

tion of the Separate and Bilingual Schools is no mere diocesan question. It affects the whole of Ontario. It is one of those questions which fall directly under the jurisdiction of the Apostolic Delegate. School questions involving legislation have, since the first illustrious Apostolic Delegate came to Canada, been the particular concern of Apostolic Delegates. Moreover the question of obtaining legislation to permit separation of Separate and Bilingual Schools in Ottawa was laid before Your distinguished predecessor, Mgr. Sbarretti. For these and other reasons we feel that we should be failing in our duty were we not to present Your Excellency with the enclosed documents.

We humbly ask Your Excellency to use the high prerogatives of your office in the manner it may seem best to you to facilitate a satisfactory solution of the present Ontario Separate School Question, which, in Ottawa and many other places, has reached a very critical stage. We should be pleased to furnish Your Excellency with any further presentation of our views that you may desire.

We have the honor to subscribe ourselves,

Your Excellency's most humble servants.

(Sgd.) R. MACKELL,

Chairman of the English Committee of the Ottawa S. S. Trustees

J. F. LANIGAN,

Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Ottawa S. S. Trustees.

III.

OTTAWA, 3rd March, 1914.

MESSRS. R. MACKELL, *Chairman of English Committee*, and

J. F. LANIGAN, *Chairman Finance Committee*,

Separate School Board,

OTTAWA.

MY DEAR SIR,—

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated February 26th, with annexed documents, bearing on the Separate School situation in Ottawa. I shall not fail to give them serious consideration.

In the meantime let me express the hope that in dealing with the present question, all parties concerned will chiefly bear in mind the honor of the Catholic name and in the solution of the difficulty be guided solely by the highest principles of justice and Christian charity.

I remain,

Yours very sincerely in Xto,

X (Sgd.) P. F. STAGNI.

IV.

Secretary Treasurer's Office,

Ottawa Separate School Board,

OTTAWA, March 5, 1914.

TO THE MOST REV. CHARLES HUGH GAUTHIER, D. D.,
Archbishop of Ottawa.

TO THE MOST REV. NEIL McNEIL, D. D.,
Archbishop of Toronto.

TO THE MOST REV. MICHAEL J. SPRATT, D. D.,
Archbishop of Kingston.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR GRACES:—

The critical state of the Separate School question, not merely in Ottawa, but also in various parts of the Province of Ontario, induces us to place humbly before you: consideration the following explanation of the action which the English Committee of the Ottawa Separate School Board has thus far taken, and the following outline of the future steps which the interests and expressed wishes of the ratepayers, whom they represent will oblige them to take.

The present very critical condition of the Separate School question in Ottawa is due, we submit, chiefly to the following causes:—