

Osgoode Hall,

Toronto, July 24, 1905.

Dear Mr. Attorney-General,—

Yours of 20th instant with enclosures received.

With the political aspect of the controversy arising out of the Autonomy Bill I am in no wise concerned, but as an Irish Catholic I am much concerned, as we are the real sufferers from the hostility engendered by the blunder of the Delegate, who, I consider, was guilty of a flagrant indiscretion in suggesting to Mr. Campbell that the object of his mission—which was to secure an extension of the boundaries of Manitoba—would be facilitated if an assurance was given that changes would be made in the School Act, showing he was wholly wanting in discernment.

The fact has been glaringly exemplified in this case that it is impossible for an Italian ecclesiastic to understand the genius of a free people like the Canadians. And I know that Archbishop Walsh was unalterably opposed to a permanent Delegate being sent from Rome, and had he been alive he would have had the hierarchy of Ontario join with those of Quebec in protesting against one being accredited to the Dominion.

Yours sincerely,
HUGH MACMAHON.

Toronto, September 21st, 1905.

Dear Mr. Attorney-General,—

It has been, I understand, definitely arranged that Judge Nesbitt is leaving the Bench to become a partner in the McCarthy firm, so there will be that vacancy and the Chieftainship of the Exchequer Division to fill.

On the 30th December, 1896, you wrote, saying:

“I leave for England via New York on Saturday, and have arranged with the Prime Minister that nothing will be done if a vacancy occurs in the Supreme Court until my return.

“The School Question has reached the acute stage in our Province, and unless the good sense of your Bishop prevails it is impossible to foresee the result—disaster to Catholic interests, and very serious trouble to Canada are impending.

“I write Hardy re Mills—have already written McCarthy.”