

whose wishes he disregards. On the other hand, I readily admit that it would be an advantage that the Government should have a closer connection with the Board of Education than it has had in the past. The expenditure of the grant for education as proposed by the Board is now voted by the Governor-in-Council, and it seems right that the Government should thus be responsible for the expenditure. But the Board of Education feels that it is by its special information a more competent authority. Thus there is apt to be friction, if the Governor-in-Council thinks proper to reject any of the estimates or proposals of the Board. This would be avoided if, as I have suggested in the address to the Synod, one of the Ministers occupied the position of Chairman of the Board of Education.

Criticisms, that have been made on the addresses of Dr. King and myself, suggest one or two remarks. I have seen it represented that we would prefer the present system of separate schools to any merely secular system. And I do not hesitate to say that I would; but at the same time I think this an unfair way of putting the matter. There is much in the present system, that is objectionable, that could be removed. Under proper restrictions I see a measure of justice and no injustice in separate schools, and I do not think that it will be easy to do away with them. However the Roman Catholic authorities may approve of the subjects of religious teaching that Protestants would agree upon, they will accept no teachers but their own. The great majority of Roman Catholic children will, therefore, be sent to their own private schools, however inferior, rather than to State schools not under Roman Catholic instructors, whether there be religious teaching in them or not. If there is no religious teaching there will be but the stronger expression of dislike. The day will come when one, if not both political parties, will discover that it is undesirable for the State to have this inferior secular instruction, and unjust to the Roman Catholic section of the community, that while getting no State aid for its private schools it should have to