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SEPARATE SCHOOLS TO BE IMPOSED

No Modification of the Principle of the Original Clause, and You Can't Find the Concession to the Protestant Sentiment

Ottawa, March 20 .- (Special.) - A com promise has been effected between the government and the western Liberals, and the autonomy bill, with a modified separate school clause, will be brought before the house for its second reading on Wednesday. The notice of the amendment, which was handed out late to night, is technical in its character and can only be clearly understood by reading it together with the Northwest ordinances of 1891.

Briefly the settlement is this: Separate schools are imposed on the new Provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan for all time. The minority in these provinces retains the right of self-taxation for separate schools, and it is entitled to a rateable share of public lands and moneys for the support of its schools, provided they are managed in accordance with government regulations. The difference between the separate school clauses in their original form and as they will be presented to the house on Wednesday is in words rather than in meaning. THE QUESTION OF SEPARATE SCHOOLS, OR NO SEPARATE SCHOOLS, WHICH WAS THE REAL ISSUE AT STAKE, HAS BEEN DECIDED IN FAVOR OF THE QUEBEC HIERARCHY, WHICH INSPIRED THE LEGISLATION.

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The hierarchy scores still another point in that the separate schools will not have to be self-sustaining. They will have a proportional share of public support. True, the public support is made conditional. The separate schools must submit to government inspection, they must employ only regularly certified teachers, they must confine religious teaching to the half hour between 3.30 and 4 o'clock, and they must allow such pupils as so desire to absent themselves during this half hour of religious teaching. These are the essential regulations authorized under the Northwest ordinance of 1891, and which it is assumed, will continue in force when the territories are converted into provinces. But it must not be forgotten that all these regulations, making, as they appear to make, only a mildly objectionable form of separate schools, are subject to chauge. The hierarchy, in its

pear to make, only a mildly objectionable form of separate schools, are subject to change. The hierarchy, in its disappointment over its failure to tecure unconditional right to a share of public lands and moneys, feels that it can club the new provinces into removing or modifying the regulations which weaken church control of the schools. "But that," say western Liberals, who have assented to the compromise clause, and they say it with a good deal of force, "is the affair of the provinces. If they choose to bend to the influence of the hierarchy, they have no one but themselves to blame. The extent of the hierarchy, they have no one but themselves to blame. The extent of legislation which we are enacting is to compel the new provinces to permit the establishment of separate schools and under certain conditions to give these schools a rateable share of public support. We do not say what these conditions shall be. We leave them for the provinces to determine.

With No Good Grace.

Citizens in Mass Meeting Enconnection between some of the big connection between some of the big contractors and the migthy New York money power just mentioned.

Got Money Also.

The above, however, is not the most serious part of the revelations which serious part of the revelations which afe being quietly talked about to-day was entered at Massey Hall last night.

ORIGINAL CLAUSE. Ottawa, March 20 .- (Special.)-Ottawa, March 20.—(Special.)—
Clause 16 of the autonomy bill, in
its original form, was as follows:
The provisions of section 93 of
the B.N.A. Act, 1867, shall apply
to the said province as if, at the
date upon which this act comes
into force, the territory comprised
therein were already a province,
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2. Subject to the provisions of the said section 93, and in continuance of the principles heretofore sanctioned under the N.W. Territories Act, it is enacted that the legislature of the said province shall pass all necessary laws in respect of education, and that it shall therein always be provided (A) that a majority of the rate-payers of any district or portion of the said province, or of any less portion or sub-division thereof, by whatever name it is known, may establish such schools therein as they think fit, and make the necessary assessments and collection of rates therefor, and (B) that the minority of the ratepayers therein, whether Protestant or Roman Catholic, may establish separate schools therein, and make the necessary assessment and collection of rates therefor, and (C) that in such case the ratepayers establishing such Protestant or Roman Catholic separate schools, shall be liable only to assessment of such rates as they impose upon themselves with respect thereto.

3. In the appropriation of public moneys by the legislature in aid of education, and in the distribution of any moneys paid to the government of the said province arising from the school fund established by the Dominion Lands Act, there shall be no discrimination between the public and separate schools in equitable shares or proportion.

