

Manitoba School Case.

Quebec, and by the Roman Catholic Archbishops and Bishops in Canada on the subject of the laws relating to education in the province of Manitoba and in the North-west Territories, and also the copy of an Order of His Excellency the Governor General in Council, approved by His Excellency on the 26th of July, inst., in regard thereto, and requesting me to lay the memorial before my advisers and before the legislature of the province under my administration.

I beg to say that, having transmitted to my Government a copy of your despatch, together with the memorial and Order in Council to which it refers, I am now requested by my Government to enclose to you herewith, for transmission to His Excellency the Governor General in Council, a certified copy of Order in Council No. 4895 (enclosed herewith) approving the report of the Honourable my Attorney General, made after considering the subject of your communication No. 3069, file 2621, dated the 30th of July, inst., and the inclosures to which reference is therein made.

I have, &c.,

JOHN SCHULTZ, *Lieutenant Governor.*

To His Honour The Honourable John Christian Schultz, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Manitoba.

Report of a Committee of the Executive Council on matters referred to their consideration.

Present :—The Honourable Mr. Greenway, in the chair; Mr. McMillan, Mr. Sifton, Mr. Watson, Mr. Cameron.

ON MATTERS OF STATE.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,

The Honourable the Attorney General submits to Council the following report :—

“That he has had under consideration the report of the Committee of the Honourable the Privy Council of Canada, approved by His Excellency on the 26th of July, 1894.

“The hope is expressed in the above mentioned document, that the Legislatures of Manitoba and the North-west Territories, respectively, will take into consideration at the earliest possible moment the matters which are complained of in the petition which is the subject of the report, and which are said to create dissatisfaction among Roman Catholics, not only in Manitoba and the North-west Territories, but likewise throughout Canada, and may take speedy measures to give redress in all matters in relation to which well founded complaint or grievance be ascertained. No intimation of a request preferred to the executive of the province of Manitoba is contained in the report, further than that it is ordered that a copy of the report be transmitted to the Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba, with a request that he will lay the same before his advisers and before the legislature of the province.

“The school law is enacted by the legislature and the duty of the executive is to carry out its provisions. Educational legislation, however, is of such importance as to be a matter of government policy, and it is therefore to be presumed that the above report has been forwarded to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor for transmission to his advisers in order that the Executive may declare its position upon the subject matter of the report.

“That portion of the report which deals with educational matters in Manitoba, takes as its basis certain statements of fact contained in a memorial addressed to His Excellency the Governor General in Council by His Eminence Cardinal Taschereau, the Archbishop of Quebec, and by the other Archbishops and Bishops of the Roman Catholic Church in Canada.