

sort the figures employed by the author, descending to units and even to fractions, imply a degree of extreme exactitude which science in treating of dimensions and distances of such vast extent has not yet attained, and which in the interest of popular education it is not necessary to affirm. But this defect if it be one, Mr. Morin can easily remedy.

The undersigned believe that in popular education a chart of the kind might be useful to the teacher who would have it beside him when lecturing on the various subjects relating to the solar system; it might also be useful to the scholars in so far as it relates to the forms of the large bodies and the comparative dimensions of some among them.

But in other respects, if the scholars are numerous, there might be many who would derive no more benefit from the chart, than if the teacher or lecturer were to read from a book or a manuscript the definitions and descriptions given on the chart.

Altogether considering that the object of the chart merits the approbation of the committee and that it contains a great number of very useful astronomical data, that the forms and relative dimensions of the large solar bodies are well represented to the eye, the undersigned are of opinion that Mr. Morin's chart deserves that the committee should authorize its use in educational establishments, provided that its author make the alterations and improvements indicated above.

There are a few inaccuracies of a secondary importance, which the author doubtless will rectify in the copy of his chart which he is about to make.

The whole respectfully submitted.

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On motion of His Lordship of Montreal it was resolved :

That the foregoing report be adopted and that Mr. Morin's astronomical chart be approved subject to the restrictions mentioned in the report.

On motion of Hon. M. Chauveau it was resolved :

That the MANUEL DE TENUE DES LIVRES à l'usage des écoles primaires, by J. C. Langelier, be approved.

On motion of His Lordship the Bishop of Rimouski it was resolved :

That the *méthode de lecture et de prononciation*, by Montpetit and Marquette, being as regards the part intitled *Livre de l'élève*, but a reproduction of a french work, this committee do not consider it right to approve the book under its present title.

The report of the sub-committee appointed to examine the several copy books and the *Excelsior Readers* submitted to the committee was read.

On motion of Mr. Murphy it was resolved :

That the said sub-committee be requested to continue their labors, as also the Abbés Verreau and Lagacé, and that Hon. Mr. Chauveau do form part of the said committee which will make a special report as soon as possible.

On motion of His Lordship the Bishop of Sherbrooke, it was resolved :

That this committee do recommend that the law concerning public instruction be amended so that no appeal, in future, be allowed from the decision of the Superintendent to the Council of Public Instruction, or to the Committees of the Council, except when the aggrieved party has no recourse before the tribunals of the country, or when the right of appeal is already defined by law.

On motion of His Grace the Archbishop of Quebec, it was resolved :

That this committee do recommend to the Government the nomination of Joseph Perron, Esq., N. P., of Baie St. Paul, as a member of the Board of Examiners for Charlevoix, vice Mr. J. B. R. Dupont, who has left the limits.

On motion of his Grace the Archbishop it was resolved :

That the Superintendent be requested to forward to the Government the petitions of the Directors of the Institution for Catholic male deaf mutes, and of the Directresses of the Institution for Catholic female deaf mutes of Montreal, as this Committee fully approve the tenor of the same; and that it be recommended to the Government, in case the conclusions of said petition be granted, that the province be divided into districts according to population, so as to effect an equitable distribution of the purses destined to the pupils of these institutions.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Chauveau, it was resolved :

That this Committee recommend the nomination of Mr. Charles Lefèvre as professor of drawing at the Laval Normal School, in place of Mr. Genest.

On motion of His Grace the Archbishop it was resolved :

That this committee approve the list of distribution of grants to poor municipalities, prepared by the Superintendent, less certain modifications proposed by this Committee and now noted on said list.

MEETING OF THE 12th.

Present: The same with the exception of Hon. T. Ryan.

On motion of His Grace the Archbishop the *quorum* of the Committee was fixed at *five members*.

On motion of His Lordship of Ottawa it was resolved :

That having examined the petition of Edouard Corbeil, Teacher, of St. Eugene in the County of Prescott, in the Province of Ontario, asking that his diploma be returned to him, and also the certificates accompanying said petition, which establish that the said Corbeil, since the revocation of his diploma by the Council of Public Instruction in 1869, has behaved himself well as regards morals and temperance, and considering that the said Corbeil has satisfied the Judgment pronounced, against him, this Committee do grant him a certificate in consequence, and return him the diploma granted to him in 1857 by the Jacques Cartier Normal School, and order that his name be replaced in the book containing the names of the qualified teachers of the Province of Quebec.

The Superintendent submitted to the Committee the documents relating to the appeal of the Commissioners of St. John, Island of Orleans.

On motion of His Lordship of Rimouski, it was resolved :

That, after mature deliberation and having examined the petition of the appellants and other documents produced, and considering that there arises between the School Commissioners and the Fabrique of St. John, a question as to the right of ownership of the ground where the school-house actually stands, this Committee request the Superintendent to submit this question as to right of ownership to the Law Officers of the Crown, and especially to make his report at the next meeting.

The Superintendent submitted a complaint made by O. Legendre against Inspector Carrier. The record being incomplete, the matter was postponed to next meeting.

The Committee then proceeded to revise the list of distribution of the fund for Superior Education, after which the meeting adjourned.