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The School Question.

MR. HAULTAIN the Premier of the Northwest Territories, has given out for publication an argument based on what he conceives to be constitutional grounds, to prove that the Dominion Parliament has no right to impose any terms at all with respect to education. He admits, however, that section 93 of the B. N. A. Act, applies to the new Provinces immediately upon their admission to the confederation.

In order to understand what this means the section is reproduced in full as follows:—

Education.

93. In and for each Province the Legislature may exclusively make Laws in relation to Education, subject and according to the following provisions:—

1. Nothing in any such Law shall prejudicially affect any Right or Privilege with respect to Denominational Schools which any Class of Persons have by Law in the Province at the Union.
2. All the Powers, Privileges, and Duties at the Union by Law conferred and imposed in Upper Canada on the Separate Schools and School Trustees of the Queen's Roman Catholic Subjects, shall be and the same are hereby extended to the Dissident Schools of the Queen's Protestant and Roman Catholic Subjects in Quebec;
3. Where in any Province a system of Separate or Dissident Schools exists by

Law at the Union or is thereafter established by the Legislature of the Province an appeal shall lie to the Governor-General-in-Council from any Act or Decision of any Provincial Authority affecting any Right or Privilege of the Protestant or Roman Catholic Minority of the Queen's Subjects in relation to Education:

4. In case any such Provincial Law as from Time to Time seems to the Governor-General-in-Council requisite for the due Execution of the Provisions of this Section is not made, or in case any Decision of the Governor-General-in-Council or any Appeal under this section is not duly executed by the proper Provincial Authority in that behalf, then and in every such case, and as far only as the circumstances of each case require, the Parliament of Canada may make remedial Laws for the due Execution of the Provisions of this Section, and of any Decision of the Governor-General-in-Council under this Section.

It will be seen that Premier Haultain, who has the authority to speak for the people of the Northwest Territories, does not hesitate for a moment to frankly acknowledge that the constitution of this country requires the continuance of separate schools in the two new provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan. These separate schools are there and have been in operation since 1888, under the power conferred by Mr. Mackenzie's Act of 1875.