from the authorized list of text books at the approaching quadrennial revision."--Carried.

The Secretary communicated to the Committee a letter from the Honorable the Provincial Secretary in which the latter said that the arrangements according to which the ap-