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THE  
SEPARATE SCHOOLS ACT.

*Facts for the Electors.*

MOWAT OPPOSED SEPARATE SCHOOLS

The Conservatives Passed  
the Act.

The separate school law was passed in 1863 and made part of the constitution by the confederation act and cannot now be altered except by the Dominion and Imperial parliaments. All the leading reformers voted against it and not one for it. All the leading Tories voted for it. And it was passed by a vote of 78 to 30.

*Tories—Voted for.*

- SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD.
- A. P. CARON.
- G. E. CARTIER.
- LANGÉVIN.
- RYKERT.
- SIR JOHN ROSE.
- CARLING.
- TASCHEREAU.

*Reformers—Voted against.*

- OLIVER MOWAT.
- GEORGE BROWN.
- ALEX. MACKENZIE.
- BIGGAR.
- HARCOURT.
- McKELLAR.
- and others.

And yet they have the impudence to say the reformers are responsible for separate schools.

THE AMENDMENTS.

*First amendment, 1877,* provided that the assessor should put on roll whether supporter of public and separate schools and provided for appeal to court of revision instead of the clerk having to do it, and no appeal from any mistakes he might make.

Was that not a fair and proper amendment? How did it help Catholics? Was it not right to have appeals provided for?

*The second amendment, 1879,* provided that the assessor should accept the statement that a ratepayer was a Roman Catholic as prima facie evidence that he was a separate school supporter. This did

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