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MONTREAL, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 1895.

FROM THE CAPITAL.

HOT WEATHER AND THE LEGISLA. TORS.

The Likelihood of the Manitoba School Question to Come Up ; a Lively Week in Athletic Circles; "Naming" a Member: The Divorce Committee; "Corpus Christi;" The Separate Schools; International Convention of Catholic Foresters.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, June 17.—Already members of Parliament are beginning to get homesick and to talk of the winding-up of the session as soon as possible. Both sides seem content to expedite as much as possible the clearing of the track which leads to prorogation; but whether they will be successful in getting away from the Hill before the middle of July, is a question. It is hinted now that no important legislation will be brought down during the next few weeks, in order to clear off the sheet before a fortnight, but it is anticipated in well in-formed circles that, work as friendly as they will, the legislators cannot get home before August. There is a strong probability of the Schools question coming up, and if it should, there is certain

In the city things were unusually quiet, and Capitals, and which the latter won so easily. In the Senate and Commons, however, there was sufficient to keep wagging tongues going for months. It laws that govern our own legislatures are modelled, that when a member is guilty of a breach of parliamentary decorum his punishment shall be most condign. To the ordinary citizen a statement that any member thus guilty shall be "named" by the Speaker would not seem to presage much to be feared, but to the parliamentarian the punishment has certain and determinable terrors. Never in the history of the Canadian Commons Laft mm., Portland, Me.; F. Fenaud, Prohas this penalty been imposed, but Friday Joseph Martin, M.P. for Winnipeg, very nearly incurred it for scoring Boyd, the member for Marquette, contrary to parliamentary practice. He accused Boyd of attering a falshood, and was call-Minor Orders—Messrs. J. L. Le

the Divorce Committee of the Senate, tived by the Catholic Senators, who are opposed to the principles of Divorce en-The Senators who resigned were

was solemnly and fittingly observed by the leading Catholic societies of the city. The procession from the Basilica was the in religion Brother Joseph-Marie, of the largest in years. Thousands of all creeds | Order of the Freres-Mineurs; P. Martel, flocked the streets where the procession passed. The decorations along the route were apppropriate and grand in the ex-Rev. Canon Bauillon carried the Blessed Sacrament in the absence of His Grace Archbishop Duhamel, who is away on his pastoral visits.

As announced last week, the School Commission will go on. Two other gentlemen were appointed this week by the Government and the work is already under way. The teachers of the various separate schools are receiving every assistance, particularly the Christian Brothers, than whom none are more anxious for the investigation than themselva. It will be two weeks before a report is ready.

The Catholic Foresters have already begun preparations for the International was held to help defray the expenses of the Convention. A grand church parade on the Sunday preceding the opening day of the Convention has been arranged. It will take place to St. Patrick's Church, Rev. Father Whelan, a very enthusiastic Forester himself, having given his con-

# ST. PATRICK'S CONCERT.

IN BEHALF OF THE RESTORATION FUND OF THE CHURCH.

last Friday evening a magnificent concert was given at the Victoria Armory in aid of the restoration of St. Patrick's Church, under the patronage of the clergy of St. Patrick's, and under the very able management of Mrs. Cornwallis Monk. The programme was certainly one of the finest ever presented at a similar concert. In fact there were enough talented musicians to supply three ordinary con-

The feature of the evening was of course list, Monsieur Le Simple, professor of the Academy of Music, London, England. M. Le Simple has a European reputation, he is a perfect artist, and his masterly in mipulation of what to the uninitiated is an unwieldly instrument, was something wonderful. He seems so thoroughly at home and perfectly independent of the orthodox position. His playing is characterized by all the possible unancs of

in itself was a separate treat: (a) Andante, Gottermann, (b) Gavotte, Squire; (a) Melodie, Gluck, (b) Tarantella, Popper. In addition to these charming morecaux were given as encores. Mr. Saucier accompained M. Le Simple in a most artistic musicianly manner. M. J. J. Goulet, violinist, contributed greatly to the success of the concert, by his solos and also by the obligatos to the different songs. "Kathleen Mayourneen," soloist Mrs. Humphrey, violin obligato, M. Goulet, piano accompaniment, Mrs. Monk, was a very fine number.

The other ladies and gentlemen taking part were: Miss Taschereau, Miss Terroux, Miss Nellie McAndrew, Miss May Milloy, Miss Turcotte, Miss Hubert, Mr. Feron, Mr. Algerion Reid Taylor, Miss Bailie and Professor Fowler, accommnists. The audience was large and enthusiastic, and Mrs. Monk had to veto encoring, except in a few instances. A substantial proof of the success of this very excellent concert will no doubt be given to St. Patrick's Restoration Fund.

