

cluding such a desirable consummation. The government has also considered the difficulties to be met with in preparing and perfecting legislation on so important and intricate a question during the last hours of the session. The government has, therefore, decided not to ask Parliament to deal with remedial legislation during the present session. A communication will be sent immediately to the Manitoba Government on the subject, with a view to ascertaining whether that government is disposed to make a settlement of the question which will be reasonably satisfactory to the minority of that province, without making it necessary to call into requisition the powers of the Dominion Parliament. A session of the present Parliament will be called together to meet not later than the 1st Thursday of January next. If by that time the Manitoba Government fails to make a satisfactory arrangement to remedy the grievance of the minority, the Dominion Government will be prepared at the next session of Parliament to be called, as above stated, to introduce and press to a conclusion such legislation as will afford an adequate measure of relief to the said minority, based upon the lines of the judgment of the Privy Council and the remedial order of the 21st of March, 1895."

A few days after this announcement, Mr. Dalton McCarthy moved: "That all the words after 'That' be left out, and the following inserted instead thereof:

"This House has heard with regret the statements recently made defining the policy of the government respecting the Manitoba school question, and is unwilling by silence to allow it to be assumed that, at the session to be held in January next, any more than at the present session, it is prepared to pass a law to restore the system of separate schools in Manitoba on the lines of the remedial order of the 21st of March, 1895."

The debate which ensued was confined almost exclusively to the members upon the government side of the House, and the difficulties to be encountered became manifest as some of the best men in that party announced that they would be unable to support the government's proposition if made at the ensuing session. Almost everybody, however, was agreed that, as one member put it, "It is time enough to say good morning to His Majesty when you meet him," and that the troublesome question should be postponed until January. Mr. McCarthy was unable to get sufficient support to call for a division.

This brings the history of the Manitoba school case down to the present time. It is to be hoped that the Provincial Government will, during the interval, agree to remedy the grievances. If it do not, there can be little doubt that remedial legislation will be passed at the next session of the Federal Parliament. This may, and no doubt will, lead to further litigation, but the stronger hand of the Dominion must prevail, and justice and right, so long delayed, be awarded to the Roman Catholic minority in the province of Manitoba. The ghost must down again.

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