

education of youth, though *accidentally* it have not always a pernicious influence. This deplorable system, approved of in certain places, has wrought the loss of numberless souls and has accumulated the ruins of morals wherever it has been applied. Hereupon we have the competent and unchallengeable testimony of the Episcopate of the United States assembled in plenary Council in Baltimore: « A long experience, » they say, « has superabundantly proven the grave disasters, the intrinsic dangers, confronting the youth of these regions through the frequentation of public schools. Owing to the system in vigour in these schools our Catholic youth cannot but be exposed to great peril regarding their faith and morals. To this cause alone we should probably attribute the great progress of indifference in these regions, as also that corruption of morals which has deplorably infested and depraved the youngest of our children. » (Plen. Council Balt. II, No. 426.)

Consequently, it is with great surprise and profound grief we learn that, even here in our own country where religious liberty is so loudly proclaimed, that legalized attempts have been made to introduce that censurable and censured system of unsectarian schools, in order to deprive the Church of a right which is inseparable from the free exercise of Catholic worship, guaranteed by the faith of the treaties.

In another province of this land, inhabited by Catholics, they are trying, once more, an underhand and satanic persecution against the sacred rights of the Church. It was with emotion of heart we heard the Venerable Archbishop of St. Boniface raise his voice, once more, against this iniquity. In a pastoral letter, dated the 15th of last August, the illustrious Prelate makes known this perfidious stratagem for perverting youth, forewarns his flock against it, and lets them see how odious it is.

« A trial of a novel kind has come upon us. In a land where freedom of religion is so loudly proclaimed, fetters have been placed on that liberty. Our social and political institutions warranted protection to all our rights, and now, behold the same rights trampled upon by the very persons who should