

Consolidated Fund depends on an annual vote of the Legislature, except in so far as guaranteed by the Investment Fund, and the arrangements entered into at Confederation. The Marriage License Fund, on the other hand, is the product of a specific licence, handed over by the Legislature for the Superior Education of Protestants. The Protestant Compensation Fund of \$62,961.00 is a capital sum invested for Superior Education under the Committee. It is therefore claimed, in the interests of Protestant education, and in view of possible changes in the future, as well as in connection with their different tenure, that they should continue to be administered separately, though the two first must alike be annually recommended for distribution, subject to the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

2. That, while the Protestant Committee has full power to recommend any distribution of the aid to Superior Education which in its judgment seems desirable, there is no legal requirement for apportioning any one of these funds rather than another to any one class of the institutions of Superior Education.

3. The original application for the Marriage License fees was made in 1870 and 1871, by and on behalf of the Universities and Colleges, through the Protestant members of the Council of Public Instruction, on account of their lack of means, and of the diminution of the Superior Education Fund in consequence of the Act of 1869, and the increasing claims of other institutions, and with the object not only of strengthening them but of rendering them less chargeable on the General Fund. This historical relation of the fund, which appears plainly from the appended letters and documents, has been adhered to ever since, and is entitled to consideration on the part of the Committee.

4. Whereas, in the opinion of the Sub-Committee, it is impossible to gauge the extent and importance of the work of the two Universities, or to make grants at all adequate to the work performed, the Sub-Committee suggest that the grants annually recommended for the two Universities, be determined by special consideration from year to year, but that the grants to other institutions of Superior Education, including affiliated Colleges, be apportioned in accordance with results and needs, the whole subject to the requirements of the law and the regulations of this Committee.

The whole respectfully submitted.

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