

tendency of some of the books proposed to be authoritatively introduced into many of the schools of the Provinces on and after the 1st day of July next.

"—LAND OF ERIN, Outwardly thou art in rags, poverty-stricken, famine-stricken, and bleeding under blows inflicted by legal persecutors and unfeeling butchers."

"In the war for independence with Protestant England, Catholic France came generously and effectually to our assistance, &c."

"The infidel philosophy of the last age was the child of the Reformation. Towards the close of the 16th century, a set of deists had sprung up in Protestant Switzerland. * * Boyle, who at the commencement of the 18th century, introduced infidelity into France was a Protestant; and so was Rousseau, the eloquent apostle of deism, and who did nothing more than to develop the principles of Protestantism."

"It cannot be denied that since the sixteenth century European civilization has shown life and brilliancy; but it is a mistake to attribute this phenomenon to Protestantism."

* * * "Without Protestantism and before it, European civilization was already far advanced, thanks to the labours and influence of the Catholic religion: that greatness and splendour which it subsequently displayed were not owing to it (Protestantism) but arose in spite of it."

Protestants are styled "our over-zealous, but not over-wise Bible and Sabbath Christians of the day."

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SCHOOL BOOKS AND WHAT SOME OF THEM CONTAIN.

I have received a *quasi* official intimation that some, at least of the monstrous articles quoted from by me, in my last letter, will be struck out of a "revised edition of 1865, for Canada," of the 4th Reader of the Sadlier & Co., New York and Montreal metropolitan series, before its use, under the proposed penalty, shall actually be enforced in any of the schools of Lower Canada.

Relying on this assurance, I beg to submit, that not only all those be wholly expunged, but that the expurgation go on, till hardly one-half is left of this dangerous and intolerant book.

What is the object of parading in it, biographic, ecclesiastical sketches of some dozen or more of the late leading perverts to the R. C. faith, about half of whom are from the Anglican Church in Britain and the United States?

The year 1865 has gone by, and it seems the promised edition for that year has not appeared; and yet, ever since its recommendation by the Council, the use and sale of the unmodified fourth book, have gone on just as hitherto, and it is even now, supplied by the publishers to the "trade" as being the "edition of 1865 for Canada," which, I expect the patient public will ere long be authoritatively informed, is yet in the future.