

Official Department.**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.**

QUEBEC, September 27th, 1897.

On which day the regular quarterly meeting of the Protestant Committee of the Council of Public Instruction was held.

Present :—R. W. Heneker, Esq., D.C.L., LL.D., in the chair; the Venerable Archdeacon Lindsay, M.A., D.C.L.; George L. Masten, Esq.; the Reverend Principal Shaw, D.D., LL.D.; A. Cameron, Esq., M.D.; Professor A. W. Kneeland, M.A., B.C.L.; the Reverend A. T. Love, B.A.; the Right Reverend A. H. Dunn, D.D., Lord Bishop of Quebec; H. B. Ames, Esq., B.A.; the Very Reverend Dean Norman, D.D., D.C.L.; the Reverend E. I. Rexford, B.A.; Principal Robins, LL.D.; N. T. Truell, Esq.; John Whyte, Esq.

Judge Lynch and Mr. S. Finley sent letters of regret.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Reverend E. I. Rexford presented the report of the sub-committee on the distribution of grants, which was received.

A letter from the Reverend Dr. Flanders was then read in which he asked for the continuance of the grant to Stanstead College for this year, acknowledging at the same time that the conditions of the grant had not been fulfilled, but pleading that the whole question of affiliated colleges must be reconsidered next year.

It was moved by the Reverend Dean Norman, seconded by the Venerable Archdeacon Lindsay, That the petition of the Reverend Principal Flanders, D.D., be complied with, and that the usual grant be made this year to Stanstead College, with the understanding that one year hence the relation of Stanstead and other colleges to the Superior Education Fund be taken into the careful consideration of this committee, and that these institutions be given plainly to understand that our action in this instance shall not be regarded as constituting a precedent.