

Protestants founded and which they have toiled for these forty years. They received a sympathetic hearing both from Mr. Ross and Mr. Whitney; they received sympathy, but neither Mr. Ross nor Mr. Whitney cared to legalize these peculiar local conditions, this illegal local arrangement. They were both afraid of creating a precedent which might bring upon them the wrath of Roman Catholics or Protestants in the future days.

So the situation remains at this time. The Protestants of Hawkesbury still hope that the Whitney administration will pass a special Act to the effect that where two-thirds or nine-tenths of the ratepayers of a High School district petition the County Council to exempt Separate School supporters from paying High School rates that the Municipal Council may be empowered to do so. This would be one way out of the difficulty. Perhaps it is the best way, maybe it is the only way, but at any rate it is a shameful and humiliating fact that Protestants are thus placed at the mercy of the French Tiberius. This is one of the side issues of the Separate School evil in this Province. Unless some remedy can be devised one of two fates is in store for the Hawkesbury High School:

(1) It will either be abolished by the County Council, and the building and property will be sold and the proceeds of such sale be divided between the Public and Separate Schools of the town according to the number of pupils attending each;

(2) Or it will pass into the control of Roman Catholic Church and the French majority, and be converted into a bi-lingual institution, a Separate High School like those of Plantaganet and Rockland.

Of these two alternatives the first is the more probable, and if such an event takes place the Separate School supporters of Hawkesbury will receive a large sum of money which originally came out of the pockets of Protestants, a benefit to which they have no moral right.

It is to be hoped, however, that the Protestant majority of this Province will come to the rescue of the