

The Act of the Legislature of Quebec, 53 Vic. Chap. 31 (April 2, 1890) was brought about because of the Protestant Committee of the Council of Public Instruction having at a meeting held on the 25th of September 1889 (in answer to a communication from the Premier of the Province which requested the Committee to give a specific reply as to how they proposed to deal with the sum of \$60,000.) by resolution requested the Government to restore the cancelled trust and to replace the fund as an investment fund for Superior Education and to re-establish the Superior Education income fund as constituted by the Act of 1856. The Committee further stated that the sum of \$60,000. was less than the amount due to the Protestants and that in any case Legislative enactment should be made to meet the views of the Committee and that interest should be allowed on the capital of \$60,000.

The Act then goes on to recite by means of the inclusion of correspondence, that it was never the intention of the Government to abolish this Fund and that therefore the Government could not have the slightest objection if the law be reconstituted. The Government produced correspondence to show that it was their intention that the Protestant Committee should receive in capital the \$60,000. instead of the right to distribute the income arising from the investment and further refers to Bill #169 of the session of 1888, whereby the following section No.4 was included, viz:

- "4. On such settlement being effected the Lieutenant Governor in Council may pay out of any public money at his disposal, the sum of \$60,000. to the Protestant Committee of the Council of Public Instruction, to be invested by the said Committee."

The interest from said investment shall be annually apportioned by the Protestant Committee, with the approval of the Lieutenant governor in Council, among the Protestant institutions of Superior Education, in addition to and in the same manner as any sums now granted by law for the purpose of Protestant Superior Education in this Province."

The correspondence then recites that the Protestant members of the Legislature consulted together and that an amendment in the handwriting of the Rev. Mr. Rexford, then Secretary of the Protestant Committee was made to the effect that the word "annually" as it appears, had been inserted.

Further correspondence discussing the manner in which this legislation was brought about, continues that -