

A deputation from the Provincial Association of Protestant Teachers, consisting of Dr. Robins, Dr. Harper, and Mr. Masten, was heard on certain educational matters, and they were asked to put their views in writing for the consideration of the Committee.

On the motion of Sir William Dawson, seconded by Dr. Cook, Dr. Cornish was unanimously elected an Associate Member of the Protestant Committee.

On the motion of Dr. Heneker, seconded by the Hon. Senator Ferrier, the Rev. Canon Norman was unanimously elected an Associate Member of the Protestant Committee.

The English Secretary of the Department read letters from the following parties :—

1. Messrs. Gage & Co., concerning the publication of a weekly Journal of Education.

2. Rawdon Model School, concerning the second teacher required by the new regulations of the Protestant Committee.

3. Dr. Robins, concerning the Teachers' Institutes which the Normal School Professors are now required to hold.

4. Mr. Rexford, addressed to the Superintendent, concerning the appointment of an English clerk for the work of the Department.

The following Reports from sub-committees were read and presented :—

1. *On School Law.*

The Sub-Committee on this question, after waiting many months for the promised consolidation of the laws on Education, have recently received the English reprint of the laws in force with an index. This has enabled them to continue their labours, but until they have in their hands the promised code, which they are led now to expect very shortly, they cannot complete their report. Since their report of the 29th of November, 1882, the following new matter has been referred to them, viz. :—

1. Whether the principle of taxation for school purposes now in force in Montreal, Quebec and other places, can be made applicable to the whole Province.

2. A proposed amendment to sec. 12. cap. xvi, 32 Vic. as to the manner in which dissentients may come under the control of the Commissioners.

3. Whether the principles of the School Law in Manitoba as regards Roman Catholics and Protestants can be applied with advantage to this Province.

4. A petition from the Trustees of Dissentient schools in Wendover and Simpson, complaining that by cap. 38 of the Acts of 1883, certain lots in these townships, the property of Protestants, were transferred to the Parish of Ste. Clotilde de Horton, thereby subjecting the said proprietors to pay taxes for the support of Roman Catholic schools.