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Mr. K.P.R. Neville,
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LONDON, Ontario.

Dear Sir:-

I have received your letter of December 3rd, and in reply I beg to give you information concerning three outstanding features of the Protestant situation in the Province of Quebec.

1. The Jewish situation. For several years past there has been an attempt made by the Jews to have legal school facilities in this Province. The enclosed Report to the Protestant Committee will show you the position up to 1928.

This year an act was brought into the Legislature and assented to on April 4th, 1930 whereby a Jewish School Commission was appointed consisting of 5 men. Power was given to them to erect on the Island of Montreal, schools for Jews only. The alternative to this was to agree with either the Protestant or Roman Catholic Commissions to arrange terms upon which one or other of these Boards of Commissioners would receive Jews into their schools. If an agreement did not take place before April 1st, 1931, a Jewish school municipality under the control of the Jewish School Commissioners would have been erected automatically. This question was settled last week by the agreement between the Protestant Board of School Commissioners of Montreal and the Jewish School Commissioners whereby the Jews would come into the Protestant panel on equal terms with the Protestants. They would enter the school in the district in which they were living, they would have 13 days of Jewish holidays without penalties of any kind and Jewish teachers would be considered eligible for appointment and promotion. You will be able to find the terms of the settlement in last week's Montreal papers.