#### CANDIDATES ORDAINED

BY THE ARCHBISHOP AT ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL

Montreal sustains its importance as a Roman Catholic centre of education for the whole continent, as can easily be seen by the following list of ordinations made by Mgr. Fabre, at the Cathedral:

ing up, and if it should, there is certain to be a three weeks debate on it alone. Even the Public Accounts Committee has several weeks work ahead yet, so that the last of the session, which will ultimately bring dissolution with it, cannot be expected for two months at least. So far as excitement goes it was strictly confined to the Buildings last week. In the city things were unusually quiet, S. Regan, W. J. Weirich, Dubuque; F. A. Cottler, Hemilton; F. P. O'Neil Management and the control of t perhaps on account of the all-absorbing zettler, Hamilton; F. P. O'Neil, Manathletic struggle between the Shamrocks chester; F. J. Dubbel, Nesqually; J. T. Trudel, Saint Boniface; O. L. Roberge, St. Hyacinthe, Z. O. Letendre, Sher-brooke; M. F. Abbott, F. A. Lane, J. E. Jellig, Springfield; A. J. Grenier, Three is provided in the rules of the English Rivers; E. J. Aubin-Maille, A. H. Du-Parliament, upon whose regulations the trisac, A. J. Millard, Valleyfield; L. H. Lachance, cong. des Peres de la Misericorde; E. Gelot, in religion Fr. Marie Etienne, J. Descomptes, in religion, Fr. Archangel, ordre des Freres Mineurs; T. Brown, J. McGarry, Burlington; W. Purcell, L. O'Leary, Chatham; J. Abe, J. Reid, A. Studer, Grand Rapids; B. Don-

E. O'Malley, Springfield; T. O'Donnell, A. O'Leary, Toronto; P. Hayes, Orleans; Minor Orders-Messrs, J. L. Lefebyre, ed down. After much hesitation Martin withdrew the statement and thus escaped the awful ponalties.

T. E. McDermott, G. J. MeShane, A. Paiement, A. Peras, F. O. Morin, T. W. O'Reilly, J. A. Pauze, Montreal; D. Meed the awful penalties.

Following this came the resignation of Donald, Antigonish; H. J. Maillet, Burlington; E. F. Burns, Grand Rapids; J. B. because their reports were always nega- Ouellette, London; T. M. O'Leary, Manchester; J. J. Corcoran, Marquette; M.A. Clary, J. A. Flynn, T. M. Hurley, M. Reilly, Portland; J. F. Barry, N. A. Mes-Kirk-Hoffer, Read, Lougheed, McKind- sier, Providence; A. P. Archambault, E. say, McInnnes, Primrose and Ferguson. J. Lemonde, A. Perrault, Saint-Hyacinthe; On Sunday the feast of Corpus Christi H. G. Coyne, T. B. Cunningham, Spring-J. Lemonde, A. Perrault, Saint-Hyacinthe; field; J. Massicotte, Three Rivers; P. E. Myre, M. D. Pilon, Valleyfield; R. Roy,

vidence; M. Bissonnette, T. Cummings,

. Delchanty, M. Donaghoe, G. Gagnon,

clere de Saint-Viateur. Sub-deaconship—Messrs. H. C. Gagnon T. Z. Lafontaine, O. Papineau, Montreal A. O'Handley, Antigonish; S. Turbide, Charlottetown; D. E. Malone, E. Racette, Grand Rapids; C. E. McManns, Halifax; C. J. Crowley, Ogdensburg; W.A. Doran, S. Dunn, M. F. Reddy, Providence J. J. McInerney, Pontiac; H. S. Belisle-Vasseur, St. Hyacinthe; E. P. Dunphy Springfield; A. J. Comerford, Syracuse W. L. Hart, H. J. Sweeney, Toronto; H. Leblond, A. Seignon, of the Congregation

of the Blessed Sacrament. Deaconship-Messrs. Courneyer, Montreal; D. Chisholm, M. Doyle, A. Me-Donald, Antigonish: M. J. Thiltgen, Dubuque; W. J. Kinsley, Grand Rapids; J. A. Grenier, P. J. O'Reilly, Hartford; S. A. Leinfelder, Lacrosse; W. Fogarty, P. Convention here in September. A moon-light excursion on Thursday evening chester; J. McGrath, J. A. Rividan, Springfield; J. McEachren, P. McEachren, A. P. Small, M. D. Whelan, Toronto; L. Hudon, P. Prince, Jesuits.

