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THE COLLAPSE OF THE. SCHOOL SYSTEM ?

borrowed ; it is not ours.

In British Columbia the Govern ment has appointed a School Survey Commission in order to ascertain. under expert investigation and counsel, the best means of improving the educational situation.

Whereupon the Vancouver Sun and sane common sense. They are well worth quoting in full :

"If the School Survey Commission, appointed to investigate the school situation in British Columbia wants to render real service, it will devote most of its time to an intensive Scripta manent. The written word study of the fundamental causes of the dissatisfaction with the Public remains. So does the printed word. their responsibilities and their power which is at once to be exerschool that is becoming so widespread in this province.

"The extent of that dissatisfac-CATHOLIC RECORD. tion is indicated in two ways :

"1. By the increase in the number of Private schools in large centres digression let us return to our in Vancouver.

"2. By the absolute refusal of the public to support the Public schools by voting them additional funds.

'The public, today, has got to the point of believing that primary education, as handled by the State, has passionate, candid and sane. If the become so extensive as to be unwieldy, so detailed as to be ineffective, so 'scientific' as to be dehumanizing.

"In short, the Public school, so the public has come to believe, is usurping the functions of the home without actually having the moral force of true home life.

"The Public school says to parents, in effect, 'Give us your grateful to him for he was human. children ! we will classify them, and run them through our machine so that they will all be turned out equal in intellect, teeth, eyes, muscles and ideas like so many brown little loaves baked in an oven.'

"The ordinary parent, dazzled by criticism than from the praise. all this display of scientific knowledge and skill, is only too glad to be relieved of the worries of parental of institutions ; it is especially true responsibility and delivers the hap- of schools. less offspring over to the educa- The Vancouver Sun's editorial

uted to us.

of this province in recent years, in their children. support of that position. We want

muttons.

a bad way.

schools-and we have the legal and constitutional right to have them— which are not only not anti-religious or Godless, but in which there is positive teach-ing of religion. That is schools and in the religious of the catholic schools and in the religious of the religion. That is schools and in the religion is schools and it is to be practical up a community united in purpose and ideals, bringing to the up-building of this Canadian nation qualities which have stood the test through centuries of hard toil and the catholic schools and ideals is the school of the country have been and ideals, bringing to the up-building of this Canadian nation qualities which have stood the test through centuries of hard toil and Rather a startling title, but it is ing of religion. That is schools and religious teachers does not and liberty and equality; as though the stress. The gain, let us repeat, is supported by our own taxes and can not relieve them of a bounden world had forgotten the record of all Canada's. our own share of public grants, in duty imposed on them by God.

Nor is the parental duty fulfilled liberty these last thirty years. which our own children shall be taught their own religion. We by the teaching of Catechism in the What is to be the future attitude have discussed this question of

out that zeal which is not according time. to knowledge and which indulges in ignorant exaggeration and vulgar abuse of opponents. For what others have done we are not responsible.

unique opportunities. Catholic cised in restraint of liberty ? An honest opponent would substantiate such a charge as we are conparents should be an exception. With this more or less necessary

No one will accuse the Vancouver Sun of "attacking the Public schools." Nor do we quote it in support of the Catholic position. schools as well-cannot stand that sort of discussion then they are in Gladstone, in his day and accord-

ing to his lights, spent himself in of the duties of your station in life, The liberty and equality of the service of his country and of his countrymen. His work was honored for his work. That was But also he was bitterly criticized and virulently abused. Toward

> FRANCE RESUMES HER WAR ON RELIGION BY THE OBSERVER

Perhaps he benefited more from the Canadians have kept up their sympathy with France longer than What is true of persons is true any other people who were engaged Perhaps Belgium may be regarded formulas.

offending countries. In no country

sion find a more potent reaction

tional machine, body, mind and has the merit of being direct and but certainly public opinion in

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less. They are often more than substitute for the home. Not even Were we right or were we wrong? that, they are positively anti-Chris-tian and atheistic. We are too deeply grateful for this contrast deeply grateful for this contrast deeply grateful for this contrast position to know whereof they Lorraine have begun to ask the in Alberta; the others have found despoiled ruins left by the sobetween the Public schools of speak, it is very often the case that world this question. Frenchmen satisfactory employment in the called Reformation. Canada and the Public schools of where Catholic children go to Pub- have begun to ask each other whether service of farmers or townspeople.

