

not the same and I cannot see how any analogy whatever can be found between it and the one now at issue. With the other Catholic members of the House at the time, I said to myself: if cremation is not contrary to Protestant doctrine, what interest would we have in refusing this law to the Protestants?

THE ECUADOR CASE.

The member for St. Louis told us about Garcia Moreno, who imposed upon the inhabitants of Ecuador the regime of compulsory school attendance, but he said nothing about the difference existing between the republic of Ecuador at that time and the province of Quebec of our days. This difference, Mr. Speaker, is that Ecuador had a large population of illiterates, while in our case, whatever may be thought to the contrary by those who seek at all costs to speak ill of their province, we have a population quite as intelligent and quite as educated as that of any other province of the Dominion.

JUVENILE OFFENDERS.

The member for St. Louis also cited the opinion of Judge Choquet, who appears to have stated that 50 per cent of the juvenile offenders brought before his court were children who refused to attend school. For my part—and I say it without any ambiguity