

to pay to the latter a fixed proportion of the total amount collected for the year for school purposes, instead of the amount, be it more or less, which, on an account being taken, might be found to have been actually collected for Separate Schools. The enactment is to be found in R. S. O., 1887, c. 227, s. 56. What such proportion should be may be calculated to a cent, assuming that all school rates will be paid. In the campaign of 1886 the Conservative journals professed to be afraid that the Municipal Councils would abuse this power, to the advantage of Roman Catholics. This pretence is plainly idle, for the Municipal Councils in such cases are Protestants. As I have already said, wherever there is a Roman Catholic Separate School the Protestants form a majority of the population and a majority in the Municipal Council; the Roman Catholics do not establish a Separate School where they outnumber the Protestants, and therefore control the Public Schools; they establish Separate Schools where their people are a minority in the municipality; and the amendment was made as a matter of possible convenience to the Protestant Council and Roman Catholic Trustees, in case both should for any year desire to make the division in this form.

AMENDMENT OF 1885—HIGH SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

An amendment made in 1885 respecting High Schools in certain cases, is the next in order, and was also assailed in the campaign of 1886, though it had passed unanimously in the previous year after some very mild remarks by Mr. Meredith. This is another of the amendments passed in what was believed to be the interest of Protestants as well as Roman Catholics. By the amendment referred to, now constituting Section 20 of the High School Act, R. S. O., c. 226, power was given to the Trustees of Separate Schools to appoint a member of the High School Board. Why was this? The Municipal Council being Protestants, they hardly ever appointed a Roman Catholic to the High School Board. Indeed not one instance of it was known to the House when this provision was passed. The Minister of Education afterwards discovered that there were a few instances, not in all twenty (so far as known) out of the 624 High School Trustees in the province. To give to the Roman Catholics a Trustee on the High School Board where there were Separate Schools would be agreeable to them, and I perceived that the suggestion was a good one from a Protestant standpoint as well. Protestants pretty generally desire to encourage mixed schools of every class. We think it a good thing for the whole population that our youth of