

Protestant supporters of the Hawkesbury High School had real cause for alarm.

When the question came before the County Council the Protestants of Hawkesbury found that there was only one way to save their High School, and that led through the valley of humiliation and compromise. The County Council, when the French were in the majority, were ready to abolish the High School, and they would have done so with great joy had not the Public School supporters of Hawkesbury agreed to pay all the Public and High School taxes, and to exempt the French Roman Catholic Separate School supporters from this burden altogether. So the County Council, satisfied for the time being by this concession, put their axe away and gave the High School a reprieve.

But the English-speaking citizens of Hawkesbury feel that it is only a reprieve that has been granted to them. They have been obliged to consent to the establishment of the continuation class in the Separate School. They have looked the other way when the County Council has made the annual illegal grant of \$300 to this bastard High School. They have gone still deeper into the valley of humiliation. They have been obliged to yield a mute consent to the paying of half their taxes, which belong of right to the Public School, by the Riordan Paper Mills Company to the support of the Roman Catholic Separate School. They have also groaned in spirit, but said nothing, when the French made the same demand and received the same tribute money from the large lumbering company of Hawkesbury.

In their desperate plight, however, and with the evidence of these illegalities and indignities in their hands the Protestants of Hawkesbury have gone both to the Ross and the Whitney Governments for aid. Members of the Cabinet, past and present, have been made conversant with the situation, and have been asked that a special Act be passed ratifying the present situation, and making it impossible for the French majority in the County Council to abolish the High School, which the