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Notes.

The following form has been adopted by the Archbishops and Bishops of Ontario for notification to the clerks of the municipalities in which Separate Schools are established. Although it does not appear wholly certain that this notification has been rendered necessary by the interpretation put upon the Amendment of the Separate School Act by the Court of Chancery, it is a duty to run no risk in so grave a matter, and to guard against the probable danger of losing our school taxes by the act of any assessor who may choose to enter the names of Catholics on the roll of Public School supporters in default of notice to the contrary :

To the Clerk of the Municipality of.....

Sir:—I hereby give you notice according to the Roman Catholic School Act, Sec. 40, R. S. O., 1897, Ch. 227, that I am a Roman Catholic and a supporter of the R.C. Separate School situated in the said municipality (or in the municipality of.....), and I require to be rated as such.

Dated.....February, 1890. Name of person in full.....
Residence.....

It is desired by the Archbishops and Bishops of the Province,

1. That the foregoing notice be sent to the proper Clerk, that is the Clerk of the municipality in which the assessed property is situate ;

2. That the name of the Separate School supporter be written in full, and that his residence be distinctly specified, as there may be two or more of the same name in the same municipality ;

8. And that in the case of unoccupied land the signature of the owner be obtained, whosoever he may reside, and that the notice signed by him be forwarded by the pastor to the Clerk of the municipality in which the property lies.

The disgraceful disturbances which have occurred within a few days past in Hull, and the cowardly attacks made upon the meetings of the evangelists who were holding revival services in that city, will be deplored by every right thinking man in the Dominion. It only remains for us to hope that the criminals who were engaged in it may be speedily found out, and exemplary punishment meted them.

In connection with these Hull outrages it is some consolation that the conduct of the demagogue, Charlton, in seeking to introduce on Wednesday last, a second time, and in an exasperating spirit, the subject of the riots in the House, met with the angry reprobation it deserved from both sides of the Chamber. The conduct of Mr. Charlton was as stupid as it was wanton and unreasonable. He had already brought the matter up on the Monday previous and drawn from the leader of the Government and the leader of the Opposition brief references to it. The Premier, while expressing his horror at the circumstances, added that the law is strong enough in either Ontario or Quebec to put down all such breaches of the peace, and that the authorities of the Province of Quebec would no doubt take steps to prevent the recurrence of any such unfortunate outrage. Mr. Laurier followed the Premier in a few words. He said ;

"I may be permitted to say, perhaps, that some expressions of opinion should come from this side of the House, especially from myself, as I happen to belong to the same creed that the rioters are supposed to belong to. They are supposed to belong to the Roman Catholic faith, but I am sure they have not learned the spirit of the religion which they profess when they behave in such a manner. I am glad to say that I have reason to believe that the authorities of Hull, who are Roman Catholics, will take steps to vindicate the majesty of the law, and to make every one understand that in this country every form of opinion is free and must be protected."

But temperate and prudent counsel of this sort did not content Mr. Charlton who inquired on Wednesday why the military had not been ordered out, and why the government had not treated the riot with the seriousness of a rebellion. Mr. Charlton is one of the "noble thirteen," and a zealous declaimer on anti-Jesuit platforms—which is understood to account for the unique interest he is taking in regard to the Hull outrages.