

fund of \$1,252 it is also reasonably clear that the chief efforts in raising a large portion of the fund—about \$900—by a bazaar which lasted a week, was made by the residents of this school section and carried out largely under their auspices.

On Sunday, January 20th, 1907, the priest announced from the altar that \$1,252 had been raised, that \$652 would be devoted to the furnace, while the other half was to furnish the Sisters with a home, and to dispose of this sum he called a meeting of the ratepayers of School Section No. 8, to be held in the school house that same Sunday afternoon.

Up to this point the facts are tolerably clear, but as to the determination of the meeting and what took place at it there are grave contradictions. Of course it is scarcely necessary to say that as a legal proceeding this school meeting, if it can be so called, has no validity whatever. The school law of this province provides the only means and circumstances under which a school meeting shall be held, and this meeting fulfils in no particular these conditions, and therefore as a meeting having any power to transact sectional business legally it may be dismissed and must be regarded as a mere assembling together of some or most of the ratepayers to talk over matters, but with no power to do anything having any legal force under the Act. This meeting is only important as a step in a chain of events leading up to something which may come within the purview of the Court. One or two incidents of this meeting are common ground. The priest, Father Trenett, presided, and the first proposition submitted to the meeting was whether the people really wanted the Sisters or not, there having apparently been some difference of opinion on this point. He was assured that without taking any vote all wanted the Sisters.

Now comes the difference as to further proceedings. The plaintiff's witnesses declare that it was decided that the money be devoted to the purchase of a home for the Sisters, but on the condition that it should be the home of the Sisters as long as they remained in the parish, but when they should leave it should revert to and become the property of the school section. That a resolution to this effect was drawn up and adopted, which it was determined the priest should have typewritten, and it was typewritten the same day and