

Hon. Mr. SPROULE: It deals with the liberty or power of the province of Ontario by an Order in Council to substitute a School Commission for a Board of Trustees. That was it.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY: I trust the honourable gentleman will permit me to differ with him entirely on that point. We are going to get the judgment of the Privy Council, and I will try to convince my honourable friend from Grey that the judgment of the Privy Council is on the lines which I have just stated. Moreover, the judgment of the Privy Council stated that the regulation was couched in such obscure terms that they could not find what its real meaning was.

Hon. Mr. SPROULE: Then they could not say it was to prevent French from being taught.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN: Well, get the judgment.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY: At all events, your own judges in the province of Ontario have condemned our teachers to jail or to certain penalties because they were teaching French one hour a day in the schools.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL: Sent them to jail for teaching an hour a day?

Hon. Mr. LANDRY: Yes.

Hon. Mr. SPROULE: That is not so.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY: That is the case. That is the interpretation given by the Ontario courts to that regulation. In interpreting it they said, "You must not teach the French language." I am speaking of the Green Valley case.

Hon. Mr. SPROULE: The honourable gentleman (Hon. Mr. Landry) has made a statement which is an allegation of fact, that is, that the teachers were condemned and sent to jail for teaching French one hour a day. I deny that, and challenge the statement.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN: What do you deny?

Hon. Mr. SPROULE: I deny that it ever occurred.

Hon. Mr. CHOQUETTE: Do you deny that the penalty was imposed?

Hon. Mr. LANDRY: In the Green Valley case, to which I am alluding, here are the facts. Green Valley is not one of the schools which have been declared to be bilingual schools. You know that under regulation 17 the first thing that is done in order

to apply the regulation is that the Minister of Education announces each year which schools are to be considered as bilingual. A school not included in that declaration by the minister is not regarded as a bilingual school. Take Windsor, for instance. In Windsor there are three schools: one has a French attendance of 45 per cent, the other has 65 per cent of French pupils, and the third has 85 per cent. The minister's promulgation declared the first of these to be bilingual, the one in which 45 per cent of the pupils were French; and though there are in the same locality a school where the French attendance is 65 per cent and another where it is 85 per cent, these are not bilingual schools, because the minister refuses to issue a proclamation which would make them bilingual and subject to regulation 17. So the first requirement is the good will of the minister. We cannot get it. The school at Green Valley could not get it. They asked for it, as the schools of Windsor asked for it, and they could not get it. Do you see where the difficulty comes in? In the case of a school which is not bilingual, it comes under regulation 12, under which German or French may be taught one hour per day in such a school. The Green Valley was not a bilingual school, and there regulation 12 was in force. Under regulation 12 the teacher tried to teach French during one hour. The Green Valley case is a special case. Do you know what the teacher was teaching in that hour? He taught catechism for ten minutes of that time. Catechism is with us a religious matter; it is the teaching of our religion. That was brought before the courts and the courts decided that, as it was not a bilingual school, the teacher had no right to teach any French in the school for one hour because the French did not prevail in the district and moreover because during this hour the teacher had taught catechism, which was not one of the subjects he was allowed to teach. In a Catholic minority school—

Hon. Mr. GORDON: Was that a mixed school or a separate school?

Hon. Mr. LANDRY: It was a separate school—a Catholic minority school.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN: What was the number of French pupils and what was the number of English pupils?

Hon. Mr. LANDRY: In that school the totality was French Canadian.