

men, and the feeble minority found to resist the second reading of the Bill, by which, what we must regard as unrighteous, is intended to become law.

A glance at some of the sections of this obnoxious Bill reveals to an intelligent reader its true nature and spirit:

#### FIVE HEADS OF FAMILIES MAY CALL A PUBLIC MEETING.

Sec. 2.—Any number of persons, no less than five, being heads of families, and freeholders or householders, resident within any school section of any Township, Village or Town, or within any ward of any City or Town, and being Roman Catholics, may convene a public meeting of persons desiring to establish a Separate School for Roman Catholics, in such School Section or ward, for the management of the same.

#### POWER OF TRUSTEES.

Sec. 6.—The Trustees of such Separate Schools forming a body corporate under this Act, shall have the same power to impose, levy and collect school rates or subscriptions, upon and from persons sending children to, or subscribing towards the support of such schools, and all other powers in respect of Separate Schools, as the Trustees of Common Schools have and possess under the provisions of the Act relating to Common Schools.

#### EXEMPTION FROM COMMON SCHOOL RATES.

Sec. 11.—Every person paying rates, whether as proprietor or tenant, who, by himself or his agent, on or before the first day of March in any year, gives, or who on or before the 1st day of March of the present year, has given, to the Clerk of the Municipality, notice that he is a Roman Catholic, and a supporter of a Separate School situated in the said Municipality, or in a Municipality contiguous thereto, shall be exempted from the payment of all rates imposed for the support of Common Schools, and of Common School Libraries, or for the purchase of land or erection of buildings for Common School purposes, within the Municipality, for the then current year, and every subsequent year thereafter, while he continues a supporter of a Separate School. And such notice shall not be required to be renewed annually; and it shall be the duty of the Trustees of every Separate School to transmit to the Clerk of the Municipality or Clerks of Municipalities (as the case may be) on or before the first day of June in each year, a correct list of the names of all persons supporting the Separate Schools under their management.

#### SEPARATE SCHOOLS ENTITLED TO A SHARE OF THE PUBLIC GRANT.

Sec. 15.—Every such Separate School shall be entitled to a share in the fund annually granted by the Legislature of this Province for the support of Common Schools, and shall be entitled also to a share in all other public grants and allotments for Common School purposes made by the Province or the Municipal authorities, according to the average number of pupils attending such school during the twelve next preceding months, or during the number of months which may have elapsed from the establishment of a new Separate School, as compared with the whole average number of pupils attending school in the same City, Town, Village or Township.

This section provides that the pupils be reckoned irrespective of age.

#### AVERAGE NUMBER OF PUPILS.

Sec. 16.—But no such Separate School shall be entitled to a share in any such fund, unless the average number of pupils so attending the same be fifteen or more (periods of epidemic or contagious diseases excepted).

#### HOLIDAYS.

Sec. 21 provides, that the holidays and vacations appointed by the Board of Public Instruction "shall not be binding on Roman Catholic Separate Schools,