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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,

QUEBEC, February 25th, 1898.

On which day the regular quarterly meeting of the Protestant Committee of the Council of Public Instruction was held.

Present:—The Reverend W. I. Shaw, D.D., LL.D., in the chair; Professor A. W. Kneeland, M.A., B.C.L.; the Reverend A. T. Love, B.A.; Herbert B. Ames, Esq., B.A.; Principal W. Peterson, LL.D.; the Very Reverend Dean Norman, D.D., D.C.L.; the Reverend Elson I. Rexford, B.A.; Principal S. P. Robins, LL.D.; the Honorable Justice Lynch, D.C.L.; John Whyte, Esq., and James McGregor, Esq.

The Chairman being absent the Reverend Principal Shaw was called upon to preside.

The following resolution was moved by the Honorable Justice Lynch, seconded by Dr. Peterson, and unanimously carried:—"That this Committee desires to place on record its appreciation of the valuable services rendered to the cause of education in this Province by the late Alexander Cameron. Esq., M.D., who was for many years a member of this Committee, and of the great loss which has been sustained by his death at a relatively early age. That the Secretary be requested to send a copy of this resolution to Mrs. Cameron, with an expression of the deep sympathy of this Committee with her in the great bereavement which has fallen upon her."

The Secretary read an official announcement of the appointment of Mr. W. S. Maclaren, of Huntingdon, to replace Dr. A. Cameron, deceased, as member of the Council of Public Instruction.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Regrets were read from Dr. Heneker, Archdeacon Lindsay, Mr. Finley and Mr. Maclaren, who were unable to be present.

Applications from Bryson elementary school, and Valleyfield and Lachine model schools to be ranked as model school and academies respectively, were read. It was