

P.S. Even if a Committee
were appointed to set Examina-
tion-Papers, how is the printing
of them to be paid for?

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My dear Sir,

I find the following difficulties in the way of carrying out the instructions of the Protestant Committee of the Council of Public Instruction regarding the appointment and the convening of a Committee to prepare Examination-Papers for Boards of Examiners:—

1st. I have not been able as yet to get the names of either the Secretaries or the Chairman of the Boards to be communicated with, though I have called at the Department about it almost every day since

our meeting.

2nd The Boards of Three Rivers and of Sherbrooke are mixed - partly Protestant, partly Roman, & the jurisdiction of our Committee, it is supposed, extends only to purely Protestant Boards.

3rd. I am told at the Department, that there are no means for paying the expenses of the Gentlemen who may convene to arrange about setting Examination-papers.

I have consulted both the Chairman and Mr Cook on these difficulties, and they have advised me not to take any steps in the mean time for the appointment and the convening of a Committee to prepare Examination-papers, but to lay the whole matter before you & await your opinion on it.

I sent to the Department on Monday last a copy of the Minutes of the Proceeding of the last meeting of the Committee as well as a copy of the Special Directions to Inspectors &c.

How soon, or to what extent, the wishes of the Committee may be carried out, I know not, but it seems to me, your fears about the obstacles & delays interposed by the Department, are likely to be realized.

The Protestant Committee is powerless to do much for the advancement of Education unless the money voted for Protestant Education is put under its Control, & at its disposal.

Yours very sincerely
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