

Hon. Dr. Grace's motion was then put as a substantive motion, upon which a division was called for, the names being taken down as follow :—

Ayes, 9.—Hon. Mr. Acland, Hon. Mr. Barnicoat, Mr. J. Buchanan, Hon. Mr. P. A. Buckley, Mr. De Lautour, Hon. Mr. Dignan, Mr. Dodson, Hon. Dr. Grace, Mr. Turnbull.

Noes, 4.—Mr. Barron, Hon. Mr. Bonar, Mr. Swanson, Mr. J. G. Wilson.

Motion carried.

The Committee then adjourned until Thursday, the 23rd August, at 11 a.m.

THURSDAY, 23RD AUGUST, 1883.

The Committee met at 11 a.m., pursuant to notice.

Present : Legislative Council—Hon. Colonel Brett (Chairman), Hon. Mr. Acland, Hon. Mr. Barnicoat, Hon. Mr. Bonar, Hon. Mr. P. A. Buckley, Hon. Mr. Dignan, Hon. Dr. Grace, Hon. Mr. Hart, Hon. Mr. Holmes, Hon. Mr. Menzies, Hon. Mr. Miller, Hon. Mr. Reynolds. House of Representatives—Mr. Barron, Mr. J. Buchanan, Hon. Mr. Dick, Mr. Dodson, Mr. Feldwick, Mr. Fergus, Mr. Fish, Mr. C. J. Johnston, Mr. Munro, Mr. Swanson, Mr. Turnbull, Mr. J. G. Wilson.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Rev. Mr. Coffey was then requested to attend, and gave evidence, which was taken down.

The Rev. Mr. Coffey was thanked for his attendance, and withdrew.

Moved by Mr. Barron, That, notwithstanding any former decision arrived at by the Committee, such further evidence may be taken as the Committee may from time to time determine.

A debate ensued thereupon.

Moved by Mr. Fish, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Miller, That the debate upon this motion be adjourned.—Carried.

Moved by the Hon. Dr. Grace, That this Committee adjourn until to-morrow.

Moved by Mr. Barron, as an amendment, That the Committee adjourn until Monday next, at 11 o'clock.—Carried.

The Committee then adjourned until Monday, the 27th instant, at 11 a.m.

MONDAY, 27TH AUGUST, 1883.

The Committee met at 11 a.m., pursuant to notice.

Present : Legislative Council—Hon. Colonel Brett (Chairman), Hon. Mr. Acland, Hon. Mr. Barnicoat, Hon. Mr. Bonar, Hon. Mr. P. A. Buckley, Hon. Mr. Dignan, Hon. Dr. Grace, Hon. Mr. Hart, Hon. Mr. Holmes, Hon. Mr. Lahmann, Hon. Mr. Menzies, Hon. Mr. Miller, Hon. Dr. Pollen, Hon. Mr. Reynolds. House of Representatives—Mr. Barron, Mr. J. Buchanan, Mr. De Lautour, Hon. Mr. Dick, Mr. Dodson, Mr. Feldwick, Mr. Fergus, Mr. Fish, Mr. C. J. Johnston, Mr. Munro, Mr. Pyke, Mr. Swanson, Mr. Turnbull, Mr. J. G. Wilson.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The debate upon the motion of Mr. Barron, That, notwithstanding any former decision arrived at by the Committee, such further evidence may be taken as the Committee may from time to time determine, was resumed.

The Hon. Dr. Grace moved to amend the question by leaving out all the words after "That," with a view to insert the words "as an *ad interim* report, it has been established by the evidence submitted to this Committee that the Catholics conscientiously object to the State system of education, and have consequently been compelled to establish schools of their own, which they are maintaining at their own cost, and are thereby subjected to a great hardship, as they are thus contributors to two systems of education."

Upon the question being put, "That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question," the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow :—

Ayes, 15.—Mr. Barron, Hon. Mr. Bonar, Hon. Mr. Dick, Mr. Fergus, Mr. Fish, Hon. Mr. Hart, Hon. Mr. Holmes, Hon. Mr. Lahmann, Hon. Mr. Menzies, Hon. Mr. Miller, Mr. Munro, Hon. Dr. Pollen, Hon. Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Swanson, Mr. J. G. Wilson.

Noes, 12.—Hon. Mr. Acland, Hon. Mr. Barnicoat, Mr. J. Buchanan, Hon. Mr. P. A. Buckley, Hon. Mr. Dignan, Mr. De Lautour, Mr. Dodson, Mr. Feldwick, Hon. Dr. Grace, Mr. C. J. Johnston, Mr. Pyke, Mr. Turnbull.

So it passed in the affirmative.

Then, the original question was put, upon which the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow :—

Ayes, 10.—Mr. Barron, Hon. Mr. Dick, Mr. De Lautour, Mr. Fergus, Hon. Dr. Grace, Hon. Mr. Hart, Hon. Mr. Holmes, Mr. Munro, Mr. Swanson, Mr. J. G. Wilson.

Noes, 15.—Hon. Mr. Acland, Hon. Mr. Barnicoat, Mr. J. Buchanan, Hon. Mr. P. A. Buckley, Hon. Mr. Bonar, Hon. Mr. Dignan, Mr. Dodson, Mr. Feldwick, Mr. Fish, Mr. C. J. Johnston, Hon. Mr. Lahmann, Hon. Mr. Menzies, Hon. Mr. Miller, Mr. Pyke, Hon. Mr. Reynolds.

So it passed in the negative.

Moved by Mr. Fish, That, inasmuch as the Committee has not been able to carry out an exhaustive inquiry into the grievances from which petitioners affirm they suffer under the operation of the Education Act, it does not see the way at present to make any specific recommendation on the subject.

Upon the question being put, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow :—

Ayes, 12.—Mr. Barron, Hon. Mr. Bonar, Hon. Mr. Dick, Mr. Fergus, Mr. Fish, Hon. Mr. Hart, Hon. Mr. Holmes, Hon. Mr. Menzies, Hon. Mr. Miller, Mr. Munro, Hon. Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Swanson.