

because such teachers would not, from conscientious scruples, agree to teach the Roman Catholic catechism to the pupils of said schools.

13. That arrangements have been entered into between the Board of Education and the Trustees of School Districts Number 15 and 16 in said County of Gloucester, under which teachers have been employed with the distinct understanding that they will impart religious instruction in the tenets of the Roman Catholic church to the pupils in the schools of the said school districts after the regular school hours and before the said pupils have departed to their several homes, thereby infringing upon and attempting to destroy the non-sectarian character of the schools in the said districts in the said County of Gloucester.

14. That in certain of the schools in the County of Gloucester the Roman Catholic catechism has been taught within school hours.

That Roman Catholic prayers have been used within such hours in said schools.

That Protestant children have been in the habit of kneeling in said schools within said school hours and crossing themselves along with the Roman Catholic pupils.

That in one or more instances Protestant children have been ordered by their teachers in said schools to so kneel and cross themselves.

That in one instance a Protestant pupil in one of said schools was ordered by the teacher of such school to leave the same because he would not kneel in said school with the Roman Catholic pupils, and the said Protestant pupil did leave the school under and by reason of such order.

15. That generally the acts of the Legislature of the Province of New Brunswick regarding the common public schools have been violated and disregarded by the trustees of the schools in said districts in the County of Gloucester so as to bring such schools into harmony with, and make them subservient to the Roman Catholic church, and deprive such schools of their non-sectarian character, and to take away from Protestant pupils attending such schools the rights and privileges guaranteed by law to such Protestant pupils.

Dated the 18th day of May, 1893.

I have the honor to be

Your obedient servant

(Signed) A. F. THOMSON.

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North Teteagouche, May 20th, 1893.

To the Honorable John James Fraser, Judge of the Supreme Court,

Sir:—WHEREAS it has been asserted both in the press of the country and on the floors of the Local Legislature that the trustees of