

reality is that, the Legislature, in abolishing Catholic schools, has passed laws which not only maintain Protestant schools in all their integrity, but even assure them, although *sectarian*, the entire share of the public money to which Catholics have a right. The law purposes even to force Catholics to pay to support these schools in which the faith of their children cannot but be exposed, and in which your most sacred convictions, My Dearly Beloved Brethren, are as sadly, as they are unjustly, belied.

« A cursory examination of the new laws suffices to show that they have been inspired by a feeling hostile to Catholicity, and that the Protestant idea governed all that legislation. »

On seeing this state of things by which it is desired to snatch away the faith of the children in Manitoba, strip the Church of its sacred and indestructable right, our hearts are overwhelmed with grief. As the guardians of the prerogatives of our Holy Mother the Church, we cannot look with cold indifference upon the persecutions she would fain be made undergo. It is a conscientious duty for us to remind all the faithful of our Provinces of the true doctrine concerning the control of the Church over the education of Catholic children in schools.

Without wishing to trespass on political grounds, We believe it necessary to proclaim these principles and to solicit their application in the name of Holy Church. As citizens we might make concessions, but as Catholics we cannot agree to do so. It is likewise the duty of every Catholic, to whatever party or social position he belongs, to prove himself a submissive and devoted child of the Church; and he is unworthy of this name, who would sacrifice his rights for any secondary consideration. It is treason to allow the Church to be persecuted, and her children severed from her by violence. Therefore is it every one's duty to pray, to labour, each in his own sphere of action, that perfect justice be rendered and this without upsetting the peace which is so necessary to the prosperity of our Country.

Shall be the present Pastoral Letter read and published in all Churches and parochial chapels of our dioceses, the Sunday following its reception