

## RACIAL, NOT RELIGIOUS FIGHT.

### Catholic Record Scores Majority of Ottawa Separate School Board for Attitude Toward Bilingualism.

Ottawa, Nov. 26.—The objections that the Catholic Record makes to what it terms "the self-styled and self-constituted champions of separate schools," alienating the sympathy of friendly Protestants, has caused considerable comment here, and puts another aspect on the French-Canadian bilingual controversy.

It makes a scathing criticism of the position taken by the majority of the Ottawa Separate School Board, and contends, that the Government has dealt fairly and generously with the situation as regards separate schools.

It pays its respects to Chairman S. Genest of the board by intimating "that those for whom he speaks apparently tolerate religion only so long as it serves as a useful maid-of-all-work for French nationalism."

In regard to the appointment of Protestant inspectors, the article states that not a shadow of interference with religious teaching is even charged against these men. The Government has the right and the duty and the responsibility of appointing inspectors who will honestly perform their official duty, as on them they must chiefly depend for their information as to whether the laws are obeyed and the regulations observed. Yet in spite of this, it is claimed that this is the entering of the wedge, that the motive of the Government is anti-Catholic and that the real object is to destroy the separate school system.

"This mischievous imputation of motives," according to the Record, "is wholly gratuitous."

The editorial has caused much comment here, and reflects the objection that Irish and English Roman Catholics, or those of Irish and English descent, have to religion and separate schools generally being drawn into a controversy that directly interests only French-Canadians.