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School Act of 1853.

September, 1854.

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VII. And be it enacted, That the trustees of separate schools elected in each of the wards of any city or town in Upper Canada, shall have authority to unite, during their pleasure, into one joint board of trustees for the management of the several separate schools in such city or town.

VIII. And be it enacted, That the Chief Superintendent of Schools for Upper Canada shall have authority to determine the proportions of the legislative school grant which may be payable respectively, according to law, to public and separate schools ; and shall have authority to pay the sums thus apportioned in such manner as he shall judge expedient, upon the conditions, and at the time prescribed by law : Provided always, that such returns shall be made to him, and in such manner by all parties concerned, as he shall require, to enable him to decide upon the amount and payment of said sums.

No. 4. The Chief Superintendent to the Roman Catholic Bishop of Toronto.

Comparison of the School Laws of Upper and Lower Canada regulating Separate Schools,
[No. 1677. M.]

EDUCATION OFFICE,

Toronto, 26th August, 1854.

Mr LORR,

During some months past, your Lordship has been pleased several times to attack me personally by name—attacks which have been often repeated and variously enlarged upon by the newspaper organs of your Lordship. On two occasions especially, once in Lower Canada, and once in Upper Canada, you have charged me with “falsehood.” The former of these attacks was made by you on the occasion of a “Catholic Institute,” at Quebec, presenting an address to your Lordship, and in which Mr. Cauchon, M. P. P., took a part, under the smiling approbation of your Lordship. This proceeding was first reported in Mr. Cauchon’s paper, *Le Journal de Québec*, and afterwards translated for, and published in, the *Catholic Citizen*, of Toronto, the 22nd of June. The latter of your Lordship’s attacks was made in an address to a “Catholic Institute” in Toronto, and reported in the *Catholic Citizen* of the 20th July.

I am quite aware that these attacks upon me, in connection with the provisions of the law in regard to separate schools, were designed to influence the recent elections ; and for that very reason I thought it proper not to notice them until after the elections—that your Lordship might have every possible benefit of them, and that I might not give the slightest pretence for a charge that I interfered in the elections. Indeed, at no period during the last twenty-five years, have I electioneered for or against any candidate whatever. I have at different times, especially during the many years that I was an editor of a weekly paper, earnestly discussed great principles of government and civil rights, but in the application of those principles