

dictator of the Education Office,—is the only possible solution to the great problem which now perplexes our legislators and politicians,—convulses our country with painful dissensions and discord. Such a measure will restore peace and harmony among the citizens of the same community, and give satisfaction to all those whose pecuniary interest is not connected with the great imposition of the Common School System. Then shall emulation be excited among the different denominations; then shall the daily attendance of pupils in schools be increased to ten times its present average. Then, in fine, shall we behold a promising youth, a moral generation. I am happy to see that the above views, already expressed by me in a former communication, meet the full concurrence of the Right Reverend Doctor Pinsonneault, Bishop of London. In a letter lately addressed to me through the columns of *The Leader*, His Lordship says; "Let the denominational system be introduced, without showing favor to any particular creed, but allowing all denominations to have their own schools, according to their respective views; Government grants being given in proportion to the relative number of children frequenting such schools." I will add, *en passant*, that Catholics will never submit to the Common School System. The members of the Church of England are heartily disgusted with it. A large proportion of the Church of Scotland, and the most intelligent of all denominations protest loudly against it.

"My platform," says the pompous Chief of Education, "is the hearts of the Canadian people for Canada. The rights of Canadians without preference, to the protection and enjoyments of their own religious teaching." Come forward great Canadian patriot, join with us in sustaining, instead of opposing our demands and thwarting the natural enjoyment of our most sacred privileges. Come and assist us, and all who share our views, in obtaining what we ask, not for ourselves only, but for all, viz: Denominational Schools, Free Schools without intolerable interference and odious restrictions. Then your bombastic profession of liberality will be a reality; instead of a sham imposition.

In conclusion, I beg to submit whether the time has not arrived for Dr. Ryerson to descend from a station for which he has proved himself utterly unfit. The Chief Superintendent of Education is a public official, a servant of the people, of Catholics as well as Protestants. From both he receives the wages, which make him insolent, and unsufferable. Forgetful of the dignity of his office and of his responsible duty, for many years he has been incessant in his attacks against the Catholic hierarchy, the Catholic priesthood, the Catholic church at large, Catholic nations, and every thing Catholic. The scurrility of his abuse has grown more insufferable, in proportion as it has been permitted to go unrebuked. His insulting diatribes have been multiplied beyond the power of endurance. Are we, let me ask all sensible men, are we to be trampled upon without hope of redress, because we have been forbearing? I am sure that I express the sentiments of all Catholics, and all liberal men of every denomination, when I say the time has come to petition the Government for the dismissal of this obnoxious Official. As an avowed enemy of Catholics and Catholicity he is evidently unfit to hold an office which requires the greatest impartiality and liberality. He has long since forfeited their confidence and sympathy. It is high time for