France to use the language attrib- lic schools with Protestant teachers the proposed war on religion in An occasional man has "wearied" they are taught their religion at Alsace and Lorraine will serve for the sea and drifted out to the But we have often, insistently home conscientiously, effectively, by France well or ill; will confirm her Pacific coast, but the main body and consistently, upheld the Cath- their parents; but where they go in the respect and love of her recent have remained in the places where olic position with regard to schools. to Catholic schools the parents Allies or will drive home to them they were originally located, and, in And we have quoted over and over shuffle off their responsibility on to the fact that by allying themselves pursuance of Father Macdonell's

again from non-Catholic educators, the religious teachers and neglect with France in the War they have policy, families have been kept from men of eminence or respon- the great duty and privilege of taken from the re-conquered prov- together as much as possible. sibility, from practically every attending personally to the relig- inces the liberty which Prussia As fresh contingents arrive (and gathering of Protestant clergymen ious instruction and formation of never dared to take from them, and there are many in prospect) the have opened to them a prospect of same policy will be pursued and

It does not follow, it need hardly tyranny ; a tyranny the more detest- there will therefore naturally grow considered by an ecclesiastical be said, that it is therefore better able because it is to be practiced up a community united in purpose that Catholic children should go to there, as it has so long been prac- and ideals, bringing to the up-French legislation against religious

seek not to impose such teaching home. The Home must be the of Canadians towards the country tion easier for his people. From organs of the press, which on a single other child in the school of obedience, the school of which has just gained the friend- the British Government he is on a single other child in the school of obedience, the school of obedience, the school of obedience, the school of obedience, the school of bedience, the school of obedience, the school of bedience, the school of the school of bedience, the school of the school whereupon the vancouver Sun nave discussed this quotient of religion are learned by practice; ations of regard for liberty, and poses to obtain from 100 farmers in that the English, who are profoundly in short, where the which at the very moment when its Alberta a plot of land three acres ignorant of their own history, should our Protestant fellow-citizens and the school, in short, where the which at the very moment when its Alberta a plot of land three acres fellow-countrymen ; without "at- character is formed and the founda- affairs are at a critical juncture, in extent, on each of which he will tacking Public schools" and with- tion laid for the habits of a life- and it needs all the friendship it erect a cottage. In each of these

can get, is yet so infected with the cottages he will place a Scottish It is a matter of universal com- poison of hatred for religion that family, whose members, he hopes, ment that the influence of the home it is ready to antagonize and dis- will find employment with the is growing weak and weaker, that gust its friends? How have the granter of the plot or a neighbor. parents, to an alarming degree, fail people of Alsace and Lorraine The male head of the family will more and more to measure up to benefited by the restoration of a thereby gain an apprenticeship in Canadian farm conditions, and yet be able to remain with his family.

Let us hear no more of mock In a year or two he will be ready to sidering with quotations from THE They have learned in Catechism that liberty in France. We have heard take up a farm of his own, under at every examination of conscience too much of it in the past. Let the the supervision of the Settlement Board, and make room for another they must examine themselves "on truth be told at last. Is it liberty family freshly arrived from Scotthe duties of their station in life." to be told that you may not educate That above all. How then can your children in the religion of their land. On these replicas of their fathers and mothers who go again forefathers? Is it liberty to be told former crofts, the settlers will be and again to Confession fail to that you may educate them as you able to keep a cow and poultry, and raise sufficient vegetables for their realize their responsibility with its choose; but that the State intends to duties and its privileges? "Stir up take away and to expel from the own use. By this means Canada is The Sun's discussion is fair, dis- the grace that is in thee by the country the teachers you want to assured of a steady reinforcement imposition of my hands," writes teach your children? Is it liberty of immigrants of the right type. Public schools-and the Separate St. Paul to Timothy. Stir up the to be told that you may set up Scotland, alas! will be correspondgrace that is in you, fathers and schools if you will, but as soon as ingly the loser. mothers, by the great sacrament of you have set them up the State will

matrimony. Through it, if you seize all the money and property you earnestly strive to acquit yourselves have put into them?

