

The balance of account, \$253.33, due the GAZETTE Printing Company was ordered to be paid as soon as the state of the Contingent Fund will permit.

It was unanimously Resolved :

"That the Superintendent of Public Instruction be requested to furnish, for the information of the Committee, a summary of the Grand Statistical Tables of Inspectors in reference to Protestant and mixed schools in the different districts of Inspection."

The following letter addressed by Dr. Heneker to William White, Esq., as Batonnier of the Quebec Bar, in regard to the preliminary examinations for the admission to the study of the professions, having been laid before the Committee, it was unanimously Resolved :

"That the letter read by Dr. Heneker be adopted by this Committee as expressing its views, and be printed in the RECORD and for general circulation."

(Copy.)

SHERBROOKE, 29th January, 1883.

WILLIAM WHITE, ESQ.,

Sherbrooke.

MY DEAR SIR,

I am not about to address you officially, for I am not authorised to do so, yet I know you are so much interested in the question of education in this Province, that I cannot but feel (occupying as you do the highly honourable and important position of Batonnier of the Quebec Bar) that you ought to be made aware of the desires of the Protestant Committee of the Council of Public Instruction in the matter of the examination of candidates for admission to study the professions in this Province. I wish at once to state that the Protestant Committee do not in any way desire to interfere with the education of Roman Catholics. The two Committees of the Council of Public Instruction have the same object in view but they work on different lines.

The Protestant educational system may be classified into three grades, viz., Common Schools, High Schools and Universities. With the limited means at the disposal of the Committee, they are endeavouring gradually to raise the tone of the High Schools. The Common Schools demand a great deal of thoughtful care in their administration, but hitherto they have been almost exclusively under the control of the Superintendent of Public Instruction; and the Universities, although receiving grants of public money, lie beyond the inspecting power of the Committee. Regular returns of their work and numbers are sent periodically to the Government, and they are worthy of the great confidence reposed in them by the public. But the High Schools, or Academies, as they are called in country parts, have been in a