

position to judge the value our people attach to education and what sacrifices parents make for it, and I know that there is not a single father or mother who does not do his or her best to send the children to school. Love for study and desire to learn are rapidly growing with us and I have no hesitation in saying that no province in this country, no State in North America, possesses a population more eager for education than ours.

SUCCESS OF OUR ENGLISH-SPEAKING FELLOW
COUNTRYMEN

This afternoon I heard the member for St. Louis state that the English, although in a very small minority, are nevertheless leaders in the trade and industry in this province and at the head of most of our financial institutions. Now, is not that statement a fresh argument against the bill before us and does it not show that it is not necessary to have compulsory school attendance to train men of action, useful men, for where have our English-speaking fellow-country men obtained their education if not in the schools of the province ?

QUEBEC IS NEITHER ASLEEP, NOR BACKWARD

The member for St. Lawrence concluded his speech by saying that the aim of his bill was to awaken sleepers and recall backward ones to a