Priesthood-Rev. Messrs. J. B. Berard, L. J. Desjardins, S. B. Dubeau, Montreal, A. J. Roy, Manchester, E. J. Hamelin, Quebec; and A. Desautel, Albany.

# **ARCHBISHOP LANGEVIN**

GIVES HIS OPINION ON THE MANITUBA

GOVERNMENT'S ANSWER. WINNIPEG, June 14.--Archbishop Langevin was asked to-day by wire for his opinion on Manitoba's reply to the School order. The following is the answer:-

ST. BONIFACE PALACE, June 14th. I am sorry for the local Government's bad will. It is rather strange that after five years of public discussion the memorial should blandly charge the Ottawa Government with ignorance and claim for themselves the monopoly of knowledge. I trust that the Government and Parliament of Canada will sustain the the playing of the well known violincel- judgment of the Privy Council of England and stand by the constitution of the country.

LANGEVIN. Signed,

THE GREAT TOMBOLA.

DON'T FORGET TO MORROW EVENING.

In twenty-four hours, perhaps less, from the time of reading this week's light and shade, tenderness and fire and dainty tripping passages. The following numbers were played by him and each

Tombola, and don't forget to attend the grand concert. Remember that Madamo Durant and the "World's Wonder, Little Tootsie," will be there. The admission is only twenty-five cents. But the great and all important fact of the drawing for such splendid prizes as those offered will be the most satisfactory feature of the event. Get a book of tickets at once five for a dollar. To-morrow (Thursday) evening the drawing takes place. In our next issue we will publish the winning numbers. Don't risk the after regrets for not having taken a chance seldom afforded both for a prize and a good

# THE RELICS OF ST. BLAISE.

A VISIT TO THE SHRINE AT GRAND LIGNE.

Some Facts Concerning the Career of the Saint and a Few of the Cures Which He is Said to Have Obtained.

The Star gives the following graphic account of a most interesting event:

The men and women of St. Jean Baptiste parish, under the direction of Rev. Father Morin, took a special train at Bonaventure station on Thursday last for the purpose of visiting the shrine, at St. Blaise, this being the first pilgrimage to St. Blaise over organized in this city. Arrived at the odd little country village, a move was at once made for the church. This is a fine stone structure, very prettily decorated inside in blue and white and gold. A low Mass having been said, at which a choir of about 100 small boys sang several very choice—selections. Father Bonnin, the parish priest, announced that there would be a short interval to permit those who had been fasting all the morning in order that they might receive Communion, to obtain some breakfast, after which the exposition of the relic and a grand procession would take place. The old church, a roomy wooden structure within a few yards of the new building, is now used as a diningroom and restaurant, and serves the purpose excellently, their being accommodation for about 500 persons

to cat at one time. When the pilgrims returned to the church the statue of St. Blaise on the main altar was almost buried in flowers. while innumerable small tapers had been lighted before the figure of the saint and around the relie. These last consist of two small pieces of the rib of the saint. about five and a half inches long altogether, which are now of a darkish brown color. They had been exposed in a finely decorated ostensorium in front of the statue, where they remained in full sight of the people during the whole of the remaining services. In an eloquent address Father Bonnin gave the main facts concerning the life of St. Blaise, and also made reference to several miracles, which are said to

have been wrought through his intercession, in and about the village. Following the sermon came the blessing of the throats, the ancient ceremony which has come down to the present day through fifteen hundred years of the Church's history. The candles having first been blessed, the congregation crowded up to the altar rail to receive the special blessing, which the priest savs in Latin:

By the intercession of holy Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God free thee from all sickness of the throat and from all other evils. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

The ordinary candles which have been blessed are eagerly secured by the worshippers, so that in case of sickness in the home they may be lighted while St. Blaise is invoked. And now the throats

are all blessed, and THE PROCESSION BEGINS TO FORM.

