

but the Trustees of every such school may prescribe the observance of such other holidays and vacations as they may see fit."

#### ROMAN CATHOLIC CLERGYMEN EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

Sec. 20.—Roman Catholic Clergymen, who are either incumbents, or have pastoral charge in missions, parishes, or other pastoral divisions, shall be, respectively, members *ex-officio* of each Board of Trustees of Roman Catholic Separate Schools, established within such mission, parishes, or other pastoral divisions.

#### RULES OF MANAGEMENT.

Sec. 22.—In all Roman Catholic Separate Schools, no other rules shall be enforced for the government or management of such schools, and no books shall be introduced or prohibited without the approbation of the Trustees of such Roman Catholic Separate Schools.

The public provision for the training and education of any class in the community, in the religious dogmas of that class, is grossly inconsistent with the declared principle of our legislation, that the union between Church and State shall be dissolved. We fail to see that this measure is anything else than an endowment of Romanism. Strongly would we object against any Protestant community becoming a claimant on the general revenue for the diffusion of its peculiarities, but that antipathy to the system that beggars and demeans the Church of Christ, gathers into intense determination to resist its progress, when made to extend and diffuse a system in our midst which has blighted in other lands the temporal and spiritual interests of men. It is surely shortsighted policy in any party to join in making demands on the State purse for denominational necessities, when thereby strength and consistency are given to the foes of truth and freedom. Unity among Protestants is called for from the position and circumstances of Canada, to watch and resist the aggressive inroads of a common enemy. Yet we despair of such combination while a struggle is maintained to obtain subsidies and favours from the state for their own denominational ends.

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#### THE REV. R. K. BLACK'S LOSS BY FIRE.

The readers of this Magazine will be grieved to learn that on the forenoon of Thursday, the 15th May, the residence and out-houses of the Rev. R. K. Black, at Middleville, Lanark, were entirely consumed by fire. The premises had been insured, but the policy, which had lately expired, had not been renewed; so the entire loss, amounting to about eleven hundred dollars, falls upon our worthy brother. The house was his own. In a letter communicating this painful intelligence, he adds, as a gracious alleviation, "But the Lord has mercifully spared to me my family, and most of my furniture and effects."

We shall all with hearty sympathy comply with his request, that we should pray for him, that this severe stroke may be sanctified to him and to his people. The Lord often afflicts His Ministers for the Church's sake, that their ministrations may be enriched with fresh unction, and with deeper experimental adaptation. If we could see how greatly the Church is benefited by the discipline through which her Ministers are often brought in the school of personal affliction, we should recognize in such experiences a public character, as "filling up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ for His body's sake—the Church." The labours of our afflicted brother have