

A Minority of One.

Who are the Manitoba Minority? While some persons who ought to know are telling us that most of the real minority in Manitoba are perfectly satisfied with the present state of the school law, and while the absence of any agitation against it would seem clearly to point to a similar conclusion, a few priests and a few servile journalists loudly tell us that the minority feel a big grievance. So far as we can perceive, however, the aggrieved minority really consists only of one man—the others are only parrots, who would not dare to call their souls their own in defiance of the orders of the real minority—Archbishop Langevin. This fact comes out strikingly in the announcement made by the Archbishop after having been in consultation with the Ministers at Ottawa:

"In the name of the Catholic minority that I officially represent, I ask the House of Commons to pass the whole remedial act. As it is now amended it will be satisfactory to the said Catholic minority that will consider it a substantial, final and workable solution of the Manitoba school question according to the constitution."

That Mr. Langevin claims to be the keeper of the conscience of the whole minority is clear, because this declaration was issued without any sort of consultation with his Manitoba flock. Up to that time, however, he had looked upon the Remedial Bill as only an instalment of the minority's rights, for he had sanctioned an article which appeared in the *Manitoban* of March 4, which clearly marked the fact that he anticipated that the *Manitoba Legislature* would have to supplement Sec. 74 by other enactments giving the Catholics a share of the proceeds of the sale of school lands. Of course, the minority can change his opinions at a moment's notice—when it suits.

The Churches in Canada.

The Dominion Statistical Year Book gives some figures in reference to the churches in Canada, from which we extract the following:

	Ch. of Eng.	Method.	Presby'ns.	Baptists.	Miscell.	Protestants.	Rom. Cath.	Total.
Brit. Columbia.	23,619	14,298	15,284	3,098	21,031	77,330	20,843	98,173
Manitoba	30,852	28,427	39,001	16,112	17,533	131,935	20,571	152,306
New Brunswick	43,095	35,504	40,639	79,649	6,415	205,302	115,961	321,263
Nova Scotia . .	64,410	54,195	108,952	83,122	17,265	327,944	122,452	450,390
Ontario	385,999	654,033	453,147	106,047	156,795	1,756,021	358,300	2,114,321
Pr. Ed. Island.	6,646	13,596	33,072	6,265	1,662	61,241	47,837	109,078
Quebec	75,472	39,544	52,673	7,991	21,146	196,826	1,291,709	1,488,533
Territories . . .	14,166	7,980	12,507	1,555	17,583	53,791	13,008	66,790
Unorgan. Terr.	1,800	178	51	—	28,803	30,832	1,336	32,166
	646,059	847,765	755,326	303,839	288,233	2,841,222	1,992,017	4,833,233
Per cent.	13.37	17.54	15.63	6.29	5.96	58.79	41.21	

Does Canada Want a Vigorous Immigration Policy?

Mr. W. C. Van Horne says she does. No doubt a vigorous policy in this line would add somewhat to the receipts of the Canadian Pacific Railway; and if this were the end to be gained it might be preferable for the Government to make the company a present of a few thousand dol-

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