First come the altar-boys, in their white supplices, followed by some hundred other little ones, in their Sunday clothes, walking two by two. Next come the young girls of the parish and the pilgrimage, followed again by the matrons and older women. In the centre is the ostensorium containing the precious relic. borne by four brothers, and surrounded by the following priests: Rev. Fathers Dupuis (St. Valentine), Rabeau (St. Lambert), Palardeau (Chennington), Chalifoeur (Napierville), Morin, Prefontaine, Desjardins, Groselin, Delphose and Marsolais (Montreal). Bringing up the rear are the men, also marching two by two. The big double door of the church is thrown open, and out they come. As the boys reach the rough plank sidewalk they begin to chant an invocation, the whole body of men, women and children swelling the refrain Ura pro nobis. The parish priest leaves the procession and stands in the middle of the small square, three sides of which are lined with pilgrims and villagers. The singing stops, and the voice of the priest is heard repeating the Pater Noster and "Hail Mary." Once more they move on still chanting evenly and solemnly. Presently the boys turn, and begin to retrace their steps toward the church, and as one man the whole body of processionists burst into the Laudale Dominum ownes gentes, the last words of the Glain being sung just as the brothers bearing the relie reach the door of the sacred edifiee. The remainder of the day is spent in meditation and prayer before the shrine of the saint, who is depicted as holding an iron wool comb in his hand, this being one of the chief instruments of torture by means of which he was made to suffer. For this reason he has been chosen patron saint of all Christian wool combers.

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# THE FETE DIEU.

ONE OF THE GRANDEST CELEBRA-TIONS OF THE FEAST.

Mgr. Fabre Carries the Sacred Host.—The 65th and St. Mary's College Cadets Act As Escort-Scenes Along the Route of Procession.

The celebration of Corpus Christi, on last Sunday, was one of the grandest and most imposing ever held in this city.

All the parishes of the city of Montreal 8.30 a,m. They immediately formed inbegan the march.

The route of the procession was by way of Place d'Armes Hill, St. Urbain, Dorchester. Visitation, Laganchetiere, Campeau, Dubord, St. Denis, Bonsecours and Notre Dame streets to Notre Dame Church. Several arches had been erected and many columns adorned the route. Saplings, maple and palm trees were planted everywhere; streamers were extended across the streets and flags were displayed at windows and hung at flagstaffs. Pious pictures were also hung on the walls of houses. The decorations of the Maternity of La Misericorde, on Dorchester street, were very beautiful; the Sisters made every effort to enhance their property, which is of great dim-ensions. The repository was situated at St. Peter's Church. There the Archbishop blessed the people, and all rested

for a few moments.

It was about 10.15 before the different societies had moved along the line of march sufficiently to allow the dais which covered the Blessed Sacrament to

leave the church.

His Grace Archbishop Fabre carried the Host; he was relieved occasionally by Canon Racicot. The outlying munisipanties are not invited to take part in the procession, as the ranks would be swelled to such proportions that the various societies could with difficulty cover the route before evening. They had processions in their own parishes. As things were on Sunday, the Host only left the church at 10.15 a.m., and it did not return until two o'clock. It took the processionists an hour and a balf to pass any given point.

St. Mary's parish led the way, under the direction of the parish priest, Rev. Father O'Donnell; a squad of policemen preceded them. The boys' and the girls' schools of the parish, with the banners and regalia, were the first: after them came the children of Mary, and the ladies of the Rosary Schality, all wearing their regalia: the members of the Holy Name Society, and the gentlemen of the parish

The next congregation was that of St. Peter's, accompanied by the Oblat Fathers. The societies of this church in the ranks were: The Congregation of the Ladies, with banners and bannerets; the Society of Temperance, with banners and flags and the band "Union Musical"; the Men's Congregation of the Blessed Virgin, and the Young Men's Congregation, besides these were the Ladies of Ste. Anne with banners and regalia, and the

boys of St. Peter's School. St. Bridget's parish followed. It consisted of the boys of the Christian Brothers' School, and the girls of the School of the Congregation Nuns; then came the young men of the Congregation of the Blessed Virgin with banners, the Men's Congregation, with banners, and the Children of Mary, wearing white veils and carrying tlags, banners and bannerets representing the fifteen mys-

St. Ann's parish also took part in the procession. The St. Ann's Young Men. St. Ann's Temperance Society and the gentlemen of the parish walked with the Redemptorist Fathers.

St. Anthony's parish, consisting of the ladies of the parish, the Young Men's Society, and parishioners, preceded St.

Joseph's parish. Amongst, the societies of the latter in the ranks were Les Dames de Ste. Anne with banner, the Children of Mary, the Congregation of Young Men, PUnion St. Joseph, PUnion St. Vincent, the Women's Congregation and the Men's Congregation of the Blessed Virgin, all carrying flags and banners.

