

Manitoba acquired the rights and privileges in relation to education thereby conferred upon them, including the right to build, maintain, equip, manage, conduct and support Roman Catholic schools in the manner provided by the said Statutes, the right to a proportionate share of any grant made out of the public funds for the purpose of education and the right of exemption of such members of the Roman Catholic Church as contribute to such Roman Catholic schools from all payments or contributions to the support of any other schools.

That subsequently, in the 53rd year of Her Majesty's reign, two statutes were passed by the Legislature of the Province of Manitoba relating to education, which statutes came into force on the 1st day of May, 1890, and are intitled respectively, "An Act respecting the Department of Education" and "An Act respecting Public Schools," and that the effect of the two last named statutes was to repeal the previous Acts of the Province of Manitoba in relation to education and to deprive the Roman Catholic minority of the rights and privileges which it had acquired under such previous statutes; and by the said petition, the said Roman Catholic minority prayed among other things:—

That it might be declared that the said last mentioned Acts did affect the rights and privileges of the said Roman Catholic minority of the Queen's subjects in relation to education;

That it might be declared that to His Excellency the Governor General-in-Council, it seems requisite that the provisions of the statutes in force in the Province of Manitoba, prior to the passage of the said Acts, should be re-enacted in so far, at least, as may be necessary to secure to the Roman Catholics in the said Province, the right to build, maintain, equip, manage, conduct and support their schools in the manner provided for by said Statutes, to secure to them their proportionate share of any grant made out of the public funds for the purposes of education, and to relieve such members of the Roman Catholic Church, as contribute to such Roman Catholic schools, from all payment or contribution to the support of any other schools; or that the said Acts of 1890 should be so modified or amended as to effect such purposes;

And that such further or other declaration or order might be made as to His Excellency the Governor General-in-Council should, under the circumstances, seem proper, and that such directions might be given, provisions made, and all things done in the premises, for the purpose of affording relief to the said Roman Catholic minority in the said Province, as to His Excellency-in-Council might seem meet.

And whereas, the 26th day of February, 1895, having been appointed for the hearing of the said appeal, and the same coming on to be heard on that day, and on the 5th, 6th and 7th days of March, 1895, in the presence of Council for the Petitioners (the said Roman Catholic minority of Her Majesty's subjects in the Province of Manitoba), and as well for the Province of Manitoba, upon reading the said petition and the statutes therein referred to, and upon hearing what was alleged by Counsel on both sides, His Excellency the Governor General-in-Council was pleased to order and adjudge, and it is hereby ordered and adjudged that the said appeal by, and the same is hereby allowed, in so far as it related to rights acquired by the said Roman Catholic minority under legislation of the Province of Manitoba, passed subsequent to the union of that Province with the