you will be able to bring up your France are farcical if they are to children in the fear and love of God. be so interpreted. In France these appreciated and he was loved and Thereby you will not only fulfil your last thirty years, the man who has ancient See. Although restored gravest duties imposed by God and desired to teach atheism has been religion: but you will render the free and protected ; while the man only in 1878, (the restoration of the Scottish Hierarchy being almost the highest possible service to Canada. who desired to teach the existence of first act of Pope Leo XIII. on God and the commandments of God ascending the Papal throne) it and the science of Christian docdates back beyond the thirteenth trine has been persecuted and hampcentury. Originally there were

ered by every devisable means. Is two distinct dioceses; that of that what the French nation means by liberty? If so, we shall in this country remember it in the future. and we shall not so soon again be as allies of that country in the War. deceived by the mouthing of mere as an equally firm friend of France; But there is more : The people

Aleace were distinctly p Canada has been more firmly with by Marshal Joffre in 1914 in the France than any other population name of France that their religious amongst the Allies has manifested liberties would be respected. They these last few years. The reason are now told that they may swim if for this firmness, this staunchness they like but they must not go near shires of Argyle and Inverness. A fied to colleges abroad received from Casas,' shibboleth when we sent our men to In Canada we were influenced by the higher motives which actuated die in France for the establishing in Alsace and Lorraine of that sort of unusual distinction in Scotland of death of a martyr. the Allies. We had not very much liberty ? to fear for the actual safety of our

BRITISH MARTYRS TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY-TWO CAUSES IN ALL

By George Barnard London Correspondent, N. C. W. C. Nev Service)

The claims to beatification and canonization of 252 Catholics who lost their lives in England during the persecutions of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries are being court.

a body of martyrs. which has been appointed by the Pope, is now meeting regularly at

Westminster. FATHER MACDONELL has now on The possibility of having 252 new foot another scheme to make transi- British saints has annoyed some would prefer to forget the Catholic blood know their heroes.

FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE

Among the 252 martyrs whose lives are being investigated by the court are many priests and lay folk in every walk of life—peers, serv-ants, tradesmen, schoolmasters, a laboration. printer and some women : one the mother of a family. "High treason" was the charge

"High treason" was the charge against them. It was high treason in the reign of Henry VIII. to refuse to recognize the King as head of the Church. In the days of Elizabeth it was high treason for a priest to This group will deal with the funda-

William Faith at Tyburn in 1584. The Earl of Arundel who died in the Tower of London and Viscount

Stafford who was done to death on Tower Hill are two nobles who with the "State as a Member of

eroe, whose story still lives in York, was pressed to death.

was pressed to death. Two other women on the list include Ann Line, described as " a delicate, elderly widow lady," and Margaret Ward, an unmarried woman of London who was slaugh- Group of peace subjects, "Peaceful tered at Tyburn for helping a priest Solution of International Conflicts ; to escape from Bridewell Prison. Canon Burton, who is taking an Argyle founded in the year 1200, and that of the Isles which was much more ancient. Indeed, it lained foundation have always regarded the victims of the old persecutions as martyrs, but claimed foundation by St. Patrick himself about the year 477. It them it is necessary for the Church Nations Idea." In the evening

MANY OF the immigrants, we are fabric of Scots Catholicity, which the whole community will know,

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newspaper interviewer the rigidity of the scrutiny to which the lives of the martyrs were subjected before the Church would accord recog-nition. He playfully suggested that hition. He playtuny suggested that it would be a good thing if such a tribunal could judge a man's life before a public statue was erected to him. "Memorials to nobodies

"No one in England, I should think, will take exception to the canonization of our martyrs," Mr. Chesterton concluded.

