

be therein set forth, in noble characters, among the most sincerely devoted friends of the French Metis and of the entire population of the North-West.

While a feeling of gratitude recalls the name of a friend, it, at the same time, loudly says that it should extend still further. As compensation for the regret I experienced while writing the preceding pages, I shall, before coming to a close, afford myself the consolation of expressing my satisfaction and happiness, in considering the attitude taken by those who defended and helped us amidst our troubles and difficulties.

This friendly movement in favor of Manitoba, was more general and more ostensible in the Province of Quebec; still, we have received from elsewhere unequivocal proofs of the most honorable sympathy. Thanks, then, to all those who have benefited us or who were willing to do so. Thanks to the Legislature of Quebec, for having responded to the call of the noble-minded man who placed his remarkable talent at the service of our political accused: the attitude assumed is so much the more appreciated that it was unanimous. Thanks to the population that such Legislature so honorably represents, for having so generously and so earnestly entreated in our behalf. No one, to my knowledge, has been authorized to say that the petitions, showing nearly sixty thousand signatures, have prevented the "severe tone of the Despatches;" but it is obvious that those petitions, together with the efforts of the Press, have greatly influenced the determinations lately come to. Notwithstanding the regret you experience, and in which I share, beloved countrymen, it would be too cruel to imagine that your efforts are fruitless. The lives you pleaded for are saved: The vexatious prosecutions, inspired by caprice or hatred, are about to cease. An important step has been made towards

a definitive solution. A cooler appreciation and a little more courage, will enable us to finish what is begun; and our solicitations will shorten the years of exile. Let us hope that it will not take five years for the question of amnesty to pass definitely and exclusively to the domain of history.

In all that is praiseworthy and generous, the Canadian people always find their clergy at their head or encouraging their efforts. Here, again, we cannot refrain from giving vent to the gratitude elicited by the earnestness manifested in favor of Manitoba, as well for what was done openly, as for the numerous and fervent prayers imploring heavenly protection and mercy.

We cannot sufficiently express to the Venerable Prelates who, also, so kindly came forward to request that the promise made to one of their colleagues be not trifled with; that peace and tranquillity be restored to our population; that an end be put to the excitement and uneasiness that have been already so baneful to many loyal subjects of Her Majesty. Thanks, My Lords, for this generosity on your part. Thanks, for having exposed yourselves to the mortification which was not withheld, and that a little more delicacy would have spared you. A more impartial Judge than those of the earth will keep account of your efforts. The people confided to your solicitude and to mine, unite in a common feeling of respect, love and gratitude towards your Lordships.

May the above pages which I know to be in harmony with the sentiments of those who are devoted to us, prove to them that the knowledge of facts, places and persons, can only add to our convictions. It is with this view that I take the liberty to lay them before my friends.