

**Official Department.**

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,

Quebec, November 27th, 1896.

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; George L. Masten, Esq.; the Reverend Principal Shaw, LL.D., D.D.; A. Cameron, Esq., M.D.; Professor A. W. Kneeland, M.A.; the Reverend A. T. Love, B.A.; the Right Reverend A. H. Dunn, D.D., Lord Bishop of Quebec; Samuel Finlay, Esq.; H. B. Ames, Esq., B.A.; Principal W. Peterson, LL.D.; E. J. Hemming, Esq., D.C.L., Q.C.; the Very Reverend Dean Norman, D.D., D.C.L.; S. P. Robins, Esq., LL.D., and N. T. Truell, Esq.

The Venerable Archdeacon Lindsay, M.A., D.C.L., sent a letter to express his regret at his unavoidable absence.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The consideration of the letter of the Lord Bishop of Quebec, concerning the appointment of a school inspector for the Magdalen Islands, was deferred at his request.

A letter was read from Lieut.-Col. Hanson, concerning the grant to Berthier Grammar School, when it was decided, owing to the lack of the annual report from that institution, that the question should not be considered on its merits at this meeting.

A letter was read from the Reverend Principal Adams, asking that permission be given to the Principal of the Normal School, to deliver his course of lectures on Pedagogy, at Bishop's College, Lennoxville. On motion of Dr. Shaw and Dr. Peterson, it was resolved, that the existing arrangements for lectures in Pedagogy, to undergraduates of McGill University, with a view to graduates in Arts obtaining academy diplomas, be made applicable to the University of Bishop's College for the present year, and that in such work Principal Robins, LL.D., be authorized to modify the syllabus of subjects of lectures in Pedagogy, previously approved by this Committee. In approving of this course of action, we record our appreciation of the readiness of Dr. Robins to add to his present arduous work, with a view to increasing the staff of efficiently trained teachers for our schools in this province. It is understood that the required arrangements for training in teaching shall be made such as shall be satisfactory to this Committee.

A letter was read from the Fraserville trustees, giving particulars concerning the criminal prosecution of a teacher, and asking that a part of the preliminary expenses incurred in the prosecution be provided for.