

(b). At a meeting of the Committee, 29th February, 1888, the Chairman (the late Bishop of Quebec) reported on behalf of the Sub-Committee on the distribution of the Marriage License Fund, "that the original document referred to in the last report, signed by the Protestant members of the Council of Public Instruction, recommending the original division of the Marriage License Fees, had been found, and the document was read for the information of the Committee." In regard to this, the Committee agreed to request the Secretary to draw up a historical statement concerning the Marriage License Fund, and to include therein all available information and documents." (EDUCATIONAL RECORD, 1888, p. 119.)

At the meeting of the Committee, 26th September, 1888, the Secretary reported, giving the history of the Marriage License Fees. This report was not entered in extenso in minutes, but is appended hereto. *Vide* Mr. Rexford's statement No. 3, appended.

It was thereupon moved by Sir William Dawson, seconded by Dr. Matthews, and resolved: "That the Secretary be thanked for the labour he has taken in preparing the memorandum read, giving the history of the legislation in connection with the Marriage License money, and the action taken from time to time by the Committee in its distribution, and that the report be preserved among the documents of this Committee."

The foregoing shows the action of the Protestant Committee in their endeavour to ascertain their powers with regard to the apportionment of the Fund.

Srd.—The Protestant Commutation Fund.

By the Jesuits' Estates Settlement Act, 51-52 Victoria, chapter 13, section 4, the sum of \$62,961.00 was granted to the Protestant Committee, as a compensation for the grant of \$400,000 to the Roman Catholic majority of the Province, and the second paragraph of the section prescribes how the interest of the said sum was to have been apportioned. This section was incorporated in the Revised Statutes, under Article 2206; but, in 1890, the above cited Section 4 of the Jesuits' Estates Act, as well as Article 2206 of the Revised Statutes, was repealed by Sections 2 and 3 of the Act 53 Victoria, chapter 31, Section 2 of the last named Act being substituted therefor. By this section the disposal of the grant is left with the Protestant Committee without restrictions of any kind. This is the whole law on this part of the inquiry.

General Results of Inquiry.

The more important results of the above inquiries may be summed up as follows:

1. The several funds available for Superior Education are not on the same basis as to origin and permanence. The grant from the