

**MORE PROTESTS.**

**THE ACTION OF THE QUEBEC GOVERNMENT CRITICISED.**

The Irish Catholics Support The True Witness—Our Stand Endorsed by Men of all Shades of politics and in all Walks of Life—The Question one that Must be Settled Once for all.

**A STRONG LETTER—SHORT AND TO THE POINT.**

The nomination of Mr. Frank Hart, some twelve months ago, satisfied a long-felt want. The Irish of Montreal are right in being incensed if, of the three commissioners appointed by the Government, one be not of theirs.

H. BANCART, C.S.S.B.,  
P. P. of St. Ann's.

**REV. FATHER O'MEARA'S OPINION.**

The Rev. Father O'Meara fully endorsed the action of the TRUE WITNESS in the matter of the School question. Father O'Meara believes that the people should possess the right of electing their own representative on the School Board. The Rev. Father says also that Mr. Hart acquitted himself well when on the School Commission and he sees no good reason for his removal.

**MR. JAMES O'BRIEN'S OPINION.**

Being interviewed on the subject of the School Commissioners, Mr. O'Brien said: "I do not look upon it as a question simply as individual against individual—although I would uphold Mr. Hart as one of the best and truest and ablest representatives of our people—I consider it one of right and justice. In a few words I can say that I endorse every word published in the TRUE WITNESS, and I approve most emphatically of the stand it has taken. In cases of this kind there is no room for political sentiment. I am with you heart and soul and I only hope that you may realize the grand object you have in view."

**DR. GUERIN SPEAKS.**

Dr. Guerin, when interviewed in regard to the stand taken by THE TRUE WITNESS on the school question, said: "Mr. Hart, as far as I know, is a very excellent man and one who honestly looked after the interests of our people. In regard to Dr. Brennan, there is no doubt that he also is a very good man and well qualified to represent the interests of the people with whom he is in constant intercourse, but those I must say are not the Irish portion of the population. What we require as a school commissioner is one who is thoroughly conversant with the wants and peculiarities of our people. Up to the present time our rights have been most carefully ignored by the politicians of Quebec, both Liberal and Conservative. During the Mercier regime, when Mr. Murphy resigned, his place was filled by the appointment of Mr. Semple, who, like Mr. Hart, is a man in every way fitted for the position. Why later on he was displaced by the Taillon Government was never made clear. During the Mercier administration Mr. Monk, who is supposed to represent our interests, was replaced by Mr. Beique, who resigned later on, when Mr. Monk was reappointed. We at that time took this snub like lambs. Our politicians entered no protest and seemingly approved of the appointment, although to this day I have never been able to understand what claims Mr. Beique had upon the Irish people to entitle him to be their representative. The fact of the matter is, we have been so indifferent in the past that the Government does not seriously consider our claims and seem to feel that we must bow to their sweet will no matter what it may be. In reading an editorial in the Gazette the other day I noticed that the responsibility of the nomination of Dr. Brennan was put upon the shoulders of the members of the Council of Public Instruction. Now, who constitute this Council? Who are our representatives in this Council and what were the reasons that prompted them to ignore Irishmen who are more fit to represent us than is Dr. Brennan. There is no doubt the whole thing seems to be shrouded in mystery, consequently we must naturally conclude that there is dishonesty somewhere. I hope that the TRUE WITNESS will continue to agitate until the whole matter is placed before the public in its proper light. The van-

dalism that was manifested by the recent demolition of the Sarafield School in Point St. Charles, to my mind is simply appalling. Had the Commissioners more consideration for the children and less for contractors they might be considered worthy of our confidence.

**MR. B. E. M'GALE'S VIEWS.**

Mr. B. E. McGale, the well known druggist, on Notre Dame street, being interviewed, said: "I have read THE TRUE WITNESS and have admired the stand it has taken in this matter of the appointment of the Catholic School Commissioners. I do not look upon it as a personal question between Mr. Hart and Dr. Brennan, or between any other individuals. In my opinion it is simply this: the Irish Catholics, according to the spirit of the law, have a right to a certain degree of representation, according to their numbers and the taxes paid by them. The object is to have this principle recognized by the Government, no matter what party is in power for the time being, and that it is to secure such recognition that THE TRUE WITNESS has boldly come to the front and taken its strong attitude. I consider that herein the Irish Catholic organ is acting in the uncompromised interests of our people, and I heartily endorse its movement on that ground."

