

The English Secretary of the Department read the following communications :

1. Report of Committee on Teachers' Institutes.
2. Order in Council concerning Grants to Protestant Institutions for Deaf Mutes and Blind.
3. Recommendations for Model schools in Gaspé and Bonaventure.
4. Report concerning Rawdon Model school.
5. Concerning Marbleton Model school from the Rev. T. S. Chapman.
6. Applications for examination by Special Inspectors.
7. Messrs. C. M. Taylor & Co's. letter concerning Royal Readers.

Reports were submitted by sub-committees on the following subjects :

1. On School Law, Financial matters affecting Education under the Committee, a Central Board of Examiners for Diplomas of Teachers, the Powers of the Protestant Committee.
2. To wait on the Universities of McGill and Bishop's College, in relation to the regulations recommended by the sub-committee on school law as regards the privilege of entering on the study of the professions.
3. On Regulations for granting Teachers' Diplomas.
4. On Revision of Text Books.

In the matter of a second teacher in the Model schools of St. Sylvestre and of Sorel the committee agreed :—That the Trustees of the Model schools in St. Sylvestre and Sorel be informed that a pupil teacher will, under the special circumstances of the case, be recognized as the second teacher required by the Protestant Committee of the Council of Public Instruction for this year only.

And that the Secretary be instructed to inform the Trustees of Rawdon school that their case will be taken into favorable consideration.

Mr. Rexford, English Secretary of the Department, submitted to the meeting the following Report on Teachers' Institutes :

"The committee appointed to make arrangements for the Normal Institutes for Teachers begs to report progress as follows, that it has been decided to hold three Normal Institutes during next summer, one at Bishop's College, Lennoxville, for the district of St. Francis, one at Waterloo for the district of Bedford and one at Ormstown for the district of Huntingdon, each Institute to continue in session for one week, as far as possible the meetings will be held in the month of July.

Dr. Robins will take up the teaching of English, Drawing and Music, and elementary lessons in Science.

Dr. McGregor will take up the teaching of Arithmetic, Mensuration and Book-keeping. And the English Secretary of the Department will also take part in the work of the Institutes."