

DR. PERCIVAL: Jews can get diplomas, but if it known

that a girl is a Jewess she does not have the same

DR. PERCIVAL: The equalization of assessments is one of chance of being engaged as if she was a Christian.

the vital things throughout the Province. They differ.

DEAN BRITTAIN: Do you see any other difficulties in con-

DEAN HEIDEL: What about the outside are? Are there any connection with the working of that?

special difficulties about that?

DR. PERCIVAL: No. I am inclined to think that setting

DR. PERCIVAL: Well, it happens that when the Survey Com- up of the Protestant Central School Board on the Island

mittee was appointed, a draft bill had been brought of Montreal may be the logical outcome of the present

before the Protestant Committee for what was called similar area under the control of the Protestant sec-

County Central School Boards. In that bill it was pro- tion. It seems, in view of the Jewish situation in

posed that, in the most populous districts, for Prot- Montreal, it seems as though the Protestant interests--

estant school purposes, there should be Central School I don't say they will be-- but it seems that the Prot-

Boards. estant interests might be affected by the maintenance

of the present system. That did not mean that all the Province of

Quebec should be divided-- simply the areas in which

You will remember a few years ago there was a there are the greatest number of children.

good deal of discussion about, with some people claim-

At that time sixteen County Central School ing there would be a two hundred thousand dollars sav-

Boards were proposed. These were proposed in this bill ing, others, two hundred and fifty thousand; one claimed

as a result of a conference of the Inspectors. The only twenty thousand, and still another, five hundred

Inspectors all met together and stated their opinions thousand. At that time, I was very much interested,

as to the areas that could be amalgamated in this way, and looked into the statements made, but I saw no de-

and they proposed that there be five members on each of tails in regard to the amount of saving there would be.

these County Central School Boards.

There were general figures, but there was no proof as

The idea was there are in the Protestant areas, to how much would be saved.

thickly populated or comparatively populated, some men

DR. WOODHEAD: Was there a general idea that there would

be some saving? and with knowledge of school affairs,

and it was thought, if you could get together a few men

DR. PERCIVAL: Yes.