St. James' parish was composed of the Congregation of the Blessed Virgin for Young Men, and that for the men, as well as the Congregation for the Ladies of the parish. They carried their banners and flags and they were accompanied by ac-

St. Patrick's parish came next in the order of march. The Sodality of the Living Rosary, the ladies of which were dressed in white and several in black; they carried the bannerets of the fifteen mysteries; they were very much admired; the Ladies of the Sacred Heart; the Children of Mary; the children of the schools; St. Patrick's Temperance Society and St. Patrick's Society. In the ranks of St. Patrick's Society were notieed Hon. J. J. Curran, Hon. James Me-Shane and Dr. Guerin, the president of the society; Rev. Father Quinlivan, parish priest, Rev. Father Martin Callaghan, Rev. Father James Callaghan and Rev. Father James McCallen. The members of the Catholic Truth Society were also seen in the ranks of the procession, as well as the members of the Catholic Sailors' Club.

Notre Dame parish came last. The societies of this parish were: The Congregation of La Sainte Famille, the Men's and the fame of the preacher.

Congregation and the children of the schools. The Sisters of the Congrega tions and the Grey Nuns also preceded the Host.

After the various parishes came the putils of Mount St. Louis with their band, the students of St. Mary's College and those of the Montreal College with the band of the college. The band of the 65th Battalion preceded the elergy. Immediately preceding the Host were the students of philosophy and theology of the Grand Seminary, the sub-deacons and deacons in their dalmatics and the priests intheir chasubles. Then came the canons of the archdiocese, accompanied by four Franciscan Fathers and a priest of the Greek rite, robed in the vestments requircomposed of their societies, assembled ed by that rite. The 65th Battalion, in and around Place d'Armes Square at under command of Lieut.-Col. Prevost, and the St. Mary's College Cadets, under to line, and after a low Mass at Notre | the command of Capt. Henri Mercier, Dame Church had been said, at which acted as a body guard. A squad of the societies were not present, owing to their great number, they immediately the Host passed, the crowds that lined the sidewalks bared their heads and kneft.

Following the eamony were the criers of the Superior Court and Judge Jette, Mathieu and Ouimet, representing the Bench. The sheriff, Hon. Mr. Thibaudeau, in his robes of office, also walked, accompanied by the batonnier of the Bar, Hon, Mr. Robidoux, The other memhers of the Bar followed, and the Police Band brought up the rear. It was 2.30 before all the ceremonies of the day were concluded.

### ST. JEAN BAPTISTE DAY

Programme of the Celebration in Hocheliga Ward.

The Hochelaga section of the St. Jean Baptiste Society, under the guidance of Mr. Napoleon Richard, its president, is making extensive preparations for the celebration of the national feast on Sunday, the 23rd inst. They are to have an allegorical procession and a religious service. The tollowing is the order of the procession:

Banner and Flag. Marshals, Detachment of Police.

Year 1534. Allegorical personages, representing Jacques Cartier's landing at Hochelaga, accompanied by M. Fran-cois de la Rocque, Sienr de Roberval, lieutementgeneral, and of Sieur de Royeze and two Indians.

Band. Year 1641. Historical cavaleade, representing Mais onneuve, his officers and guards at the foundation of Montreal. Year 1657.

vice of ancient Canadians. "Dien et Patrie."

Car showing a Canadian family on its way to church. Allegorical car representing Agriculture.

Allegorical car of a happy Canadian home with patriotic songs. Students of the St. Croix College. ir representing early navigation on the

St. Lawrence. Car of Trade and Commerce. Delegation of sister Benevolent So

cicties. Delegations from the officers of Notre Dame, St. Henri, Longueuil and

St. Bridget sections. St. Jean Baptiste with guard of honor of tiremen and policemen. General officers, officers of sections and invited guests Vive la Canadienne.

The procession will form at the Municipal Had and proceed by Descry, On tario, Moreau, St. Catherine, Marthorough Notre Damie, Nicob I, St. Catherine, Dar ling, Rouville and St. Germain, to the church. Rev. Cure Brissette will officiate with deacon and sub-deacon. Mr. L. M. Brown will have charge of the musical part of the service.

# ST. PATRICK'S SOCIETY.

RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE.

Whereas, the members of St. Patrick's Society have learned with feelings of most serious regret of the recent death of Mr. James Kelly, father of two of our most esteemed members, Mr. Patrick Kelly (late 1st Vice-President) and Mr. James Kelly,

Be it Resolved-That we extend to Messrs. Kelly, and the other members of heartfelt sympathy in the sorrow which tions of different classes of the people deceased's family, the assurance of our has failen upon them through the loss of a loved and loving parent who has been called to his last account after a long and exemplary life spent in works of usefulness and in bringing up the family with which God had blessed him to emulate his many virtues;

Resolved-That these resolutions be incorporated in the minutes of the Society, and that copies be forwarded to Messis, Kelly, and to The True Witness or publication.

