

DEPARTMENT of the SECRETARY OF STATE to the GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SECRETARY.

SIR, Ottawa, March 31, 1877.
 ADVERTING to the Despatch of the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, of the 3rd March 1875, I am directed to acquaint you, for the information of his Excellency the Governor-General, that the information asked for in the address of the Imperial House of Commons, a copy of which accompanied his Lordship's Despatch, not being within the possession of the Government of Canada, the Lieutenant-Governor of each province of the Dominion was requested to obtain and transmit to his Excellency, in compliance with the Despatch, the information so far as it related to his province.

I am now directed to transmit to you for the information of His Excellency, the communications on the subject which have been received from the Lieutenant-Governors of all the provinces of the Dominion, with the exception of that of Ontario.

With regard to this latter province, I am to state that, although repeatedly requested to do so, that Government has hitherto neglected to supply the information asked for.

I have, &c.

Lieut.-Col. The Hon. E. G. P. Littleton, (Signed) EDOUARD LANGEVIN,
 Governor-General's Secretary. Under Secretary of State.

The LIEUT.-GOVERNOR, NEW BRUNSWICK, to the HON. the SECRETARY OF STATE,
 CANADA.

Government House, Fredericton,
 January 10, 1876.

SIR, I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch of 31st December, together with a copy of a Despatch from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, requesting certain information relating to Monastic and Conventual Institutions connected with the Church of Rome in this province.

In compliance with your request I have to inform you that we have no regular religious orders in New Brunswick, and that all the laws, ordinances, and regulations of our orders are merely internal, having no relation whatever directly to the authority of the state.

All the religious orders in New Brunswick, with the exception of the Sisters of Charity, are simply branches from their respective Mother Houses in Canada, in whose report relative to the said address full information will probably be found.

The conventual orders of New Brunswick are as follows:—

Sacred Heart, St. John, Mother House Sault au Acolet, Montreal.

Sisters of the Holy Cross, Madawaska and Memramcook, Mother House St. Lawrence, Montreal.

Sisters of the , Newcastle, Mother House Montreal.

Sisters of the Hotel Dieu, Loretto, Gloucester County, Mother House Montreal.

The monastic orders are the Holy Cross, St. Joseph's, Memramcook, Westmoreland, Mother House St. Lawrence, Montreal.

The Christian Brothers, St. John, Mother House Montreal.

The Order of the Holy Cross was, I believe, incorporated two years ago, but the Act of Incorporation merely authorises them to hold property in their name.

The Sisters of Charity are a native institution, whose only regulations are the rules by which their respective houses are managed, which are renewed every year.

I have, &c.

(Signed) S. L. TILLEY.

LIEUT.-GOVERNOR, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, to the SECRETARY OF STATE, CANADA.

Province of Prince Edward Island,
 Government House, 10th January 1876.

SIR, I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch of the 31st ultimo, transmitting a copy of a Despatch from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and of the address to Her Majesty by the House of Commons