

"There cannot be the slightest objection on the part of the Government to accept this second condition contained in the resolutions transmitted, in connection with the payment of \$60,000. It was the intention of the Government to give the \$60,000. in capital to the Protestant Committee in the same way and with the same effect as the \$400,000. was given to the Roman Catholics; and the Government is ready to restore in the law the original section 4th"

As to the contention that this -

"\$60,000. should be increased because it is less than the amount due to the Protestants"

the Government answers that -

"We thought at the time that the amount was a fair proportion."

The Act then continues that -

"Whereas the Roman Catholic population..... was 1,170,718 and the Protestant population 184,274, which would increase the sum to be granted to the sum of \$62,961."

and further refers to a meeting of the Protestant Committee of the Council of Public Instruction held on the 6th of November 1889 at which the Committee ~~considered~~ considered it should not refuse to deal with this sum if the Legislature granted it. The Bill by section #1 declares that the Statutes of Lower Canada referring to this Fund are declared to have never been effete or repealed and are still in force and section #2 of the Act 51-52 Vic. Chap. 13 is repealed and replaced by the following:

"#2 - #4. Out of any public monies at his disposal the Lieutenant-Governor may pay the sum of \$62,961. to the Protestant Committee of the Council of Public Instruction for Protestant Superior Education in this Province, together with interest thereon at the rate of 4% per annum, from the 30th of August 1888."

PRESENT ACTION

It is now a question of history repeating itself. The attitude of the Protestant Committee in 1889 was one of alarm because of the danger of this fund disappearing and asked that the Act of the previous year which they deemed brought about this condition, should be replaced by legislation which would restore the Fund to