

DEAN BRITAIN: The important point is Equalization.

DR. PERCIVAL: The equalization of assessments is one of the vital things throughout the Province. They differ.

DEAN HENDEL: What about the outside area? Are there any special difficulties about that?

DR. PERCIVAL: Well, it happens that when the Survey Committee was appointed, a draft bill had been brought before the Protestant Committee for what was called County Central School Boards. In that bill it was proposed that, in the most populous districts, for Protestant school purposes, there should be Central School Boards.

That did not mean that all the Province of Quebec should be divided-- simply the areas in which there are the greatest number of children.

At that time eighteen County Central School Boards were proposed. These were proposed in this bill as a result of a conference of the Inspectors. The Inspectors all met together and stated their opinions as to the areas that could be amalgamated in this way, and they proposed that there be five members on each of these County Central School Boards.

The idea was there are in the Protestant areas, thickly populated or comparatively populated, some men who are outstanding in public spirit, interested in school affairs and with knowledge of school affairs, and it was thought, if you could get together a few men