

with the allowance out of the county school fund to teachers, shall be expended in the maintenance of the schools in the public school building.

No charge to be made for the use of the convent school buildings.

The schools in the two rooms of the primary and intermediate departments of the public school building to be under the control of the Protestant Trustee and all grades or departments above the intermediate to be managed by the whole Board.

The basis of this agreement is that the Protestants and Catholic Trustees shall severally control in their respective departments as above outlined, and in case of a difference of opinion occurring the Chief Superintendent of Education is hereby accepted as an arbitrator between them.

It will easily be perceived that by this plan no part of the money paid by Protestants will go to the support of the conventual schools and the majority will be called upon to give up their inherent right to elect the whole Board of Trustees, and the majority of the Board will concede their right to control all the schools in the district. These are the salient features of the plan which would commend themselves to the Protestant people, but this is also true that it is in a certain sense a departure from the act. In defense of that, however, it might be urged that the existing arrangement in other parts of the Province, such as St. John, Fredericton, Chatham and other places are also still greater departures from the act.

Now as there appears to be a misapprehension in some quarters respecting the conduct of the Protestant counsel in this matter, and as some of the good brethren have expressed themselves as opposed to our course I may be pardoned for introducing a few words of explanation.

When we came to consider the whole question after the evidence was all in and the argument concluded we asked ourselves what were the results.

If the commissioner reports adversely nothing will be immediately gained by the enquiry except the production of the evidence to the country and the preparation of a ground work for a religious war such as agitated the country at the passing of the act in 1871. If, on the other hand, the report is in our favor it means the disruption of the existing state of things in these places where now everything is going on harmoniously,