(Signed) Jas. J. Guerin, President. S. Cross, Rec. Secretary. Montreal, 3rd June, 18.5.

# A CHARITY SERMON.

On Sunday, the 23rd June, at High Mass, in St. Ann's Church, a charity sermon, in behalf of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be preached by Rev. M. J. Maloney, a member of the Redem; torist Order from Quebec. A large attendance is expected, especially on account of the grand object of the sermon PRICE FIVE CENTS.

# MANITOBA REFUSES.

SHE WILL NOT ACCEPT THE RE-MEDIAL ORDER.

A Commission Suggested to Enquire Into-Separate Schools Previous to 1890-Text of the Memorial in Reply to the Remedial Order.

WINNIPEG, June 13.—The Manitoba-Legislature re-assembled this afternoon. The first order of the day was the Government's reply to the remedial order in the

school question. The reply was read as follows:-

"The privileges which by said order we are commanded to restore to our Roman Catholic fellow-citizens are substantially the same privileges they enloyed previously to the year 1890. Compliance with the terms of the order would restore the Catholic separate schools with no more satisfactory guarantees for their efficiency han existed prior to that

date.
"The educational policy embodied in our present statutes was adopted after an examination of the results of the policy heretofore followed under which separate Roman Catholic schools (now sought to be restored) had existed for a period of upwards of nineteen years. The said schools were found to be inefficient. As conducted under the Roman Catholic Board of Education they did not possess the attributes of efficient modern public schools. Their conduct, management and regulation were defective. As a result of leaving a large section of population with no better means of education than was thus supplied, many people grew, up in a state of illiteracy. So far as we are aware there has never been an attempt made to defend these schools on their merits, and we do not know of any ground upon which expenditure of publie money in their support could be justi-

CANNOT DO AS ASKED.

"We are therefore compelled to respectfully state to your Excellency-infouncil that we cannot accept the responsibility of carrying into effect the terms of the remedial order.

"Objections upon principle may be taken to any modification of our chucational statutes which would result in the establishment of one or more sets of separate schools. Apart, however, from the objections upon principle, there are serious objections from a practical educational standpoint. Some of these objections may be briefly indicated.

"We labor under great difficulties in maintaining an efficient system of primary education. The school taxes Year 1657.
Founding of the Church in Canada, with amount of land which is free from school taxes, and the great extent of country over which our small population is senttered, presents obstacles to efficiency and progress. The reforms effected in 1890 have given an impetus to educational work, but difficulties which are inherent in our circumstances have constantly to be met. It will be obvious that establishment of a set of Roman Catholic schools. followed by a set of Anglican schools, and possibly by Mennonite, leclandic and other schools, would so impair our present system that any approach to even our present general standard of efficiency would be quite impossible.

A GRAVE QUESTION.

"We contemplate the inaughration of such a state of affairs with very grave apprehension. We have no hesitation in saying that there cannot be suggested any measure which to our minds would more seriously imperil the development of our

\*We believe that when the remedial order was made there was not then available to your Excellency-in-council full and accurate information as to the working of our tormer system of schools. We also believe that there was lacking means of forming a correct judgment as to the offeet upon the province of the changes indicated in the order.

"Being impressed with this view, we respectfiely submit that it is not yet too. late to make a full and deliberate investigation of the whole subject. Should such a course be adopted, we shall cheerfully assist in offering the most complete information available. An investigation of such a kind would furnish substantial basis of fact, upon which conclusions could be formed with a reasonable de-

gree of certainty. "It is urged most strongly that upon so important a matter, involving as it does the religious feelings and convicof Canada and the educational interests of a province which is expected to become one of the most important in the Dominien. no hasty action should be taken, but that on the contrary, the greatest care and deliberation should be exercised, and a full and thorough investigation

LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL DIFFICULTIES. "While we do not think it proper to enter upon a legal argument in this memorial, we deem it our duty to briefly call attention to some of the legal and constitutional difficulties which surrous d the case. It is held by some authorities that any action taken by the Parliament of Canada up on the subject will be irrevocable. While this opinion may or may not be held to be sound, it is in our judgment only necessary to point out that there are substantial grounds for entertaining such an opinion in order to cuphasize the necessity for acquiring a most able knowledge of facts before any suggestion of Parliamentary action is Continued on fifth page.