

*Report of the Sub-Committee on Text-Books.*

1. The sub-committee begs leave to report that in the prosecution of its labors it has had the assistance of a large and representative sub-committee appointed by the Provincial Association of Protestant Teachers at the last Convention.

2. Several meetings, both with and without that committee, have been held, at which the whole subject of text-books has been carefully discussed, and all the most recently published books have been examined.

3. The sub-committee finds, in some instances, no suitable text-books available; in other instances, the use of two or more equally good books in a given subject has prevented the committee from carrying out the desirable policy of limiting the number to one book for each subject.

4. Sweeping changes have not been recommended, yet certain important additions to and eliminations from the old list have been found to be desirable.

5. The sub-committee is pleased to report that a revision of MacVicar's Primary Arithmetic, by which it will fill the requirements of the Elementary School Course; of the Intermediate Geography, by which the maps of Canada and Africa will be replaced by others showing the results of the latest discoveries; and possibly of Maclear's New and Old Testament Histories, by which the books will be rendered more attractive and useful by the addition of some colored maps, etc., has been secured, as well as an improvement in the Spencerian System of Copy-Books, which is recommended for use.

5. A French Reader more suitable for beginners in that language has been recommended in that of the Progressive French Reader, published by Drysdale & Co., of Montreal.

6. Your sub-committee finds that none of the English Readers now in use are fully satisfactory; yet cannot recommend any change at present, except that Book VI. of the Canadian Readers be dropped, as it is not in use.

7. The new maps to be added to Lovell's Geography will render that book less objectionable than formerly, although many teachers strongly object to the use of a Geographical Catechism. The Ontario High School Geography is recommended in place of the Advanced, which is out of print.

8. The Canadian Histories at present in use are condemned by nearly all our teachers, yet no better books can be found. It is hoped that a new one, about to be published in Ontario, may better supply the want.

9. A change in Drawing Books, which is considered to be of the greatest value to our young people, is recommended, viz.: The Dominion Freehand Drawing Books, to take the place of both series now in use.

These books are published in this province, and are prepared with