

the doctrines of any church whatever; and if Roman Catholics insist on separating their children from all others, and gathering them into their church schools, let them support such institutions with their own money as others do; for they may depend upon it, if they continue to demand public money to support sectarianized common schools, they will hasten a crisis which will be likely to go ill for them.

It ought indeed to have been obvious to the leading Roman Catholics (and should have taught the man important lesson) that in giving general adherence to the platform of the Lower Canada Educational Association, formed last September, many of the members were making large, and, as some thought, unrighteous concessions by acquiescing in its non-interference in the *status* of the sectarian common schools of the Lower Canada majority, and in asking only the opportunity, by law, for the minority more completely to establish and control a national system of public schools, *Godly* but not *Sectarian* and hence *truly common*. And since the Roman Catholics in Lower Canada have so fully developed their purpose to demand still greater concessions than even their working of the present school law has enabled them to secure themselves by making the state schools nurseries of their church; and since the Roman Catholics in Upper Canada have made the national public school movement in Lower Canada, a specious pretext to make such increasingly exorbitant demands as must be causing the majority in Upper Canada fully to understand that they committed a fatal error in ever suffering any secession from their admirable public school system,—since these and other such things are so, it need not be wondered at, but should rather be the cause of congratulation, that large numbers both in Upper and Lower Canada, are quite ready to unite as one man, on the principle of non-sectarian public school education for the whole people of both Provinces.

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NUMBER XI.

Hon. A. T. GALT, Minister of Finance:

SIR,—The statements made by you and some of your *confrères* during the last session of Parliament, in regard to the comparative measure of support due by the State to the several higher institutions of learning in Lower Canada, and the increase and future management of their public funds, were probably in accordance with the views of a majority in the House, and also with the expectations of the great body of the people, as far as they understood what was advanced.

NO ANNUITY SHOULD BE GRANTED TO DIVINITY SCHOOLS.

As for various reasons, much doubt, and even anxiety, still exists in the minds of many concerning several important points, I beg leave to submit to you and the ministry of which you are a member, that, in the event of the promised reconstruction of educational affairs, the proposition to grant an annuity from the superior education fund to any Protestant (or other) Theological Hall or Faculty, ought not to be enter-