

They were selected because of their experience, education and their high standing as citizens. Because they did their duty, because their report contained the facts as they found them and because these facts did not serve the purpose of the hon. gentleman, he is unkind enough to intimate that they were partial and unfair and tried to shield the Minister of Education. The opinion which he seems to have formed of their report is at variance with the one formed by competent judges elsewhere. For instance :

The Canadian Baptist said "This evidently impartial report, while it does not perhaps add largely to the information already possessed by those who have followed up the discussion in the Legislature and in the press, will be of great service as giving, in concise form, a reliable basis for inference and action. Most unprejudiced persons will, we think, agree that the recommendations of the commission are eminently judicious. They include about all the action that seems necessary and desirable."

The Canadian Presbyterian said, "As was to be expected from men of their character and standing, they did their work with diligence, thoroughness and impartiality. Their report has just been issued and it is strictly correct to say that it is untinted by political coloring. The report is valuable because it presents a clear and unbiassed statement of the actual state of affairs in these schools dominated, as they largely are, by French Roman Catholic influences; it will also, doubtless, lead to the adoption of the corrections necessary to preserve the integrity and usefulness of the Public School system in Ontario."

The Presbyterian Review said, "With the report we are much pleased. It is full, carefully prepared and clear. The Commissioners have done their work well, and we are happy to agree to the recommendations they make."

The Christian Guardian said, "As far as we can judge, the Commissioners have done their work with great thoroughness and fairness."

The Toronto Mail said, "On the whole the Commissioners appear to have done their work thoroughly and conscientiously."

The Ottawa Citizen (Tory) said, "It was hinted in some quarters that the report of the Commissioners appointed by the Ontario Department of Education to investigate the condition of the Public Schools of the Province in counties where the French-Canadian population is numerous would prove a whitewashing one, and that the object aimed at would not be attained; but a careful examination of the report, briefly summarized in yesterday's Citizen, shows that the Commissioners performed the duty assigned to them in a most careful and thorough manner."

The hon. gentleman claimed that a Conservative should have been on the Commission. Why? Did the hon. gentleman seriously contend that the truth was only to be obtained from Conservatives? (Hear, hear.)

FRENCH AND GERMAN SCHOOLS.

The hon. gentleman brought him to task for having said in his speech in Toronto last June, that the German schools were pre-