

Whereas the existence of such a system of denominational schools by practice previous to and at the time of the union, and by law since the union, has created rights and privileges in matter of education to Catholic and Protestant denominations alike.

Whereas a part of the protection afforded to all by clause 93 of the British North America Act, 1867, it has been enacted by clause xxii of the Manitoba Act, that:

"XXII. In and for the Province, the said Legislature may exclusively make laws in relation to education, subject and according to the following provisions:

"(1) Nothing in any such law shall prejudicially affect any right or privilege with respect to denominational schools which any class of persons have by law or practice in the province at the Union.

"(2) An appeal shall lie to the Governor General in Council from any act or decision of the Legislature of the province, or of any provincial authority affecting any right or privilege of the Protestant or Roman Catholic minority of the Queen's subjects in relation to education;"

Whereas two bills respectively intituled "An Act respecting the Department of Education," "An Act respecting Public Schools," have been adopted by the Legislature of the Province of Manitoba, at the session closed on the 31st day of March, A.D. 1890, and whereas such legislation has prejudicially affected the rights and privileges of the Catholic minority of this Province with respect to Catholic schools, inasmuch as by said Acts the said Catholic schools of this Province are wiped out.

The Catholic section of the Board of Education in and for the Province of Manitoba, most respectfully and earnestly pray His Excellency the Governor General in Council, that said last mentioned Acts be disallowed to all intents and purposes, and your petitioners will ever pray.

ALEX., Archbishop of St. Boniface, O.M.I.,  
*President of the Catholic Section of Board of Education.*

T. A. BERNIER,  
*Department of Education for the Catholic Section.*

WINNIPEG, 7th day of April, 1890.

OTTAWA, 26th April, 1890.

The undersigned, respectively Members of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, fully endorse the contents of the present memorial, and earnestly join in the prayer therein contained.

A. A. LARIVIÈRE, *M.P. for Provencher, Man.*

M. A. GIRARD, Senator.

## No. 4.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, WINNIPEG, March 31st, 1890.

SIR,—I have the honour to transmit herewith, copies of certain representations made to me by Honourable James E. P. Prendergast, M.P.P. for Woodlands, on behalf of the present M.P.P.'s for Carillon, Cartier, LaVerandrye, Morris, St. Boniface, and himself, regarding certain Bills, viz.:—

"An Act to provide that the English language shall be the official language of the Province of Manitoba"; "An Act respecting Public Schools"; and "An Act respecting the Department of Education," passed during the Third Session of the Seventh Provincial Legislature, to which assent was given this day by me.

I have, etc.,

JOHN SCHULTZ, *Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Honourable the Secretary of State, Ottawa.