**MR. J. P. CLARKE SPEAKS.**

Mr. J. P. Clarke, in an interview with a TRUE WITNESS reporter, said:—I fully endorse and am pleased with the articles in the TRUE WITNESS on the school question; it is only by asserting our rights boldly and publicly that we shall have them respected.

Now that we have entered into the battle we, the Irish Catholics, are resolved to fight to the end. The dismissal of Mr. Hart from the board was one of the most flagrant pieces of despotism and injustice that has been perpetrated against us for a long time; Mr. Hart was the favorite of the people, he represented their interests with unimpeached honesty and he would have continued to do so had he not been dismissed by reason of those very qualities. A man of inflexible integrity and boldness is not so much valued on the board as one would like them to be. Though we have nothing whatever against Mr. Brennan personally, we demand to be represented by a man more in sympathy with the Irish people, who will represent the Irish and the Irish particularly. The interviews published in the TRUE WITNESS show the tenor of the Irish Catholics' feelings, and show also that we are unanimous in this matter if in nothing else. Premier Taillon's reply to Alderman Kennedy is unworthy of a gentleman; as will be easily seen he wilfully misconstrues Mr. Kennedy's letter, and in addition goes nearly out of his way to insult Mr. Hart, one of the fittest men who ever represented us on the board.

**MR. E. P. RONAYNE'S VIEWS.**

Mr. E. P. Ronayne, of Chaboillez square, when interviewed, said:—"The attitude of the TRUE WITNESS re Mr. Frank Hart's removal from the Catholic School Commission is very commendable, and should be endorsed by the whole Irish Catholic sentiment of the city. No one can question Mr. Hart's qualifications for the position, which is an important one and would be better filled by a man of his splendid abilities and well known business tact than a col-

lege professor. The large sums of money annually received and disbursed by the School Board are in a great measure contributed by the Roman Catholic taxpayers of the city. Are we not to have a voice through a proper representative as to how this money should be applied? Personally, I know Mr. Hart would rather be relieved from the duties of the position, to give his whole time to his large business; but are we to stand by and see our representative side tracked to make room for one whose qualifications are not to be mentioned with those of Mr. Hart? Agitate, then, and keep at it till justice shall have been done to Mr. Hart, and through him to the Irish Catholics of Montreal."

**MR. JAMES M'CRORY'S WORDS.**

Mr. James McCrory, of Ottawa street, fully endorsed the editorials in THE TRUE WITNESS and spoke highly of Mr. Hart's fitness for the office of school commissioner. Mr. McCrory says that the Irish Catholics will certainly not vote again for a Government which attends so little to their interests. We want an Irish Catholic on the Board of School Commissioners, and the Irish Catholics will not let the matter drop until we get one. If Dr. Brennan should remain on the Board, the School Commissioners will do as they have done so often in the past,—give every satisfaction to themselves, and no satisfaction whatever to those whom they are supposed to represent.

**MR. JOHN O'NEILL'S VIEWS.**

Mr. O'Neill, one of our best known and most highly esteemed Irish Catholics, said that he was in accord with every line written in the TRUE WITNESS during the past two years, and that in this case, particularly, he believed that no better, fairer or stronger stand was ever taken by an Irish Catholic organ—that he thoroughly agreed with our every contention and expression.

**MR. T. BUTLER SPEAKS.**

My opinion is that Mr. Hart is the man we should have on the school board; he was on the board and giving entire satisfaction to the Irish Catholics of this city, whose acknowledged representative he was, and I cannot see why he was so unceremoniously deposed. The change in the law governing the election of school commissioners did not at all necessitate his removal. That, as a reason for his removal, is only a subterfuge. I readily admit that university men, by their training and education, are better fitted for looking after the educational wants of the people than ordinary business men are. But there is more than the educational wants of the people, there is more than the educating of the youth of our city to be looked after by the school commissioners. There is the business and financial management of the board. Its property interests, which are vast indeed, millions of dollars worth; its taxes and revenue go into the million, also, and I must say it does not appear clear to me, nor have I ever heard it claimed by university men, that they possess a monopoly of the knowledge or the practical business experience that is absolutely necessary for the successful financial management of such a large corporation as the Roman Catholic School Board of this city is. Mr. Hart has been, and would continue to be, an acquisition to the board. The Irish Catholics of this city have been done a grave injustice by the removal of Mr. Hart. Dr. Brennan, his successor, may be an estimable gentleman, but who is he? He is certainly known, either personally or by reputation, to only very few of the forty thousand Irish Catholics of this city. THE TRUE WITNESS can count on the support of the Irish Catholics in the stand it has so courageously taken in this matter.

