

renewed since Dr. Ryerson's time; and it is a well-known fact that in the United States, wherever the Roman Catholics are numerous enough and have the means, they

VOLUNTARILY SUPPORT SEPARATE SCHOOLS,

though they are taxed for Public Schools which they do not make use of. In our own country it has been stated in a public journal that one of the Bishops has lately issued this announcement:—"Every Catholic ratepayer, living within the legal limits of a Separate School, shall pay his school taxes to such school under the penalty of being refused the Holy Sacraments." I understand this not to be the announcement of a new dogma, but a reminder of the already existing position of the Church of Rome on the subject. You and I may greatly regret that position, but we cannot change it, nor can the Roman Catholic people change it if they desired. They may leave their Church if they think its position on that or any other matter calls for such a step, but they have no more authority over the dogmas of the Church than we Protestants have.

Holding the views expressed in the extracts from Dr. Ryerson's writings which I have read, while the Chief Superintendent on the one hand resisted successfully legislative proposals made to Parliament from time to time in the interest of Separate Schools, when he thought the proposals objectionable, he on the other hand gave his approval and aid in regard to such other legislative suggestions on the subject as he thought just or reasonable. These were of various degrees of importance, and were adopted in Acts passed in 1846, 1850, 1851, 1853, 1855, 1857, and 1863. The amendments made in Dr. Ryerson's time, with his aid and concurrence, were perhaps reasonable enough if Separate Schools were to continue; but the later ones, at all events, were objectionable to those opponents of Separate Schools who did not despair of procuring their abolition in Upper Canada.

THE HON. MR. BROWN,

who was the great Liberal Chief in my early political life, was the leader of those who did not so despair until after all these amending Acts had been passed. There was in consequence much hard hitting on the subject between him and Dr. Ryerson, as some amongst you well remember. Mr. Brown's championship of Protestant interests has been mentioned of late by some of our assailants in a way to indicate that they considered a comparison