

named by the Council to take into consideration the working of the Book Depository in reference to the supply of the best class of books for prizes and school libraries, and also in reference to the general interests of the Province with regard to the free circulation of literature through the ordinary trade channels; with power to call for all requisite information from the officers of the Education Department; pending such investigation, that the Department continue to act on the principle hitherto in use, with regard to prices of books, and that such Committee consist of the Chief Superintendent, Mr. Goldwin Smith, Prof. Ambury, Mr. Deroche, Mr. Wood, Mr. MacLennan, and the mover, Prof. Wilson.

A motion was also passed granting to Mr. John Lovell permission to print the series of five Readers, and the Spelling Book or Companion to the Readers, upon the same conditions as other publishers.

The High School Inspectors having applied for an allowance for travelling expenses, it was ordered that the application be recommended to the favorable consideration of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council; and that a sum of not less than two hundred dollars be granted to each of the Inspectors for travelling expenses.

The report of the Central Committee of Examiners naming the successful competitors for the medals in 1874, having been read, it was ordered that the medals granted by the Council to the candidates for the Public School teachers' Certificates, who passed the best examination in 1874, be awarded as follows:

The Gold Medal.—Mr. Isaac James Birchard.

The First Silver Medal.—Mr. Archibald Smirl.

The Second Silver Medal.—Mr. Joseph Standish Carson.

The First Bronze Medal.—Mr. Morris Johnson Fletcher.

The Second Bronze Medal.—Mr. Edwin D. Parlow.

The appointment of Miss Kate Hagarty, as third assistant teacher in the Girls' Model School temporarily made by the Chief Superintendent, was confirmed.

The British History and the outlines of General History, with the manuscript revision thereof by the Committee, were laid before the Council and approved.

The Council also passed a resolution expressing a desire that the School Books sanctioned by them should be pervaded, wherever morality is concerned, by the principles and sentiments of a Christian community, but they do not consider themselves authorized, or deem it within the line of their duty to sanction any statements of religious dogma of a sectarian character, or anything in the nature of theological discussion. That this be an instruction to the Text Book Committee.

It was further ordered that the Text Book Committee be authorized, when any change of text books shall have been approved by the Council, to give notice through *The Journal of Education* of the proposed change.

The following notice was ordered to be inserted in *The Journal of Education*:

"The Council of Public Instruction desire to make it known to authors and publishers that they have at present before them no history of Canada which appears to meet the requirements of schools; and that they would gladly take into consideration the claims of any new work on the subject which might be submitted to them with a view to its adoption as a text book."