

been turned into scenes of ignorance and vice, misery and degradation.

With such views before them it is not surprising that all intelligent Canadians should watch with jealous anxiety the doings of their rulers, and the progress of their national institutions—acts and institutions pregnant with an incalculable amount of weal or woe to the many millions, who, in a few years, will form the population of Canada.

From this essay politics are rigidly excluded; and without entering their domain one may remark that anxious care and patient attention are due from every inhabitant of our land, to all those acts of our Legislature which bear upon our civil, religious, moral and educational institutions and projects—in short, all acts relating to the social, civil and religious prosperity, of what may yet become a great nation.