Ottawa, March 20.-(Special.)-

Section 93 of the B.N.A. Act, 1867, shall apply to the said province, with a substitution for sub-

(1) Nothing in any such law terms of chapters 29 and 30 of the ordinances of the Northwest Ter-

legislature or distribution by the thereof or in substitution theretion against schools of any class described in the said chapter 29. (3) Where the expression "by

law" is employed in sub-section 3 of the said section 93, it shall be held to mean the law as set out

CONTEMPLATING THE WRECK.

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OLD BALDWIN REFORMER: He was what the young folks now-a-days call Picturesque, but I always doubted his being very firm on his pins or having as close a grip on Principle as he had on Poetry.

R HEADS OFF DISMISS THOSE APPOINTED STRAIGHT TIP TO LAURIER WITHIN THE LAST TWO YEARS Ottawa, March 20.—(Special.)—Senator Perley, who has just returned from bis home in Wolseley, N.W.T., says that

With No Good Grace.

It is noticable that the the western Liberals have agreed to a modified senarate schools clause they have done it grudgingly. They know that their constituents will not be satisfied with the compromise, The Ontario members have The control will be formed by the co

THREE COURSES. Moved by D. E. Thomson, K. C., seconded by Rev. Dr. Milligan, and endorsed by 2000 citizens in public meeting:

"Whereas it is of vital importance to Canada that the new provinces about to be established shall be left free to shape their educational policy in accordance with the needs of the future as these shall develop;

"Be it therefore resolved that this meeting emphatically protests against the enactment of section 16 of the present autonomy bill or any other provisions inconsistent with their constitutional freedom in this regard.

"Be it further resolved that since the electors have had no opportunity to pass upon the principle embodied in the school clauses of the bills now before parliament, the government should:

"(a) Abandon the clauses;

ADD CHARGES TO TAX BILLS FOR TELEPHONE SERVICE AMONG FARMERS

Special Committee of House of Commons Hears Sir Wm. Mulock's Views on Nationalization of Phones

Ottawa, March 20 .- (Special.) - The special committee appointed to enquire into the telephone question held its first meeting this morning, with eight of the eleven members present. It began work as if it meant business. Sir William Mulock, who was unanimously voted into the chair, outlined the scope of the committee. He had arranged with an officer of the department of justice to prepare for the committee a summary of all the legislation bearing on Canadian telephone companies. In addition to this the committee expressed a desire for information as to the operation of telephone systems in the United States, Australia, Scandinavia and Denmark

Add to Tax Bills. Sir William emphasized the importance of the rural telephone, and said his idea was that telephone systems should be organized under authority of the Dominion government by the municipalities, which could collect charges by adding them to tax bills. It was generally admitted by members of the committee that the development of the automatic telephone is all important to the progress of the rural telephone service. The postmaster-general seems to be very much in earnest in taking up the telephone question, and he will do his best to have the committee report at this session of par-

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PRAIRIE READY TO BE FIRED. What Senator Perley Says Rega

East York Conservatives Have an Opinion on Civil Service Conditions
—Nothing But Harmony in Ranks.

Unionville, March 20.—(Special.)—As 'an aftermath of a recent meeting of the Norway Conservative Association, at which some dissent was manifested regarding the appointment of the license commissioners in East York, a general meeting of the riding association was called by President Alexander Pingle, and was held in Victoria Hall this afternoon. It resulted in a unanimal in Molseley, N.W.T., says that the feeling in the west is intense against any separate school system in the Northwest.

A few nights ago a large meeting was held in his town, addressed by resident clergymen and prominent Liberals, all being unanimous in a demand for a system of national schools, controlled zolely by the provinces and for full provincial rights as to schools and lands.

Public meetings are being held at the leading towns and the most prominent speaker at the same is Mr. Williams, editor of The Prairie Witness, Indian Head, who is a pronounced Liberal, having presided as chairman at meetings held in the west during the November elections, at which ex-Minister Sifton spoke.

"The prairie is ready to be fired," was Senator Perley's closing remarks.

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