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up all clauses undisposed of—8175—and leave the educational clauses—8176. The intention is to continue the conditions existing in the Northwest Territories—8240. This is a matter that ought to be settled by conference—8241. It would be the law as they have it in the province after this Act is passed—8242. Can only deal with one educational problem at a time—8243. Moves two amendments to section 24—8244. This matter will eventually have to be settled by the province—8249. Moves a substitute clause for section 20—8256-7. Amendment to land clause—8257. It would be just as well to reserve our remarks until the third reading—8260. I have a report that will help to elucidate the point involved, which I will send to Borden—8269. I think the time has arrived when we ought clearly to define our position on this question—8292. Unless there is other and further legislation by the new provinces, the existing legislation disappears—8293. The wish of the Conservative party is to leave to the future provinces the question of determining what are to be the rights—8294. Of course, it is not possible for us on this side to accept the principle contained in Borden's amendment—8295. What Mr. McCarthy and George Brown both contended—8296. The law respecting that question as it is now in the Territories will be continued in its present form—8328. The Privy Council has said so; that does not make any difference—8343. He has several on your side—8348. Will Sproule quote the original?—8351. About what date, so that we can trace it up?—8353. Sproule does not understand what he is talking about—8357. The first amendment will have that effect—8389. My statement is that the treaty was given to the country and not to individuals—8394. That is theology—8408. I presume I may now put some questions to Bergeron in conformity with his suggestion—8414. I do not think it does, as I shall point out. In what respects does it differ from the original clause 16?—8415. If the original clause had remained, Bergeron would not have moved this amendment—8416. I would like Bergeron to say if these words in any way affect his opinion with respect to the relative merits of the two sections—8417. I do not think Bergeron had any conception of what was involved in his amendment—8418. Would Bergeron be good enough to tell me what he means by the words 'school section' in subsection (c)?—8419. It gives to the Roman Catholic minority of the Northwest Territories absolutely nothing at all—8420. The original clause which was brought down showed better draftsmanship than does the clause in the form in which it is now—8421. The drafting that I brought down was good. If I do say it myself, it was pretty good—8423. If I were to attempt any criticism of myself in this matter, I would not criticise my drafting, but my good nature—8424. If

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that be the cause, why waste the time of this House in moving the same amendment twice over?—8425. It does not guarantee to the Roman Catholic minority, when they happen to be the majority, any privileges—8426. I must say that I never received any such letter as that stated by Léonard—8441. If that be conceded, what would become of the existing school legislation of the Northwest Territories?—8445. Monk says that their position is made clear by the amendment now proposed—8448. Does Monk think that the second clause goes further in the direction of protecting the rights and privileges of the minorities than the first?—8449. I will now repeat to Monk what was said by Borden with respect to this second clause—8450. Section 16, No. 1, was, in my humble judgment, an ideal clause—8451. It was a question of giving to the minority what they get under clause 16, No. 2, or giving them nothing—8452. There is not the slightest doubt entertained by this government as to our right to deal with this matter—8454. The government, as at present constituted, would never apply to the imperial authorities for interference—8455. Yes; I have met Bergeron, and he cannot say I have ever been beaten yet—8461. Bergeron threatens us with the province of Quebec and what is going to happen to us when we go before the people—8463. It is rather a dangerous thing to assume too much—8474. Laurier took the position which I think I should take—8504. In what respect do we limit the power of the province?—8505. The trustees, representing the rate-payers, shall have the power and the right to determine—8507. I have adopted that clause because these cases are the only cases in which territories came in as territories—8527. The effect of the ordinance applies to the use of the language in the legislative assembly, but not in the courts—8568. It was never referred to once in the course of the debate on the Bill of Rights—8583. It has never been accepted—8585. What I asked was whether Borden knows whether anything has ever been based on that Bill of Rights—8602. But to do this would be a departure from the British North America Act. What would become of section 92?—8606. A parliamentary compact under the Act of 1875, quoting the words of the Privy Council—8628. A very distinct line of cleavage between the educational privilege in the B. N. A. Act and the question of language—8631. We depart in several instances from the provisions of the B. N. A. Act—8632. If we did not adopt this amendment we were going to abolish the French language in the Northwest Territories—8633. That is what we are doing; we are not taking away anything—8634. Moved to strike out the word 'July' and substitute therefore the word 'October'—8634. On Tuesday we would be ready to dispose of the whole legislation with respect to the new provinces—8636.