

So far from our giving authority to religious persons to teach who could not qualify under Ontario law, it is expressly provided by the Separate School Act that teachers of even Separate Schools are subject to the same examinations and receive their certificates of examination in the same manner as Public School teachers under the general law, except as regards persons who were declared to be qualified as teachers by the law as it stood before Confederation, and over whom in that respect the Ontario Legislature has no jurisdiction.

SEPARATE SCHOOL INSPECTION.

Nor is this the only matter in which the internal affairs of Separate Schools are subject to public supervision. These schools are subject also to such inspection and regulations as the Minister of Education may from time to time see fit to provide, having regard in such regulations to the restrictions imposed by the Confederation Act. The Minister of Education, and all Protestant as well as Roman Catholic Judges, members of the Legislature, heads of the municipal bodies, and Inspectors of Public Schools are by law, in common with Roman Catholic clergymen, official visitors of Separate Schools, with all the rights and privileges which belong to official visitation. So also it is the Judge of the County or Division Court in some cases, and the Minister of Education in others, who decide Separate School election disputes and other disputes specified in our statutes. These examples do not exhaust the statutory provisions on this subject.

AMENDMENTS OF 1884—TAXES OF NON-RESIDENTS.

In 1884 a short Act was unanimously passed, without objection from any quarter, containing two not very important clauses, which, however, are now magnified into proofs of treason to Protestantism. By the first section non-resident Roman Catholics, by taking the proper means, may require their school taxes to be paid to the Separate School of the locality. No reason is suggested why if resident Roman Catholics have this right, non-residents should not have it also. Non-resident Dissentients in the Province of Quebec have a similar right there. The amount received from non-residents by any Separate School in Ontario is probably insignificant.

The second section gave power to the Council of any municipality where the Public and Separate School rates are the same for any year, to agree (if they please) with the Separate School Trustees