

leges, we find that they have already cost upwards of £100,000, while not one of them, at this moment, is deserving the name of College, or can give the education which the youth of the Country demand. [A person in the crowd asked, how many acres of land that would have cleared?] Mr. Howe said he could not tell, but this he might say, that looking round upon the great Agricultural body, whose sympathies had been appealed to in favor of these sectarian Institutions—upon those whose toil had beautified the face of his country, and made the wilderness blossom as the rose—and who had earned by the sweat of their brows the larger part of the money thus foolishly expended,—looking round upon that large class, he could scarcely find two successful farmers who had graduated at either of these Institutions, although three of them had been planted in rural districts, and one of them had stood in the midst of an agricultural people for 54 years.

So much for the past, but what was the present aspect of the question when the House were called upon to deal with it? Were the persons who had sustained this system, and spent this money, satisfied? Some of them were—others were not. The Church party was—they asked only to be let alone. The Catholics were quiet. The friends of Dalhousie, thankful for the bounty of the Legislature, were endeavouring to renovate their institution. But there were still three religious bodies in the field. The Presbyterians of Pictou came forward and demanded £444 a year to revive the Pictou Academy, and boldly stated that, while other religious bodies got that sum, they would take no less. The Methodists asked aid for an Institution at Sackville, and this I may say for them, that they pressed their claims with moderation, and were satisfied with what they received. Besides these two new parties, there were our old friends, the Baptist Education Committee, who not satisfied with their grant having been raised to £444 the previous year, came forward and demanded £1000 to add to the buildings of Acadia College. [Laughter.]

The annual cost of the 4 Institutions already in existence was £1720, drawn from the Treasury, to say nothing of the sums raised by the people of England and of this Province. Now what were we asked to do, in extension and perpetua-