

of the Catholic Church. To meet that need in Canada, the Catholic Truth Society's Head Office has become the main distributing centre, not only for its own low-priced publications, but for pamphlets of other Catholic Truth societies and similar organizations of the world.

If there is a subject on which a Catholic, or a non-Catholic, wishes information, by asking he may quickly obtain one or more pamphlets on it. The pamphlets are marked at from 5 cents to 25 cents each. When required for the Church vestibule racks, missions, schools, etc., and taken in quantities, a liberal discount is allowed. This department is of great advantage to every priest and layman in Canada. Some priests are now distributing to their congregations, or to those attending meetings of a society, copies of a pamphlet treating fully on the subject of his address.

The Society has been a medium for procuring books for its members, and added very many to its library, and has sent out many tens of thousands of pamphlets. With present printing rates this would at first mean subsidizing those publications, but money could hardly be better spent, and as sales were adequately pushed and additions become larger, they would at length cover expenses.

The estimated Catholic population is placed at 41%. With such numbers we ought to have greater representation and influence and benefits, all of which would greatly aid in strengthening our efforts on behalf of our religion and, therefore, develop good citizenship.

The ambition of the Catholic Truth Society is to have unity, as far as is possible, of all Catholics organized and co-operating in the dissemination of Catholic teaching by the printed word and by lectures. The organization to be a laymen's society with branches in each diocese, each branch subject to the bishop in the diocese and to the Pastor in the parish.

The Catholic Truth Society of Canada was founded in 1889. The Society has received, in writing, the approbation of the