**MR. HALLEY'S VIEWS.**

Our reporter called upon Mr. Edward Halley and asked the following questions: Question—Have you read the articles in the TRUE WITNESS referring to the School question, or do you approve of them? Answer—Yes, I have read all your articles on the subject, and could not do otherwise but approve of them in their entirety. Question—What is your opinion on this question? Answer—I agree with Ald. Kennedy, in his statement, that the way the Government has acted is a direct insult to Ald. Kennedy, inasmuch, as I under-

stand it, that, though his request for the appointment of Mr. Hart as a member of the Catholic School Board was acceded to and Mr. Hart installed in the position, he has been removed without consulting or even thinking of Ald. Kennedy. It is an insult to Mr. Hart, inasmuch as the pretext for his removal is senseless. To a great degree the action implies, no matter what phase the Government would put on it, that he or any other man not holding a professorship is intellectually unfit to be a School Commissioner; but even if the law now framed is good, the Government has shown an animus in making the law retroactive, an unjust principle in parliamentary practice. Finally, it is an insult to the Irish people, in that when Mr. Hart was appointed the Irish were perfectly satisfied, regardless of political parties,—he, then, must be considered their choice. When he was removed without as much as knowing or caring what Irish Catholics would think in the matter, the Taillon Government said in substance: We are not concerned about what you want or what you think; we alone will do both for you. I shall be much surprised and much humiliated if at the proper time the Irish, who still have loyalty to the traditions of their race, will not teach Mr. Taillon that they are still competent to guard their interests, to know what to teach their children, and even to know a proper man to represent them on the Professional Quebec School Board.

**BLESSING THE CHARTER.**

What promises to be an impressive ceremony, and one of special interest to Catholic Foresters of this city, will take place next Sunday evening, August 5th, at Church of the Immaculate Conception, Rachel street, off Papineau avenue, at half past seven o'clock. Court Immaculate Conception, No. 427, will, with their invited guests and brother Foresters, leave their hall, corner Papineau avenue and Rachel street, at 7.30 for the church.

The Independent Choir, forty in number, and the Garde Ville Marie have signified their intention of taking part in the ceremony. Seats will be reserved for brother Foresters in the church and a sermon will be preached by one of the Jesuit Fathers, appropriate to the occasion. All brother Foresters cordially invited to attend.

**C. M. B. A. EXCURSION.**

The regular meeting of Branch No. 232 C.M.B.A. was held in the Federation Hall, St. Catherine street, on Tuesday evening. President P. Kelly occupied the chair. After the regular routine business was transacted the excursion of the Branch, down the river, on next Saturday, August 4, was brought up. The committee reported that nearly half the tickets were already disposed of and everything had been satisfactorily arranged for a splendid afternoon's enjoyment. The boat leaves at 2 p.m., from the Island wharf and returns at 8 o'clock in the evening. The following were the committees appointed:—Reception: Messrs. P. Kelly, J. W. Donahue and L. E. Choquette. Tickets: Messrs. W. E. Durack, A. O. Coleman, B. A. Leprohon and Dr. de Lorimier. Dancing: W. J. McCaffrey, A. Brunet, Paul Saucier, R. J. Cooke, W. J. Burke and A. Lapointe. Refreshments will be served on board at city prices.

**SEND TO-DAY.**

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GEO. W. SWEENEY, Esq., of Haverhill, Pa., says: "I was for years hardly able to go about. I suffered from liver and kidney troubles, six different Doctors treated me during that time but could do me no good. I give your 'Medical Discovery' the praise for my cure. Then, too, my wife had a bad case of Asthma which was cured by the use of that wonderful blood-purifier."

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