

CHAPTER I.

History of the Question.

Being a short recapitulation of the history of the case this chapter ought to be, and is, fairly accurate; but when Mr. Wade says that the Remedial Order required "that the system of education embodied in the Act of 1890 . . . should be annihilated," it is difficult to imagine that he even thought that to be the fact. Everyone knows that it is not. The language of the document is

"that the system of education, embodied in the two Acts of 1890, aforesaid, shall be *supplemented*,"

not shall be annihilated. The word "supplemented" is taken from a passage in the Privy Council decision. It is as follows:

"All legitimate ground of complaint would be removed, if that system (the system of 1890) were *supplemented* by provisions which would remove the grievance upon which the appeal is founded."

CHAPTERS II. AND III.

Catholic Education a Farce.

These chapters are written

"to show that the education alleged to be furnished in the Schools of the Roman Catholic section was farcical to the last degree, a wretched travesty of what education ought to be, and a disgrace to the Province of Manitoba."

And what is the evidence produced? Inspection reports? Legislative inquiries? Royal commissions? No, nothing of the kind. Not a word as to the schools, their equipment, their work—*not a single word*. What then? (1) Some old examination questions put to candidates for teaching certificates; these, and (2) alleged illiteracy of those who, for all that Mr. Wade says, never were near the schools—that is all the evidence! Let me say a few words as to each of these points.

Teachers' Examinations.

In the early days of the Province, the law examinations were a complete farce, as Mr. Wade and I well know, for we