

Education Office,

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Sr. Dawson

L.C. &c.

My dear Sir, -

The passage
of a Bissentment School Law
in favour of the Protestants of
Quebec is being made to
do duty in behalf of the claims
set up in Nova Scotia for
Separate Schools for Catholics.

The public mind is consi-
derably interested in the
subject, and I am very fre-
quently applied to for
information, & ask 2 pertinent
on the subject.

Our Parliament meets in
3 weeks, & the question will
without doubt be brought up
again, & the present position of
matters in Quebec will
be most advantageously used
against our Public System
, open to all, & actually educating
all.

As I am not well versed
in the history of your Ed. matters,
nor ^{in all} of the principles upon which
the Protestants of Quebec have
urged their claims, I will be
greatly obliged if you
will furnish me with
such documents as contain
the History of the question, and
an explicit statement from
yourself of the grounds on

which the Protestants have urged
the question, pointing out why they
could not or would not cooperate
with their fellow citizens of the Roman
Catholic denomination, in the
work of Public Edⁿ.

I am sorry to make a request
which may impose some labour upon
you, but the importance of the subject
is my apology: besides, I know no
one so well qualified as yourself,
or who would be likely to feel so
deep an interest in Edⁿ in Nova Scotia.

I may say that our attendance last
Term was upwards of 72,000, while
there were over 88,000 at school during
the year. Harmony prevails among the
people - the Roman Catholic Clergy seem
to be the only ones dissatisfied with a public system.

If you can supply what I want at
an early day, I shall be greatly obliged;
I shall esteem it a privilege to
return the favour in whatever way
you may command. Very truly Yours
J. H. Rand

Letter
L.H. Rowland