

- No. 7. Extract from the minutes of meeting of Governors, McGill College, 24th October, 1872.
- “ 8. Letters to Dr. Heneker, 1st September, 1893, from Sir Wm. Dawson.
- “ 9. Letter to Dr. Heneker, from the Hon. Judge Irvine, 16th November, 1893.
- “ 10. Letter to the Rev. E. I. Rexford, 1st September, 1893, from Mr. Justice Lynch.
- “ 11. Legal opinion of Dr. Hemming, member of the Sub-Committee.

*The apportionment of the Fund* has next to be considered.

Section 5 of the Act 35 Victoria, chapter 3 (1872), reads as follows: “The sums so paid over to the Treasurer (as Marriage License Fees) shall be by him paid over annually, at such time and in such manner, that the same shall be apportioned among the Protestant Institutions of Superior Education, by the Minister of Public Instruction, under authority of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, in addition to and in the same manner as any sums or aid granted by law for the purposes of Superior Education in this Province.”

The above was amended in 1888, by adding after the words “Lieutenant-Governor in Council,” the following, viz., “and in accordance with the recommendation of the Protestant Committee of the Council of Public Instruction.”

The original clause, with the above amendment of 1888, is embodied in article 2205 of the Revised Statutes, which must be taken as the *present law on the subject*.

In considering the important question of apportionment, it must not be forgotten that the Protestant Committee have had the matter under consideration for a very considerable time, as will appear by the following, viz.:

(a) A report of a Sub-Committee (with reference to the distribution of the Protestant Superior Education grant) on a memorandum prepared by the Rev. E. I. Rexford (Secretary of the Department), was submitted to the Committee at the session of 23rd November, 1887. (Appendix No. 1).

This memorandum is entered in extenso in the minutes of the Committee, and is followed by a statement in reference thereto (Appendix No. 2), also in extenso, signed “J.W. Quebec,” “member of the Council of Public Instruction at the date of the transaction.”

This statement gives the history of the first steps taken to obtain aid for the Universities through the Protestant Marriage License Fees.

The report was received, and the Sub-Committee was continued “with instructions to make further enquiries and report at next meeting.” (*Vide* EDUCATIONAL RECORD for 1887, pp. 356-7.)