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NOT ONE CENT TAKEN, SAYS GRANT

Separate Schools Receive Nothing More Than Grants Due Them, Declares Minister in Exhaustive Statement on Schools Controversy Made in Legislature

"Not one cent of money which belongs to the public schools has been taken away from them for the purpose of paying higher grants to separate schools, and not one cent of money has been given to separate schools over and above what the law guarantees to them," declared Hon. R. H. Grant, Minister of Education, in the Legislature last night, in the course of his long-expected statement on this controversy.

The Minister went on to explain the regulations governing the division and the apparently large grants to separate schools. The statutes and regulations were framed by the former Government. Quite conceivably, he said, improvements could be made in the manner of distribution, with a view to lessening the disparity between the grants paid to public and separate schools in the same communities, and to ensure a more equitable distribution among the separate schools themselves. The question would receive careful consideration by the Government, and, if thought advisable, necessary legislation introduced.

Hon. Mr. Grant said that under the statute the division of grants was made according to the percentage of school attendance. When that division had been made the sum set aside for each section of the elementary schools was distributed under the regulations, according to salaries paid teachers, school equipment, etc. Last year the public schools absorbed their full share of the grants, while the separate schools earned only about 50 per cent. of