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## LETTER IN REFERENCE TO DIVISION SCHOOL TAXES

Mr. W. H. Dawson, of Iroquois Falls, Presents His Views in Regard to the Division of Public and Separate School Taxes.

The following letter has been received for publication, and is given here with as explaining the views of the correspondent on a matter now before the public:—

Iroquois Falls, Feb. 1st, 1930  
To the Editor of  
The Advance, Timmins.

Dear Sir:—The present agitation by the Roman Catholic bishops for a division of the school taxes paid by incorporated companies between the Public and Separate schools on the basis of population or school attendance is an attempted encroachment upon our non-denominational public school system that far transcends in its effects anything that the Roman Catholic bishops have proposed since 1863, when a final settlement of the Separate school question was formally agreed to between Dr. Ryerson, representing the Government of Ontario, and Bishop Macdonnell and Bishop Cazeau, representing the Roman Catholic Hierarchies of Ontario and Quebec respectively.

The fundamental principle of the Separate School Act is that Roman Catholics in Ontario shall enjoy the "special privilege" (given to no other denomination) of having their school taxes applied for the maintenance of their sectarian schools, in which the Roman Catholic religion is taught as the most important subject on the curriculum. As Archbishop McNeill has said in a public address, the only difference between the Public and Separate schools is that religion (Roman Catholicism) is taught in the Separate school system and not in the Public system.

It is a vicious principle that public money be used for the teaching of any particular form of dogmatic religion.

However, that special privilege has been granted to Roman Catholics, and so far as the provinces of Ontario and Quebec are concerned, it is embedded in our constitution. Nobody has organized an agitation to violate the constitution in that respect. The people of Ontario have accepted the Act of 1863 as a final settlement of the question. On the other hand, the Roman Catholic Church leaders have repudiated the agreement made in 1863 by two bishops accredited by the heads of the church in the two provinces.

The bishops secured from the Government of Sir Oliver Mowat a score of amendments to the Separate School Act and the Assessment Act giving them additional special privileges, not contained in the Act of 1863. Some of those amendments are of so serious a character that they should be replaced. That is subject for future consideration and what we have to deal with at the moment is the present agitation by the Roman Catholic bishops to secure for their religious schools a portion of the taxes paid by Protestants for Public education.

So far as legislation can effect the purpose, the law as it stands provides a way by which every dollar of school taxes that can be shown to be paid by Roman Catholics is available for the maintenance of Separate schools, whether it is in form of real estate, personal property, or business tax. So far as real estate is concerned, the law is singularly generous to the Separate schools in that regard.

If all the house property in Ontario were owned by Protestants, the Separate schools would get the taxes on every residence occupied by a Roman Catholic and the Protestant owners would be compelled to pay at a higher rate for schools.

In the province of Quebec the reverse is the law. Houses owned by Roman Catholics and occupied by Protestants are assessed to the Roman Catholic schools.

It will be seen, therefore, that the minority in Ontario is treated much more generously than the minority in Quebec.

In dealing with taxation for school purposes, the Legislature in Ontario has done all that can be done—while preserving the fundamental principles of our educational legislation—to make it possible for the Separate schools to get every dollar of school taxes that can be shown to have been paid by Roman Catholics—if they desire to support Separate schools.

The Separate School Act does not compel Roman Catholics to support Separate schools. They have the option of paying their taxes to the Public schools. The reason for that is that the Public schools are non-sectarian, and are designed as much for Roman Catholics as for the people of other faiths. They are "Public Schools" common to all classes of citizens, while the Separate schools are designed for, and conducted so that only Roman Catholic children can use them.

The Government,—having established a Public school system suitable for the education of every child in the province—and granted a special privilege to the Roman Catholics to operate schools of their own—it follows that the administration has a peculiar responsibility to protect the Public system from any invasion upon its resources from taxation. That is exactly what is being tried by the Roman Catholic bishops in their present demands.

In 1866 an amendment was made to the Assessment Act providing for the taxes paid on shares in incorporated companies held by Roman Catholics being applied to Separate schools—if the owners of the shares so desire. They have the option of supporting either system. The method of procedure is

that the holder of such shares shall have the board of directors notify the clerk of the municipality that such proportion of shares are held by Roman Catholics, and that they desire to be assessed for Separate schools. That notice stands from year to year, until the board of directors sends a different notice. It is difficult to conceive of any better plan for carrying out the intention of the Act.

But the bishops argue that there are many other corporations whose shares are on the market, some of them held by Roman Catholics, which cannot be shown to be so held. They instance the Railway corporations, and other public utilities. "No such board of directors can tell how many shares of such companies are held by Roman Catholics. There might be ten thousand shares held today and not one tomorrow. It is a constantly shifting quantity. So in cases where it cannot be shown, the whole assessment properly goes to the Public system, in the use of which Roman Catholics have the same right as Protestants or Jews.

If the demands of the bishops were granted, the Public school system would suffer an annual loss of revenue that would run into an enormous sum. That would mean a contribution of that amount by Protestants for the teaching of the Roman Catholic religion. It would be an intolerable injustice. But it would be more than that.

If the present revenues of the Public schools were depleted by two million dollars a year, the taxes of Public school supporters would be increased by that amount if the efficiency of the Public system were maintained. If not, the salaries of the teachers would be reduced, the character of the school building would be on a lower standard, and the general equipment of the schools would be impaired. That is not a pleasant prospect for Public school supporters. Especially when the Public schools are open to Roman Catholics and Public

## CHARITY BALL BY MOOSE ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

The Mooseheart Charity Ball, to be held in the McIntyre Recreation hall, Schumacher, on Friday evening of next week, February 14th, under the auspices of the Timmins Moose Lodge, will be one of the big events of the season and is sure to be enjoyed by all attending. There is every reason for the event to be a success. By past events the Moose have shown how they can present the most enjoyable affairs. The cause for which the event is being held on Feb. 14th is a decidedly worthy one. It is for the benefit of the boys' village at Mooseheart. As may be generally known, the Moose support a complete little city, with all modern equipment and conveniences to care for the dependents of deceased brothers, this city being located at Mooseheart. Already there are about 2000 children being provided with homes, training, care and high school education, at Mooseheart. To further the good work the board of governors believe that better administration of the child-city and better opportunity for the boys would be possible with the creation of a special village for boys from 8 to 12 years old. The cost of this modern new boys' village is being borne by the hundreds of Moose lodges through Canada and the United States, and Timmins is holding up its end, as usual, in the matter. The proceeds from the Mooseheart Charity Ball on Feb. 14th will go to the expenses necessary for the creation of the boys' village.

school trustees are compelled by law to provide accommodation for every child applying for admission.

W. H. DAWSON  
Box 183, Iroquois Falls, Ont.

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## Timmins Skating Rink

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## Thurs., Feb. 6th

Puck Faced at 8.15 Sharp

### Admission

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