

6. Under the circumstances the Government of the Province of Quebec do not think advisable to enter into the merit of the questions raised by the said memorandum, before the Protestant Committee of Public Instruction of this Province decide formally and in very clear terms, whether they accept the said grant of \$60,000, either in the way mentioned in the law, or in any other way, as a fair compensation, according to the Protestant population of this Province, of the \$400,000 to be paid to the Catholic community ;

7. When the Protestant Committee has done what required in the preceding paragraph of this letter, the Government will be in a position, no doubt, to discuss with you the merit of the questions raised in said memorandum.

Waiting for an early answer, I have the honor to be, with due consideration,

Yours truly,

(Signed,) HONORÉ MERCIER,
Prime Minister.

Dr. R. W. HENEKER,

Acting Chairman of the Protestant Committee of the Council of Public Instruction, Sherbrooke, P. Q.

The Chairman then submitted the following Memorandum for the information of the Committee :—

MEMORANDUM.

I received from Mr. Heneker the papers and correspondence relating to the Jesuits' Estates. I then called upon Mr. Mercier, and told him that the matter would come before the Committee at its first meeting.

On the following morning I forwarded to Mr. Mercier a memorandum containing the result of our conversation as I apprehended it, and requested him to inform me if I had represented it correctly.

To that communication Mr. Mercier replied that, until he had received an answer to his question, he held our conversation to be confidential. This letter is attached to this memorandum.

(Signed,) J. W. QUEBEC.

BUREAU DU GOUVERNEMENT,
PROVINCE DE QUÉBEC.

76 Rue St. Gabriel,
MONTREAL, 9th July, 1889.

MY LORD :

I have just received your Lordship's letter of the 5th inst., giving a synopsis of our conversation of that day, and in answer I beg to state that I consider this conversation to be confidential till I receive an answer to