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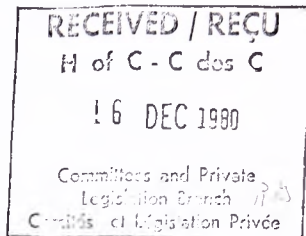
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The Honorable Senator Harry Hayes, P. C., Chairman,
Joint Committee on the Constitution of Canada
P. O. Box 1044, South Block,
The Parliament Buildings,
OTTAWA, Ontario
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Dear Senator Hayes,

I am writing as a citizen and religious leader who is concerned with the basic rights of all Canadians, and particularly with the rights of Roman Catholics to own and operate their own schools.

It is my understanding that the new Constitution which is presently being proposed by our government could place Catholic schools in Canada in a vulnerable position. That understanding is based on a study of pertinent sections of both the BNA Act and the new proposed Constitution.

This letter is to add my voice to those requesting that the Joint Commons/Senate Committee on the Constitution of Canada incorporate into the new Constitution specific clauses which would guarantee the preservation of Roman Catholic schools in Canada and their operation as Catholic Institutions.

Trusting that this essential element in our Canadian culture and history will be fully studied by the Joint Committee.

Sincerely,

(Rev.) Frank Maloney, C.Ss.R.

Provincial.