

Ontario to make them bi-lingual institutions. Just as they have assumed control of primary schools and have made the French language predominant there they wish to Gallicize the secondary schools. We can best describe the situation by dealing with the schools individually.

The Rockland High School, in the County of Russell, was organized in 1905. From the time of its erection it passed into the control of the French Roman Catholic ratepayers. The chairman of the High School Board during these years has been the parish priest, Rev. Father P. S. Hudson. The Separate School of the town sent a representative to hold a seat on the board; the Public School Board considering it had the same privilege established by law did likewise, but were amazed when the High School Board refused to grant them representation. This discourtesy was shown to the Protestants in spite of the fact that they pay nearly fifty per cent. of the taxes which support the school. As might be expected, the Protestant ratepayers of Rockland objected to this treatment and brought the matter before the Department of Education, and ultimately before the courts. Here a decision was given against them owing to some technical phrase in the terms of the Education Act. Disappointed in this quarter these ratepayers, smarting from a sense of injustice, saw to it that the wording of the Act was changed at the last session of the Ontario Legislature. The Public School Board will, therefore, perforce, have a representative on the High School Board of Rockland in 1910. But for four years they have been denied this common courtesy by the Roman Catholic French majority. This ungracious behavior on the part of the majority of the High School Board, of which the parish priest is chairman, is characteristic of the treatment meted out to the Protestant minority of Rockland by that arrogant body.

The High School of Rockland is managed for the benefit of French Roman Catholics, and the Protestants are discriminated against. The High School Board is-