

Government, to propose to the Legislature at its next meeting, the repeal of the clauses 8 to 15 inclusive of the "Act to further amend the laws of Public Instruction, cited above (Assembly Bill No. 133), for the following reasons:—

"(1.) That the rigid uniformity prescribed by the Act in restricting Schools to the use of one text-book only in each subject, or in certain cases to two, one elementary and the other advanced, is impracticable in connection with the proper teaching of most subjects, and in view of the requirements of different grades of Schools.

"(2.) That such restriction and the continuance of the same for four years as required by law, must tend to the creation of monopolies, to the promotion of illegitimate speculation, and to the injury of the authors and publishers of useful text-books, as well as to the discouragement of the wholesome rivalry in the production and use of improved books.

"(3.) That such restriction is, as far as this Committee is aware, an untried experiment; and that, under the existing law, the regulation at present in force which provides that only one text-book in each subject is to be used at one time in each class, the Inspectors of Schools have been able to attain to some approximation to a desirable uniformity; that efforts of this kind are still in progress and can be carried on under the provisions of the law previously in force.

"(4.) That this Committee was not consulted with reference to the law referred to, and would respectfully submit that the enactment of measures so extreme, without any consultation with those who have been engaged in administering the existing law, is derogatory to their functions, and not likely to be beneficial to education.

"(5.) That the subject was discussed at the annual meeting of the Association of Protestant Teachers, for the Province of Quebec, in October last, and a resolution was unanimously passed and was communicated to this Committee, deprecating the enforcement of the provisions of the new Law; A copy of this Resolution is submitted herewith.

"Your Committee further submit with this report, an amended list of text-books, in which they have endeavoured to attain to uniformity in so far as consistent with the interests of the Schools.

(Signed)

R. W. HENEKER,
Convener.

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HIGH SCHOOL MONTREAL, 17th Nov. 1880.

REV. GEORGE WEIR, M.A.,
Secretary, P.C. of the C. of P.I.

DEAR SIR,

I am instructed by the Provincial Association of Protestant Teachers, to forward to you the following resolutions passed at the convention held in