INTERNATIONAL GATHERING AT VENICE TO PROMOTE

Venice, July 10 .- The official program for the Fourth International Catholic Congress to be held here under the auspices of the Internation-al Catholic League, August 15-20, has just been issued. It calls for general and sectional meetings covering a wide field of Catholic endeavor.

The Congress, exclusively Catho lic and lic and non-political, aims at uniting fraternally the Catholics of aims at the world, without regard to nation or language, in a great movement to promote the Peace of Christ and international mutual Catholic col

On Friday, August 15, a religious service will be held in the morning in the parish church of San Salvatore, followed by the opening meeting. In the afternoon, a meeting. afternoon, a general meeting on the First Groun of peace subjects will ministrations of a priest. The martyrdoms occurred in many parts of the country. Of the 11 London martyrs included in the inquiry, one is a printer named Carter, who died for the Nationalism, Internationalism, in

Saturday morning, the general meeting will consider the Second ingly the loser. NOTWITHSTANDING THIS drain of emigration upon the diocese of tinues to progress and the diocese to promise restoration some day to something of the glories of this ancient See. Although restored

lic press agency. Sunday, there will be a Solemn Mass for Peace, with general Communion for world peace, followed by a meeting to discuss the Third Elimination of War by Law." Under this heading, there will be was in the thirteenth century that to set the seal of approval upon there will be a great public the two dioceses were combined in their sacrifice by beatification. Peace." Monday morning, "Completion of The evidence which will be advanced in favor of the martyrs will be taken up as the Fourth Concerning leath of a martyr. Bishops, priests and laymen will Clergy," with the aim of bringing

ageous enough to stand by his opinion against all the tyrannies of the ruling sovereign." Mr. Chesterton explained to his

to him. "Memorials to nobodies are run up without question or scrutiny," he said.

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The court, NOBLE END

the Light of Catholic Doctrine.

tion of character is concerned, is not we have in mind. It is our own seek. delivering the goods.

out.

"Will this situation result eventually in the collapse of the Public the same text-books, the same school system ? Will the State even- tests, the same standards, the tually admit its inability to take same training and qualifications the place of the home in the train- for their teachers. May they ing of the child ?

"Or will trained experts like Dr. George Weir find a solution to the present problem ?

"The future of our civilization depends upon the answer."

An irresponsible Twelfth of July orator charged the CATHOLIC RECORD with "always attacking the school system of the province-'the Godless Public schools.'" That. as our readers well know, is not true. It is shamelessly false. We have never characterized the Public schools as "Godless." for the reason that we know that the epithet implies a false accusation or ignorance. We are glad to know and happy to testify that God is recognized in the Public schools by the fact that they open with the reading of Scriptures and with prayer. that they close with praver : that God and His providence and man's The Public schools of France are moral force of true home life."

unmistakably clear. We have read "The result is that the child de- it more than once. It is worth pends upon the school system for re-reading; it is worth thinking the development of its character as over. But it is not the Public well as its brain. And the Public schools of British Columbia nor the school system, so far as the forma- Public schools anywhere else that

the close of a long life he said that

he would sooner be without praise

or appreciation than to be deprived

of the bracing air of free criticism.

Catholic schools. Our schools are "Parents are beginning to find it necessarily very closely assimilated to the Public schools. They have

the same curriculum, very largely own country. We had not the tremendous pressure on our sentiments which was excited by the sight of the ravages of war close at hand.

not have the same weaknesses, We proceeded on motives which the same defects, the same shortwere largely those of chivalrous comings? Is there a consideration anger and scorn for the breaking of in the Sun's article on Public schools that may not profitably be taken into account by every one of did the hatred of powerful oppres-

us whose chief interest lies with Separate schools?

