

To snatch hundred thousand souls from Rome is a morsel not to be despised. To gain that same number to Protestantism is a conquest worth their trouble. This is what we have been told by a member of a Presbyterian convention held in Winnipeg in June 1908 in the following words:

"The importance of the work (the Protestant proselytism of the Ruthenians) is evident to whomsoever considers the fact, that from 120,000 to 150,000 Ruthenians are already settled in the Northwest, and if the actual conditions continue, their number will increase year by year. The influence of this foreign element upon the public life of the Canadian West will depend upon the manner in which they are directed during the first years they spend among us.—Free Press, June 5th, 1908."



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HOW THE PROTESTANTS WERE DECEIVED AT FIRST

There exists a fact which no one can deny, though it may not have been publicly admitted, that when these foreigners were induced to come to Canada, they were supposed to be non-Catholics. This fact is sufficiently proved by the ignorance so often exhibited by Protestants on questions of Catholicism.

Convinced that in order to belong to the Catholic Church a person is bound to call himself "Roman Catholic," our separated brethren in Canada thought to have a grand chance of drowning the Catholic population of the West by creating a large influx of immigrants whom they supposed to be opposed to the Roman Catholic Church. They had learned that the Ruthenians in Galicia called themselves Greek Catholics, objecting energetically