

On the motion of the Rev. Dr. Cornish, the report was received.

The following is the letter of the Prime Minister, referred to in the foregoing report :—

CABINET DU PREMIER MINISTRE,

PROVINCE DE QUÉBEC,

QUÉBEC, 11th June, 1889.

MY DEAR DOCTOR :

When the Ministers of the Province of Quebec had the pleasure to receive you at the Government House in Montreal, with Sir William Dawson, Dr. Church, Dr. Cameron and Dr. Hemming, you told us that the Rev. Mr. Rexford had received instruction to send me a copy of the proceedings of the sitting of your Committee on the 14th of Maylast, and that no doubt I would find it in my office when I reached Quebec.

I beg to inform you that such copy was never sent to me, and that I had to send for it, and got it only this day.

In receiving this document I communicated with my colleagues and we examined with great care the memorandum, filed at the Government House, in Montreal, and, as a preliminary answer, we beg to state :—

1. The memorandum submitted to us was contained in a main motion made by Sir William Dawson, seconded by the Very Reverend Dean Norman ;

2. To this main motion an amendment was moved by Rev. Dr. Cook, seconded by Rev. Dr. Weir, which amendment was defeated by ten against two ;

3. The last paragraph of the amendment reads as follows : “Also, on their behalf, the Committee declines the proffered sum of \$60,000 as at all equivalent to the guarantee of a specially invested fund, inalienable, as the Committee believes, by the conditions on which it was given, and on which it has hitherto been held, and by the special provisions of the 93rd sec. of the B. N. Act ;

4. Although this amendment declining the proffered sum of \$60,000 was defeated, no resolution was passed accepting either that sum, nor any other one, so the Government does not know yet whether the Protestant Committee is disposed to accept anything in compensation, according to the Protestant population of this Province of the \$400,000 to be paid to the Catholic community ;

5. In every meeting held by Protestants in this Province or in Ontario, in connection with this very important question, resolutions were passed to the effect of asking the Protestant Committee to refuse, I may say forbidding it to accept, any part of that sum of money ;