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## EDUCATION REPORT.

**Y**OUR Committee, desirous of obtaining from the most authentic sources information upon the matter referred to them, caused questions relating thereto to be put to the Gentlemen composing the SEMINARY of Quebec, also to the Reverend Mr. MILLS, D. D. & Secretary to the Royal Institution for the advancement of learning in this Province and of the Diocesan Committee for Promoting Christian Knowledge, to J. F. PERRAULT, Esq. President of the Society of Education for the District of Quebec, and to the Reverend Mr. WILKIE, who has long presided over an Academy at Quebec, to the Reverend Mr. BURRAGE, who within these late years has been appointed and acted as Master of the Royal Grammar School at Quebec, and to Mr. J. B. CORBIN.

The questions put to these Gentlemen, severally, with their respective Answers, will be found in the Appendix to this Report under the Letter [A.]

In the extensive field of enquiry into which your Committee were called upon to enter, it seemed to them most conducive to the discovery of the truth, that some detached portion should be selected for examination in the first instance, and that availing themselves of the permission given to them by the House of reporting from time to time upon the matter referred, they should continue their enquiries into the causes which have retarded the progress of Education in this Province, and Report from time to time, under general heads, the results of those enquiries.

Your Committee could not fail to see, that one of the main causes which have retarded the progress of Education in this Province has been the withdrawing of the Rents, Issues and Profits, of the Estates heretofore belonging to the late Order of the Jesuits from the purposes of their original use and destination, and employing them for other purposes, not known to your Committee, nor to the Public.

Some important Documents relating to these Estates being in the hands of the Heirs of the late Honorable J. A. Panet, Esquire, in his life time Speaker of the Assembly, those Gentlemen were requested to lay them before the Committee, which was accordingly done, and they will be found in the Appendix to this Report under the Letter [B.]

Amongst these Papers will be found an opinion of His Majesty's Attorney General and Solicitor General for the Province upon the subject immediately under consideration, bearing date the 18th of May 1790: wherein amongst other things it is said; "as a derelict or vacant Estate His Majesty became vested in it by the clearest of Titles, if the right of Conquest alone was not sufficient, but even upon the