than in Canada. We regarded True we have positive religious France and Belgium as nations teaching and, what is of equal im- attacked most unjustly and unportance, the holy and wholesome necessarily and fighting for their religious atmosphere throughout national safety and for the princischool life. But even in the matter ples of liberty. The idea of liberty of teaching religion do we take full in the abstract, more than the fear advantage of our opportunities? of actual invasion or conquest of No one may teach a class or a sub- this country, moved powerfully the ject in our Separate schools without public opinion of Canada. adequate training. Not a class unless it is a class of Catechism, not France. We regarded her as the a subject unless it is religion. There is not a subject for the teaching liberty. We recalled the story of of which we do not exact special

training-except religion. "The Public school," says the NOTES AND COMMENTS

Ritualism (or "Anglo-Catholicism," as ritualists now prefer to call it) existence as Catholics during this as ritualists now prefer to call it) has been invaded by the conversion of Miss Adeline Thelluson, nicce of Lord Halifax. This well-known treaties and the invasion of un- Lord Halifax. This well-known peer has long been the leader of the High Church party and zealous in his maintenance of the "Catho-in Some of them have indeed a licity" of the Establishment. The reception of his nicee into the Catho ubroken line for some fifteen bundred years. olic Church, therefore, has a signi- hundred years. ficance all its own.

at the thought that we should have of his labors. With very few ex- now been launched for a more a part in aiding her not only to ceptions all his protégés have adequate structure and with innate Sun, "is usurping the functions of throw back the tide of the Hun in- materially benefited by the change, Highland loyalty, the Bishop's nized both implicitly and explicitly. The Public schools of France are moral force of true home life." inces that had been wrested from assured, will in the long run be very enterprise. The Holy Father him-The Public schools of France are dot in the ordinary parent is Godless schools. The very name of God, even where it occurs in those dot be relieved of the four year's struggle we thought into her citizenship of these virtuous into her citizenship of th

By REASON of its geographical situation it is a scattered diocese, letters. most of it embraced within the

lying portions in the numerous of the executions. islands on the Western coast of having always remained Catholic. For a long period priests visited them at the risk of their lives and THE VERY citadel of advanced from 1553 to 1878 they were without a bishop. The story of their

A RECENT issue of the Weekly churches levelled to the ground by Scotsman (Edinburgh) has some in- the "rascal multitude" of the teresting references to the Hebri- sixteenth century, the united dean emigration enterprise of diocese of Argyle and the Isles is at Father Andrew Macdonell to which length to have a new cathedral. We were most enthusiastic about the daily papers on both sides of the Ever since its restoration in 1878 Atlantic have given much space the presiding bishop has been champion of national and individual during the past year. Father obliged to put up with "his little are Macdonell, it is pleasing to learn, is tin tabernacle" at Oban, the to local saints. her lost provinces ; and we thrilled more than satisfied with the result episcopal seat, but a project has

EVIDENCE FOUND IN LETTERS

is largely contained in contemporary Group of peace subjects, and the letters. When the persecutions were in progress, Catholics who had fled to colleges abroad received from Casas," "Catholic Juristic Phil-

In one case letters to seven differ- Catholic Bibliography islands on the Western coast of Scotland. Some of these enjoy the the circumstances surrounding the international Law." In the after-noon, there will be special confer-

> appear before the court to give evidence. The evidence is so strong that a member of the court has expressed the opinion that he will Esperant," with a discussion of This could not, of course, happen language medium.

turies, in order to determine if their will be discussed. In the afternoon,

lived

number of English centers have a local patron of their own—Saint the True Christian Spirit of Peace. Margaret of York, for instance-I see no reason," he said, "why we and at Catholic Meetings," "The should not see in England those Duties of the Catholic Press Toward wayside shrines which in France Christian Peace," and "Active Par-

obscure English people is tremen-dously important historically.

ially of the history of their own laymen will speak on the Catholic localities. They know nothing of principles of peace and international

God, even where it occurs in those extracts from French classics that find their way into the class-books, is expunged. The Public schools of France are and glory in being God.

DEPRIVED OF its property and its in the end, the patron saints of the Fifth Group of peace subjects will be discussed. This group has been called "Practical Duties of Catholics in the Labor for the Peace When in course of time a large of Christ," and will be discussed

erected in special intercession local saints. ticipation of Catholics in the Paci-fication of the World, Especially in "This close and diligent inquiry into the lives and martyrdom of Serve Christian Peace."

One of the main topics of discussion will be that of an "Internation-