

4. With respect to the additional special grant to elementary schools the Honorable Treasurer intimated that it would be as well for the Committee to elaborate a scheme in this respect before asking the Legislature for such special grant.

5-6. With respect to the amendments to the Normal School law, nothing could be done in the absence of any one representing that body on the Protestant Board of School Commissioners, but the Treasurer intimated that he did not think that there would be any difficulty in granting to the school commissioners the power of increasing their school assessment when the matter came before the Legislature. The whole respectfully submitted.

(Signed) E. J. HEMMING.

Quebec, 20th May, 1892.

It was agreed that the sub-committee on ways and means be re-appointed, that Dean Norman's name replace the late Chairman's on the permanent financial sub-committee, and that the sub-committee on elementary schools be considered a standing sub-committee.

The Chairman, the Very Reverend the Dean of Quebec, the Reverend A. T. Love, Dr. Shaw, and the Reverend E. I. Rexford were appointed a sub-committee on the distribution of grants.

5. The text-book sub-committee reported. 1. That sections 74, 75 and 76 of the Code of Public Instruction are interpreted as not forbidding additions to the authorized list at any time during the quadrennium. 2. Schools may bring into use new additions at any time. 3. Books excluded at the quadrennial revision may be used one year only after such exclusion. 4. Any book may be struck from the authorized list at the general revision, whatever may have been the date of its authorization. 5. The sub-committee recommend that regulation 161 of the Protestant Committee be amended as follows: after the word shall in the first line insert "during the year following each quadrennial revision select, etc.," and after the word municipality, in the seventh line, insert "and one shall be sent to the English Secretary of the Council of Public Instruction."

It recommended the authorization of Robertson's Canadian History, his complete history of England and Canada, of Martin's Simple Rules in Arithmetic, and of the Ontario High School Book-keeping Book. The report was received and adopted.

Sir William Dawson reported that in the matter of agricultural education the committee had not met as it seemed that no steps could be taken for improving the agricultural education in the Normal School until pending financial questions are settled. The preparation of a revised text-book is however in progress, and it is hoped that the whole question will be ripe for consideration at the next meeting.

At the request of the Reverend E. I. Rexford the consideration of a modern course for the superior schools was held over till next meeting, and also his motion re strengthening staff of superior schools.