

**Official Department.**

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,

Quebec, 19th February, 1892.

Which day the quarterly meeting of the Protestant Committee of the Council of Public Instruction was held.

Present: The Right Rev. James W. Williams, D.D., Lord Bishop of Quebec, in the chair, the Hon. Gédéon Ouimet, Sir William Dawson, C.M.G., LL.D., R. W. Heneker, Esq., D.C.L., LL.D., the Venerable Archdeacon Lindsay, M.A., George L. Masten, Esq., the Rev. W. I. Shaw, LL.D., A. W. Kneeland, Esq., M.A., E. J. Hemming, Esq., D.C.L., the Very Rev. Dean Norman, D.D., the Rev. Dr. Cornish, LL.D., the Rev. Elson I. Rexford, B.A.

Dr. Cameron sent a letter to express his regret at being unavoidably absent.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, after being amended by making the minute concerning the report of the sub-committee on legislation read: "The sub-committee on legislation recommended the approval of the following amendments to the school law submitted to their consideration by the Department on the 19th of September, 1891, Art. 5," etc.

Balloting was then proceeded with for the election of an associate member to replace the late Rev. Dr. Weir.

The names of the Rev. E. I. Rexford, the Rev. A. T. Love and Dr. Robins were again submitted.

Upon the second ballot Mr. Rexford received the majority of the votes cast, whereupon it was moved by Dr. Heneker, seconded by Dr. Cornish, "That the election of Mr. Rexford be made unanimous.—Carried.

Mr. McCormick, from Ormstown, appeared before the Committee and explained that the Commissioners had undertaken by resolution to build an addition to the model school. Therefore, it was resolved, on motion of Venerable Archdeacon Lindsay, seconded by Dr. Shaw, "That in consideration of the resolution of the ratepayers of school district No. 2, a copy of which has been submitted by Mr. McCormick, the grant for last year be paid to Ormstown."

The Secretary submitted a request from Beebe Plain for examination and inspection as a model school, which was granted.

The Canada Publishing Company submitted a sample set of the Public School Drawing Course for authorization.

Owing to the fact that the Committee has no desire to make any change in drawing books, the authorization was not granted.

Mr. G. W. Thompson submitted for authorization two text-books on book-keeping; but as he had not supplied sufficient books for examination, as required by regulation, it was impossible to authorize the books.