The Honourable Senator Harry Hayes, P.C.
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario

Dear Senator Hayes:

The parents of students at St. Clare School (see signatures below) wish to commend the Government of Canada on their efforts to "bring back" the Canadian Constitution to Canada. We hope that the written guarantees of the existence of Roman Catholic Schools in Canada would be preserved in the new to be written Charter of Rights.

We would encourage your consideration of our position as being a historically justifiable one. Our prayers are with you as you continue to strive to have Canada take one step further into its future.

Sincerely yours,

Parents of St. Clare School
The Honourable Senator Harry Hayes, P.C.

Dear Senator Hayes:

The staff of St. Clare School (see signatures below) would like to commend the Government of Canada on their efforts to "bring back" the Canadian Constitution to Canada. We feel, however, as educators in a Catholic School, certain responsibilities towards the Catholic Community. We hope that the written guarantees of the existence of Roman Catholic Schools in Canada would be preserved in the new to be written Charter of Rights.

We would encourage your consideration of our position as being a justifiable one historically. Our prayers are with you as you continue to strive to have Canada take one step further into its future.

Sincerely yours,

K. J. Ward
Principal
St. Clare School
January 26, 1981

The Hon. Senator H. Hayes, P.C.,
Chairman,
Joint Committee on the Constitution of Canada,
House of Commons,
Ottawa,
Ontario
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Dufferin-Peel Roman Catholic Separate School Board wishes to inform you that it is concerned about the impact of the proposed "new" constitution on Section 93 of the British North America Act, which enshrines in law the rights of Catholics to a Catholic education in Catholic schools.

The Board, at its meeting on January 20, 1981, unanimously passed the following resolution:

"That in the event that the Constitution is patriated, this Board opposes the inclusion of any provision that would tend to diminish in any way the rights and privileges in respect to denominational schools that are currently enjoyed under the provisions of Section 93 of the British North America Act.

Specifically, this Board requests that

(a) an amending formula requiring the greatest unanimity be attached to our rights, and

(b) we request that any new provision shall not adversely affect any of our existing rights and privileges."

This Board requests that the Joint Committee ensure that our rights under Section 93, are protected.

Yours very truly,

THE DUFFERIN-PEEL R.C.S.S. BOARD

R.F. Hall
Chairman of the Board

cc. The Right Hon. P.E. Trudeau, P.C., M.P.,
Mr. T. Jones, M.P.P.,
Mr. D. Kennedy, M.P.P.,
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