

There was a certain amount of danger when the control lay with the Councils of Sections, but as in Protestant districts there was a tolerable certainty of Protestant representation in the Council, there was nothing serious in this danger.

But the programme of the General Council ignores Protestant Education altogether by the introduction of subjects extraneous to the system.

They put aside the well known fact that so diverse are the systems of Roman Catholics and Protestants, that two Committees of the Council of Public Instruction exist.

The provisions—quoted above—made at the time of Confederation, recognize this divergence, and guard the rights of Minorities, whether Roman Catholic or Protestant.

Your Sub-Committee can come to no other conclusion than the following:—

1. That the attention of the Government be formally called to the serious disadvantages from which the Protestant population of this Province are now suffering, through the operation of the Bar Act of last session, which in many of its clauses infringes on their rights and privileges.

2. That a demand be made for the abrogation of the objectionable clauses of the said Act.

3. That in order to guard against a recurrence of the evil complained of, the Legislature be requested to make provision for the appointment of two Examining Boards for the examination of Candidates seeking to enter on the study of all or any of the professions.

4. That one of such Examining Boards be Roman Catholic, the other Protestant, and that each Board be appointed by its own proper Committee of the Council of Public Instruction.

5. That the Arts degrees of the Universities be recognized, as entitling the holders of such degrees, to enter on the study of any profession without preliminary examination, on the ground that these degrees constitute in themselves the best possible evidence of a Liberal Education.

6. That no interference in the curriculum of study of any Faculty of any University by any professional body be allowed, but that the principle of the law, giving power to the Lieutenant-Governor to inquire into, and if needs be, prescribe the Course of Study, be restored, it being taken for granted that due care would always be shown in instituting such inquiry.

That no privilege be granted to any University not shared by the others now existing in this Province, or which may tend to the disadvantage of any one of such Institutions.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Dr. Heneker then submitted for the information of the Committee the petition to the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Quebec, from the University of Bishop's College, Lennoxville, concerning subject under consideration of the Committee.