

In a letter addressed by Us to the public journals, two months ago, in defence of the claim of this diocese to the foremost place of honor in the Province for its zealous sustainment of Separate School education, We referred incidentally to the action of the Inspector and Trustees of the Public Schools in this city, and pointed out how ridiculous they had rendered themselves by their unwarranted and senseless boasting. Our remarks seem to have cut them to the quick; for it was to revenge themselves of Us, (so they expressly avow) they projected their wicked resolution of defaming and degrading our poor little Catholic children by branding upon them for life the stigma of "expelled pupils." Intelligence of this infamous deed reached Us in a distant part of our diocese the day after its publication, and next morning We forwarded Our Pastoral Letter to Kingston, to be read for you at every mass on Sunday, asking you to unite with Us in thanksgiving to God's good Providence for having converted the insane fury of the Public School Trustees into an agency of religion for the salvation of our little ones.

STATISTICS OF THE CASE.

In the interval between the publication of the Boards' "expelling" resolution and the issue of Our Pastoral Letter condemnatory of it, the following communication was made to our fellow-citizens through the Kingston "Daily News," Oct. 22nd, 1887:

"It is estimated that the resolution passed by the School Board at the recent meeting, expelling the children of Separate School Supporters, will not affect over half a dozen pupils. It is estimated that there are about forty Roman Catholic children now attending the Public Schools, but the parents of all them, except of about half a dozen, are supporters of the Common Schools."—"News," Saturday, Oct. 22, 1887.

Here we have the number "fifty or sixty," as announced on the 5th of last March, brought down to an "estimated forty" of our Catholic children in attendance at the Public Schools. Precision is invaluable.

Before adducing Our table of statistics showing the position of Catholics in those schools before and after Our denunciation of the Trustees, We must premise that all available methods have been employed by Us for the discovery of the true state of things, which, for the reasons already stated, it was difficult to ascertain. We have gone so far as to bid the Rector of Our Cathedral, who is also Chairman of the Separate School Board, to communicate with Mr. Savage, the deservedly respected Chairman of the discounted Public School Board, and supply him with the list which Our examination of the two assessment rolls and Our diligent inquiries throughout the city had led Us to believe correct; also to request a copy of the Trustees' list in return, for the sake of undisputed computation of the numbers of Catholic pupils in the Public Schools. By Our order a copy of Our list was forwarded together with this request to Mr. Savage on the 28th day of October. He wrote in reply: "I cannot at present give the requested information, as I have no memoranda at hand; but I will try and get it to-morrow." We apprehended indeed that he should experience some obstruction in his efforts to procure the required document, and were, therefore, not much disappointed on the Rev. Rector's receipt of a letter from him last evening, in

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