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Since the agitation in this matter first began there has been from time to time talk of a basis of settlement of difficulty being arrived at, and at the conclusion of the hearing Mr. Skinner asked the friends at Bathurst if they cared to have a settlement of the matter provided terms satisfactory to them could be arranged for, and they told him that such was their desire. The matter was further and at length discussed at the special meeting of the Grand Lodge called to consider the whole matter, but the proposed settlement was rejected.

During the month of October last, with a view to obtaining a settlement, the Protestant people of Bathurst appointed a committee of five persons composed of Revs. A. F. Thompson and J. Sellars and Messrs. Dr. W. P. Bishop, W. R. Johnson and V. illiam Rogers.

These gentlemen drew up a basis of settlement consisting of eight propositions and handed the same to Hon. Mr. Skinner who submitted them to the other side through their counsel, Mr. Lawlor, but no agreement was reached. Afterward a meeting of representatives of both parties met at Bathurst with the counsel on both sides but no agreement was had. Then the counsel met and formulated another basis of settlement taking the first proposition as a ground work and interviewed certain members of the Board of Education to know if the terms would be agreed to by the Board provided they were accepted by both parties, and the members so consulted agreed that no objection would be offered by the Board provided both parties would agree to accept the same.

The following is an outline of the proposed basis of settlement :—

The agreement to be in writing and to be signed by the counsel representing both interests.

One Protestant Trustee to be elected to the Board. Such trustee to be approved of by a majority of the Protestant rate-payers present at the school meeting at which such trustee is elected.

That out of the general school fund fixed charges, such as interest, principal accruing due, insurance and sinking fund (if any) be first paid and a sum equal to the balance of the rates paid in by the Protestant rate-payers added to the proportion of the county school fund earned by the proportionate attendance of the Protestant pupils in the primary and intermediate departments of the public school building, together