

the presidency of the chancellor for this purpose was held in the city council chamber on Thursday afternoon, and it is to be regretted that sectarian considerations would seem to be the greatest stumbling block to the immediate carrying out of the project, an original and never lost sight of intention. As the position of similar institutions *vide* the London university has proved that a university which only confers degrees but is not a teaching body also, is deficient in its requirements, and, if this applies to the London university, how much stronger then must be its application to the university of Manitoba, the single one for the province? One clerical gentleman objected to it on very peculiar grounds *viz.*, that the students of St. Boniface college would be placed at a disadvantage in attending lectures delivered in English, while the English students would be studying in their native tongue. Are the descendants of the sons of France born and resident in Canada, protected by English laws, enjoying the advantages of living under the freest government in the world, to continue to the end of time aliens and foreigners in the land of their adoption. While fostering an abiding affection for the land of their forefathers and cherishing the characteristics of their nationalities, should it not be the end and aim of pastors and teachers to smooth away and obliterate these racial distinctions, among a people dwelling in the same land and adopting it as their common home. The argument of the Rev. gentleman would seem to prove that the students of St. Boniface College were not acquainted with the English language and, would therefore be unable to understand a professor instructing his class in the vernacular of the country, in which they dwell. To some, such an assertion would appear absurd when bearing in mind that these young men are the grand children and great grand children of those who have left France to make Canada their homes, but it is nevertheless true, and a well known fact, that the English tongue is as much as possible prohibited amongst the children of original French parentage. If there is one stronger argument than another in favor

of immediately bringing into operation the full usefulness of which the university is capable, it is that of providing an alma mater, where at the same desks and from the same instructors, and in the language of the country the descendants of English, Scotch, Irish, French, Swedish, and Danish parentages, as well as those of other nationalities, but now all Canadians, helping to build up what in the future will be a great empire, may meet together in the bonds of citizenship and good-fellowship. The various lands of their forefathers, like them, being a cherished tradition of the past, but the present generation, being all now fused into one Canadian nationality. A condition of things which would be largely promoted by the rising generation drinking from the same fount of knowledge. The religious question should never be imported into the discussion. How many thousands of Roman Catholics have been educated at Trinity College, Dublin, without any alteration of their faith. The religion that cannot hold its own except it is guarded by impenetrable surroundings must be fatally weak. It is to be hoped that in the interests of education as well as for the advancement of the Province, the university will speedily enter into the enjoyment of those rights to which she is unquestionably entitled, and the discharge of which will be productive of vast benefit.

PUFFING.

An instance of pseudo heroism of a boy aged ten years appeared recently in the columns of one of our dailies. Self-preservation is the first law of nature, and, the fact of a boy with a broken leg crawling a few yards and managing to get on a horse, to join his friends, with the alternative of remaining in solitude and pain all night is certainly not a very heroic feat, but we do not grudge the boy any of the sympathy his case may evoke. We but notice it in connection with the fact that in the short paragraph, there appears twice the name of a medical man, in fact, the name heads the announcement. Now, there is nothing extraordi-