

We beg to inform Your Grace of the more important happenings since our letter of April 27th. On the afternoon of April 27th, after you had received our letter you were informed of our intention to bring the whole matter before the civil courts, to which Your Grace raised no objection. An injunction prohibiting the raising of the \$275,000. debentures and the paying of teachers not possessing the proper legal qualifications and the teachers not obeying the regulations of the Department was applied for in Toronto, April 28th, and an Interim Injunction to that effect was granted and is still in force. A Mandatory Order was asked requiring the Board and its servants to conform to the regulations of the Department. The case is still sub judice. In view of the recent decision in the Green Valley case, we have no doubt as to the result. We include the statement to our electors, published in the *Citizen* of May 5th, explaining why the matter was brought to the Courts.

The bilingual trustees are assuming every day a more defiant attitude towards the English speaking Catholics, and towards the Government. Mr. Freeland stated in the *Citizen* of May 5th, that if Regulation 17 was enforced every Separate School in the City would be made a bilingual one, and all the present teachers in the English speaking schools replaced in time with bilingual teachers. He introduced at the meeting of the Board, May 13th, a notice of motion to that effect, worded as follows:—

"That at the next meeting of the Board, if Regulation 17 is enforced, that preparations be made to intermix French children with the English children in the school rooms under our jurisdiction, and that a local inspector be appointed by the Board to organize the schools, in accordance with the best interests of the children of both sections."

That resolution outrages the natural rights of English speaking Catholics. If it were enforced, English speaking parents would send their children to the only English schools that would be left them—namely the Public Schools. However, we intend to fight it, if necessary, in the Courts and in the Legislature.

At the same meeting of the School Board, the bilingual trustees made the noted French anticlerical Mr. Genest, the czar of all the Separate Schools of Ottawa. The Resolution was as follows:

"That in the event of the injunction proceedings, as instituted by R. Mackell and others, against this Board, and which are now pending, being maintained and Regulation 17, of the Department of Education being upheld, and its enforcement insisted on, the Chairman of the Board, if in his discretion he should deem it proper and advisable in the interests of this Board to do so, be and is authorized to dispose, as soon as he deems it advisable with all or any of the lay teachers at present employed by the Board upon proper notice being given to such teachers.

And that the chairman be also authorized, in the event of so dispensing with such lay teachers, to retain the services of such other teachers as may be qualified to teach in the schools under the control of the Board, in accordance with the requirements of the situation which may result from the maintenance of such injunction proceedings and the upholding of such Regulation 17. The authority herein conferred on the Chairman, shall be by him exercised at his discretion at such time or times as he may deem necessary, in the interests of this Board, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Rules and Regulations."

The vote on the motion was:

YEAS: Chairman Genest; Trustees Armstrong, Bettez, Bourcier, La-Rochelle, Lemieux, Le Cierc, Raymond, Rioux, St. Germain, Freeland and Cain (12).

NAVS: Trustees—Brennar, Finn, Lanigan, O'Neill, Sims and Mackell (6).

Your Grace will admit that this Resolution which is illegal, could easily have a most disastrous effect on our schools. Yet Mr. Genest and his bilingual school trustees, who are jeopardizing the Separate Schools of Ottawa by these tactics are supported by the local French Catholic Daily, "*Le Droit*", and by the French clergy.

Since Your Grace left, "*Le Droit*" has continued its campaign of slander against English speaking Catholics, the following two extracts may serve as a sample:

"Mais aujourd'hui ce n'est plus seulement la lutte avec l'ennemi séculaire, L'Orangisme, c'est une guerre fratricide. Et comme ils doivent s'amuser, les chefs ennemis qui ont été assez habiles pour allumer cette guerre! Comme ils doivent jouir de voir des Irlandais, fils des victimes de l'Orangisme en Irlande,