

INTRODUCTORY NOTE.

The Committee of the Protestant Educational Association, in preparing this draft of Amendments to the School Laws of Lower Canada, have aimed at interfering with the provisions of the existing law no further than was necessary for the relief of Protestants, and the securing to them a just liberty in the organization and management of schools suitable for the education of their children. The "Suggestions" they have already issued, embracing the substance of the Amendments now proposed, have received the cordial and unanimous approval of all the Dissident Trustees yet heard from. From many parts of the country in which there are Protestant Dissidents, they have received urgent requests to insist on an entire separation of the Roman Catholic and Protestant systems of education. It is their conviction that nothing less than this will be satisfactory to the Protestants of Lower Canada.