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Private.

Sir Arthur Currie,
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Montreal. Que.,

Dear Sir Arthur,

At a sub-committee meeting recently, I consulted Mr. Howard Murray, Dr. Parmelee, Dr. Percival, and other members as to the desirability of presenting some facts dealing with the Pension Fund for teachers to the next meeting of the Protestant Committee on Friday, November 27, in order to elicit their support for additional Government grants to the Pension Fund, and certain amendments to the law which are being asked by Roman Catholic teachers and Protestant teachers to remove certain inequalities and unfairnesses in the Act. It was understood that I would prepare a memorandum and submit it in advance of the meeting so that members would have the facts before them previous to the meeting, and, therefore, would be able to give some intelligent attention to the matter.

A further suggestion was made that this document when prepared might be submitted to the Chairman of the Protestant Committee to see whether the Committee's support could be granted.

I have learned from Dr. Percival by long distance telephone that the Hon. Walter Mitchell, Chairman of the Protestant Committee has expressed himself as being violently opposed to bringing the matter before the Protestant Committee, and as having stated that it would be far better to go direct to the Government. Meetings are being arranged by delegations from Roman Catholic and Protestant teachers and members of the Government on Thursday, December 3rd, on the day when the Pension Commission meets in Quebec. Furthermore, informal meetings are being held with members of the Legislature on the evening before, or, at least, arrangements are expected to be made for this purpose. Of course, if the Hon. Mr. Mitchell violently opposed this report in the Protestant Committee, and if the Protestant Committee decided to lay the report on the table and take no action, the teacher's claims might receive a set-back in place of assistance. I, therefore, agreed to with-hold this report, and refrain from submitting it to the Protestant Committee.

However, I know that you are sufficiently interested in all matters connected with teachers, and, therefore, would like to know some of the facts which as a Pension Commissioner I am able to report. I am, therefore, enclosing herewith privately and confidentially, a copy of this report for your information only.

Noted
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