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left intact the name of Catholic public schools as applied to those organized before 1901—8334. The Catholics of this country are under a false impression, as they have been kept under a false impression—8335. What is done now in Canada in the name of conciliation is of a strange character—8336. I say there were not ten electors on the government side who knew the real meaning of this law—8337. You cannot make the people of Quebec believe that the vast majority of the English-speaking Protestants are so fanatical—8338. I may say that the opinion I have of this amendment is that it was framed in a moment of panic and scare—8339. They would have remained upon the rock of the constitution, and they would have stood by their legislation—8340. Moves an amendment to clause 16, substantially the same as the original section—8341. I may have said it, because it is true—8345. What I said was that there was one raised by hon. gentlemen opposite—8348. Members on this side were afraid of it, but that I did not believe it really did exist—8349. I said that 'Le Canada' was trying to raise racial feeling in Quebec in an effort to cause the people to forget what the government was doing—8350. I would never take Sproule for a Catholic—8355. It is not guaranteed under the statute—8357. I agree with Fitzpatrick that the wording of the amendment is not satisfactory—8426. That is the main reason why I was in favour of clause 16, No. 1, and why I am opposed to clause 16, No. 2—8427. It meant the application of section 93, by making it perfectly clear that it would apply as if the Territories—8443. I intend to keep to that course without regard to the comments upon my conduct or upon my utterances—8464. I have declared that I was opposed to clause 16, No. 2, brought in by the government—8465. If I have anything to say in defence of my people I come here and speak openly—8466. The only separate schools which can exist under the law are reduced to a paltry number of nine—8467. Justice cannot be rendered to the minority, because the English Liberals did not want to render justice to the minority—8468. As I stated last night, the Catholics of this country have rights, they have moral rights because of their number—8469. I have always stood for the policy of maintaining British institutions—8470. Quotes an article from 'Le Canada'—8471. The only effect of the second clause 16 is to guarantee the existence of so-called Catholic schools—8472. Not the proper means to take to bring about that feeling of conciliation and fair-play—8473. I never asked the government or parliament to introduce church schools either public or separate, in the Northwest Territories—8522. This parliament might not feel disposed to pass such kind of remedial legislation as would give its rights—8523. This would leave undoubtedly the right for the local legislature to regulate secular teaching in the separate schools—8524.

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Still, as it is an improvement upon the amended clause submitted to us, I am prepared to support it—8525.

I rise to a point of order. This discussion is entirely outside of the clause before the committee—8565. Laurier has made a case upon this question which goes far beyond, in convincing power, the one made this afternoon by Lemieux—8581-2. This afternoon Lemieux made an address, in which he said there was no compact—8583. Rupert's Land included not only what is Manitoba to-day, but a large section of the Territories—8584. That because the Dominion parliament limited the actual application of their claim to the then created province of Manitoba, that meant that this parliament did not want to give the application of those claims to the rest of the Territories—8585-6. Why would it be such a break in 1905 to establish for all time the dual language in the Northwest Territories?—8587. It was to create there a British colony, but also an Anglo-French alliance that would endure for all time—8588. Why do you not join hands together, and instead of catering for French votes or for English votes, look to the future—8589. The French language was the birthright of the country—8590. In thirty or forty years probably three-quarters of the people in the Northwest will be neither French nor English—8591. I say that it would be the duty of this parliament to make that country an Anglo-French country—8592. I want the law to be as it was in 1877. I want the law to be as it is in the province of Quebec—8593. We should, without restriction and without equivocation, make the French language one of the official languages—8594. That is exactly the point which is contradicted by the figures which were given by Lemieux—8595. It matters very little to me what Lapointe may think or say concerning me—8618. I have already denied under my signature having anything to do with the editorials of the 'Nationaliste'—8619.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Inland Revenue)—7131.

Four kinds of schools in the Northwest shown by the inspector's report—7131. Understood Bergeron to declare by his vote that the French language was not official in the Northwest—7135. When the question came up before the House in 1890—7136.

I have here a statement signed by the Deputy Minister of Instruction for the Northwest Territories—8333. Schools are divided into public schools, Roman Catholic public schools and Roman Catholic separate schools—8334. Will Sproule please give us the date of the article?—8350. I looked at the statement in that paper, and found that as quoted it was materially altered—8351. I am sure that was not published in 'Le Canada'—8352. Other statements have already been read in this House as having appeared in 'Le