

be, and these require education quite as much as do the Roman Catholics. The word Protestant has been used as a term of convenience, and should be defined as Non-Roman Catholic in order to meet the full requirements of the case.

Apart from the memorandum of the Protestant Committee and the answer thereto, the Sub-Committee think that several modifications should be made in the existing laws, as for instance :

1. Corporations through their representative officer should have all the privileges of rate payers.

2. The reading of secular notices at Church doors after service on Sunday should be discontinued in the case of Protestants.

3. No verbal service of a notice should be allowed.

4. Auditors should be appointed in the same manner as is provided in the Municipal Code, and the accounts of Secretary-Treasurer should be presented to the School Commissioners twice in each year, duly audited.

5. No school district should exceed a certain limited area, such for instance as would enable every child within the district to attend the school, the building being always placed as nearly as possible in the centre of the district.

6. Taxes should be levied in each district for the support of its own schools, but in case the whole municipality be taxed, the money raised in a district in which there is no school should be husbanded and allowed to accumulate by being deposited at interest in a chartered bank. After five years, if the district still remains without a school, the money should be returned to the proprietors.

7. No person should be eligible as a School Commissioner who cannot read and write.

8. There should be a term for the prescription of taxes as in the Municipal Code.

Your Committee think that it would be wise in the first place to prepare a draft showing the consolidation of the existing laws, without introducing any amendments. A list of amendments might then be prepared separately, and could be discussed with a precise understanding of their bearing on the existing law, which is scarcely possible in the case of the Bill submitted to the Committees, in consequence of the want of consolidation and the combination of new and old matter.