

of the Province chiefly Roman Catholic. I regret to find, however, that many communities are availing themselves of this provision of the law without observing the formalities prescribed in such cases, thus exposing themselves to serious practical and financial difficulties. I desire, therefore, to state the leading provisions of this law of dissent, with the hope that those who are working irregularly will put themselves right, and for the guidance of those who may be about to avail themselves of this privilege.

I.— *Who then can dissent, and how can this right of dissent be established?*

The religious minority in a municipality have the right to dissent. Those who profess a *religious* faith different from that of the majority of the inhabitants of the municipality. The few Protestants in a municipality chiefly Roman Catholic; the few Roman Catholics in a municipality chiefly Protestant. These have a right to dissent. Their right as dissentients is established in the following way: Those intending to dissent, first agree upon three men who are to serve as their trustees, and then sign a declaration to the following effect:—We, the undersigned Protestant proprietors, occupants, tenants, or rate-payers of the municipality of ——— professing a religious faith different from that of the majority of the inhabitants of this municipality hereby give notice that we have dissented from the School Commissioners of this municipality, and have chosen A., B. and C. trustees for school purposes, and intend to support schools under the control of these trustees for the future.

This declaration should be *signed* in duplicate by each person desiring to dissent. One copy should be sent to the chairman of the School Commissioners, and one copy should be carefully preserved by the trustees named, and a notice of this action should be forwarded to the Superintendent of Public Instruction. The importance of having this declaration duly prepared and regularly signed and presented cannot be too strongly insisted upon. Upon this declaration depends the legal standing of the dissentients. The School Commissioners can collect taxes from all persons who have not thus signified their dissent in writing to the chairman of the School Commissioners. In the case of those who may wish to join the dissentients after they have been regularly organized, it is also necessary that they should send a