

Statutes in force in Manitoba, prior to these Acts of 1890, in so far at least as may be necessary to secure for Roman Catholics in the Province the right to build, maintain, &c., their schools in the manner provided by such Statutes, and to secure to them their proportionate share of any grant made out of public funds of the Province for education, or to relieve such members of the Roman Catholic Church as contribute to such Roman Catholic schools from payment or contribution to the support of any other schools; or that these Acts of 1890 should be so amended as to effect that purpose."

Then follows a general prayer for relief. Then the report of the Sub-Committee goes on to deal with these memorials, saying that they will comment only on the last one, as it embraces all and a little more than the others. They say :

"As to the request which the petitioners make in the second paragraph of their prayer, viz., 'That it may be declared that the said Acts (53 Vic. 37 and 38 do prejudicially affect the rights and privileges with regard to denominational schools which the Roman Catholics had by law or practice in the Province of Manitoba, at the time of the Union, the Sub-Committee are of opinion that the Judgment of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council is conclusive as to the rights with regard to denominational schools which the Roman Catholics had at the time of the Union, and as to the bearing thereon of the Statutes complained of, and your Excellency is not therefore, in the opinion of the Sub-Committee, properly called upon to hear an appeal based on those grounds.'"

*Lord Shand.* What was that Sub-Committee?

*Mr. Blake.* It was a Sub-Committee of the Privy Council of the Dominion to which this question was referred,

*Lord Shand.* By His Excellency?

*Mr. Blake.* Yes, by His Excellency in Council, which reported to the full Council, and the full Council adopted this report, so that it now stands as the report of the Privy Council of Canada approved by the Governor. It has the virtue not merely of the report of a sub-com-