

my communication to Mr. Heneker, in connection with the acceptance or refusal of the \$60,000 grant by the Protestant Committee. I have the honor to be, with the greatest respect, my Lord,

Your most devoted,

(Signed,) HONORÉ MERCIER
Prime Minister.

HIS LORDSHIP Bishop of Quebec,
Quebec.

Moved by the Rev. W. I. Shaw, LL.D., seconded by the Venerable Archdeacon Lindsay, and

Resolved—That in answer to the communication of the Honorable the Premier, dated Quebec, June 11th, 1889, requesting this Committee to give a specific reply to the enquiry therein contained, we hereby declare our readiness to discharge the duties devolving upon us as the Protestant Committee of the Council of Public Instruction, as required by Article 2203 of the Revised Statutes of the Province of Quebec, and to administer any sums placed in our hands by the Provincial Legislature for Superior Education.

2. That at the same time viewing with apprehension any legislation imperilling existing guarantees for the support of Superior Education in this Province, and in accordance with the action of this Committee at its meeting held May 14th, 1889, we hereby strongly re-affirm our request that the Government will by legislation restore the cancelled Trust, as set forth in our report of the above date, and replace the Jesuits' Estates, or the proceeds thereof, as an Investment Fund for Superior Education; and also re-establish the Superior Education Income Fund, as constituted by the Act of 1856.

3. That the principal difficulty felt by this Committee with respect to the Jesuits' Estate Act and the sum of \$60,000 referred to in the letter of the Honorable the Premier, arises from the fact that the grant of the said amount is embodied in an Act of the Legislature which has been authoritatively stated to render effete the clauses of the educational law containing the above guarantees.

4. This Committee would also again draw the attention of the Government to the representations contained in its report adopted May 14th, 1889, to the following effect:—

"The Roman Catholic body receive a free grant of \$400,000, and the rights of the Government in Laprairie Common, while the Protestants receive permission to distribute the income arising from the investment of \$60,000, subject to the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council;"

Further, we submit that the sum of \$60,000 granted by the Jesuits' Estates Settlement Act, is less than the amount due to the Protestants, according to population.