

ing dictates from any of them. We are but doing our duty when we consider the requests of any and every class of the community, and when we give effect to them on a case being made out in their favor. Bishops of the Church of England, and clergymen of various Protestant denominations, have repeatedly interviewed myself about legislation desired, and have done so far oftener than Roman Catholic Bishops or clergymen have interviewed me about anything. Such legislation as my colleagues and myself have thought reasonable and proper we have recommended from time to time to the Legislative Assembly; and the result is to be found amongst our Statutes. When thus interviewed I did not suppose these Protestant Bishops or Protestant clergy were demanding or dictating the legislation they asked for, and they themselves did not think so. Neither had I the slightest reason for regarding the Roman Catholic Bishops or clergy as dictating or demanding anything in respect of any matters about which they ever interviewed myself or any of my colleagues. Roman Catholic Bishops or clergy, any more than Protestant Bishops or Protestant clergy, never asserted or assumed any special claim to be heard, or any right to have any request granted. On the contrary, without any exception, in all our intercourse with Roman Catholic Bishops or clergymen, or with leading Roman Catholic laymen, they assumed and recognized that the whole responsibility of every bit of patronage and of every other act of administration or legislation rested with the Government, as representing a community five-sixths of which are Protestant, as I myself am and as all but one of my colleagues are. They invariably addressed us as having the same absolute discretion to exercise as in the case of other applicants and people, and as needing in the same way to be convinced of the propriety and reasonableness of what was asked.

AMENDMENTS TO SCHOOL ACT REQUISITE.

In the Separate School legislation now on the statute book my colleagues and myself, in common with the whole Legislature, were simply doing what we regarded our duty as representing the whole community. Most of us in the Legislature were Protestants, and all its members, with the exception of perhaps three or four, represented Protestant constituencies. As Protestants we regard the Romish faith with disfavor, but, notwithstanding fundamental differences of religious creed, Protestants should be, and I venture to say that in general they are, broad-minded enough to form a sound and impartial judgment on all reasonable