

Since that time the Roman Catholic Teachers have been circulating a petition embodying the same requests that were previously made to the Cabinet. The Protestant Teachers have circulated the same petition and have received the signatures of the majority of teachers throughout the Province. On November 11, there were no fewer than 1174 from outside the Cities of Westmount and Montreal. 100 per cent of the Protestant Teachers in Montreal signed the petition also.

It is a matter of considerable gratification to know that the Protestant Teachers and the Catholic Teachers are harmonious and united in the requests that are being made. These requests are as follows:-

- a. That the amount of the pension awarded to a teacher shall be calculated on the basis of three per cent of the average salary for the best twenty five years of service, for every officer of primary instruction;
- b. That the maximum pension shall be \$1500;
- c. That interest at the rate of 4 per cent shall be paid on the accumulated surplus;
- d. That the Government shall vote an annual grant of 50 per cent of the stoppages paid by the officers of primary instruction;
- e. That ten dollars shall be granted instead of five annually for each year of service above twenty until the pension reaches \$400 instead of \$300;
- f. That the Alliance of Catholic Teachers in Montreal shall name an additional member of the Administrative Commission;
- g. That the extension of the time allowed to pay stoppages for the half pension granted widows shall be continued till the end of the year 1932;

It will be seen that these requests fall into the following divisions:-

1. Additional financial support.
2. The removal of certain inequalities and certain unfairnesses in the present law.
3. An additional representative from the Catholic Alliance.

With regard to the first it is absolutely unfair that the Government should hold a surplus without paying interest, yet this has been the case for many years.