

At the period of the conquest of the province, there were several establishments in the country, richly endowed, for the purposes of education, namely, the Seminaries of Quebec and Montreal appropriated more particularly for the education of Ecclesiastics, and the order of the Jesuits, who attended exclusively to the civil instruction of the people. The endowments of these bodies were large and liberal, and they have been continued to them since the conquest, with the exception of the estates of the Jesuits, which have been assumed by the Crown.

The endowments of the Seminary of Quebec are of great value and extent. It is possessed of the following estates, the Seigniories of Beaupré, 15 leagues in front by 6 leagues in depth on the river Saint Lawrence below the city of Quebec, Isle aux Coudres, Isle du Cap Boulé, Coulanges, and Saint Michel in the district of Quebec, the fief Sault au Matelot and other property of value in the city of Quebec, and the Seignory of Isle Jesus in the district of Montreal. The present value of these estates is not known, but many years ago it was computed at about £1300. per annum, besides large contributions in grain and feudal rights on the mutation of real property, the latter of which in the Sault au Matelot alone containing about 200 houses in the city of Quebec, would amount to a considerable sum.

The endowments of the Seminary of Montreal, were likewise of great extent and value, and con-