

Treasury for the salaries of Separate School Inspectors was not more than Roman Catholics pay for Public School Inspectors from whose services Roman Catholics do not get any benefit. Thus, practically, the Separate School Inspectors are paid for by Roman Catholics out of their own money. Considering the efficiency of the Separate Schools, he maintained that the most desirable thing to do was to appoint these Inspectors. (Cheers.)

There was another point that hon. members complained about, but did not propose to remedy; and that is that in the Act of 1879 provision was made for

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Model Schools. The section relating to this provided: "The Education Department may authorize a Separate School in any county to be constituted a Model School for the training of teachers for Separate Schools, subject to the regulations of the Department, and where in any county such Model School has been established, or from the special circumstances of the Separate Schools therein the Minister of Education should deem it expedient, he may recommend for appointment by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council some one competent person, possessing qualifications prescribed by the Education Department, to be a member of the County Board of Examiners of such county in addition to the number now authorized, and who shall possess and discharge the like powers and duties as the other members of the Board." Now how many Separate Schools have been constituted Model Schools under this enactment? Not one.

MR. MEREDITH.—That was a small matter.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL.—My hon. friend says this is a small matter; but all the objections which he and others have raised upon the statutes are small matters. He (the Attorney-General) wished to point out that there was no practical grievance as regards these Model Schools.

The Attorney-General then dealt with the powers of legislation in respect to Separate Schools. There were difficulties he said in applying the provisions of the B.N.A. Act. He thought it was perfectly clear, although they had power to make regulations, and although they might amend in some respects the statutes relating to Separate Schools, that they had no power to interfere in any way with, at all events, the religious instructions given in these schools.

MR. MEREDITH.—Where does the hon. gentleman find a word about religious instruction in the whole of the Act?