

made on behalf of, any ratepayer under section 120 (2) of the Public Schools Act, in case he is made aware or ascertains before completing his roll that such ratepayer is not a Roman Catholic or has not given the notice required by section 40 of the Separate Schools Act, or is for any reason not entitled to exemption from Public School rates ?

Answer—The assessor is not bound to accept the statement of, or made on behalf of, any ratepayer under sec. 120 (2) of the Public Schools Act, in case he is made aware or ascertains before completing his roll that such ratepayer is not a Roman Catholic or has not given the notice required by sec. 40 of the Separate Schools Act, or is for any reason not entitled to exemption from Public School rates.

FOURTH QUESTION.

As recast by counsel on both sides after the argument : —

(a) In case a ratepayer, not being a Roman Catholic, is in any year wrongfully assessed as a Roman Catholic and supporter of Separate Schools, and through inadvertence or other causes did not appeal therefrom, is he or is he not estopped from claiming in such following or future year with reference to the assessment of such year that he is not a Roman Catholic ?

Answer—A ratepayer not a Roman Catholic, being wrongfully assessed as a Roman Catholic and supporter of Separate Schools, who through inadvertence or other causes does not appeal therefrom, is not estopped (nor are other ratepayers) from claiming with reference to the assessment of the following or future year that he is not a Roman Catholic.

(b) Is a ratepayer, being a Roman Catholic, and appearing on the assessment roll as a Roman Catholic and supporter of Separate Schools (although he had not given the notice under the 40th sec. of Separate Schools Act) and not having given the notice of withdrawal, mentioned in section 47 of the Separate Schools Act—is he or is he not estopped from claiming in such following or future year that he should not be placed as a supporter of Separate Schools, with reference to the assessment of such year, although he had not given the said notice of withdrawal ?

Answer—A ratepayer, being a Roman Catholic, and appearing in the assessment roll as a Roman Catholic and supporter of Separate Schools, who has not given the notice in writing of being such supporter mentioned in section 40 of the Separate Schools Act, is not (nor are the other ratepayers) estopped from claiming in the following or future year, that he should not be placed as a supporter of Separate Schools, with reference to the assessment of