

## Official Department.

### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

QUEBEC, 30th March, 1887.

Which day a special meeting of the Protestant Committee of the C. P. I. was held, upon the call of the Chairman, to consider the report of the Sub-committee on the relation of Protestant Universities and Superior Schools to the Professions and Professional Examinations and for other business.

PRESENT:—The Right Rev. James Williams, D.D., in the chair; The Rev. Dr. Cook; R. W. Heneker, Esq., D.C.L.; The Rev. Dr. Matthews; E. J. Hemming, Esq., D.C.L.; The Hon. James Ferrier; The Rev. George Weir, L.L.D.

Letters were read from Sir. William Dawson, the Rev. Cannon Norman, G. L. Masten, Esq., and the Hon. Mr. Justice Church regretting their inability to be present.

The Secretary read the notice upon which this special meeting was called, and also the following circular letter which had been addressed to the Protestant Members of the Provincial Legislature:—

QUEBEC, 26th, March, 1887.

Sir,—I am directed by the Chairman of the Protestant Committee of the Council of Public Instruction to inform you. (1) That it is the desire of the Committee to confer with the Protestant members of the Provincial Legislature, respecting legislation which is desired in reference to the relation of Protestant Universities and Superior Schools to the Professions and Professional Examinations. (2) That a special meeting of the Committee has been called for Wednesday, the 30th inst., at the Council Room, Department of Public Instruction, Quebec. (3) That the conference with the members of the Legislature will take place at eleven o'clock a.m., on that day, at which you are specially requested to be present.

ELSON I. REXFORD,

*Secretary of Prot. Com.*

In the absence of the Convener, The Hon. Mr. Justice Church, Dr. Heneker presented the following report of the sub-committee:—

To the Protestant Committee of the Council of Public Instruction.

*Report of Sub-committee on the relation of the Protestant Universities and Protestant Superior Schools to the Professions and Professional Examinations:—*

Complaint is made that the Bar Act of the last session has infringed on the rights and privileges of the Protestant minority in this Province, as regards education. By that Act, both the general system of education, regulated by the Protestant Committee of the Council of Public Instruction, and the general Course of Study followed in the Protestant Universities, (McGill College and Bishop's College,) as well as the Special Law Course of these Institutions, have been interfered with, and are now endangered.