

## Fanatism and Hysterics.

### *The Orange Association's Policy.*

*Resolved.*—That we, the members of the Provincial Grand Orange Lodge of Ontario West, assembled at our annual meeting in Barrie, March 8th, 1911, desire to bring before the Government of Ontario the following facts and requests: That we have observed, with deep and earnest concern, the public and authoritative statements made concerning the Bi-lingual schools of this province. We note the inefficiency of these schools from an educational point of view; the unpatriotic character and tendency of these schools, which avowedly and manifestly *are seeking to drive the English language and population out of Ontario.* They render mutual intercourse and a good understanding between citizens of this province impossible. This state of things is unparalleled among the leading nations of the civilized world. It is merely an ecclesiastical device, subversive of the best interests of the French people. It will arouse jealousy and similar claims on the part of other nationalities, which, if granted, would destroy the unity and prosperity of this country. For these reasons, *we demand the entire and immediate abolition of Bi-lingual schools in the Province of Ontario,* and that no grant of public money be given to any school where an efficient lay teacher is not provided, and the teaching up to the required standing; and that none but thoroughly qualified English-speaking inspectors be employed.

Further, that we appeal to the members of the Orange Association throughout the Province of Ontario, to make this a test question—irrespective of politics—at the next Provincial election. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Most Worshipful Grand Master of British America, Sir James Whitney, M.P.P.; the Hon. Dr. Pyne, M.P.P.—*Orange Sentinel*, Nov. 29th, 1911.

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### *Hon. J. J. Foy on Bi-lingual Schools,* November, 1911:

‘I desire to give my views on the question of the schools, and to put them briefly and clearly. My views are that the English language should be thoroughly taught in our schools to every pupil by teachers fully competent to teach English. That no other language should be taught in those schools. That such is the law that should govern us. That there cannot lawfully be any bi-lingual schools in the Province of Ontario, and if any are found they must cease to exist, and care should be taken to make all schools conform to the law.

“I wish to add that this policy is not one that is in the slightest way unfriendly to any portion of the community, but on the contrary is in the interest and for the benefit of each one of the rising generation. It will remove what would otherwise be a drag on many a youth in the race of life, and enable him to fairly compete with his fellows on an equal footing.”

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### *Mr. G. H. Ferguson, M.P.P. for Grenville,* in an interview dated Toronto, December 1st, 1911: