

Stone and brick are not homogeneous, yet both are employed in the most lasting and most solid monuments. What is needed to unite them? A little cement; that is all.

Well, the cement has not been wanting between the two races which share the Province of Quebec; for, in the first place there exists between them a common aim of activity, a common aspiration to form in the North of America a magnificent nation under the protection of England.

Besides, there exists between the two races a multitude of common interests and common religious beliefs truly fundamental. All believe in the Bible, the Book of books, and in the Divinity of Jesus Christ, the King of nations. All have received from the Man-God the great principles of charity, of fraternity, of toleration and of justice which have regenerated humanity and which can produce unity where diversity reigned, calm where there formerly was trouble, harmony in place of discord.

It suffices to cast a glance over the scholastic system of the Province of Quebec in order to recognize the spirit of justice and of generosity shown by the majority in the adoption of the regulations which always place the protestant minority on an equal footing in all questions of general administration and sometimes gives them superiority in the distribution of government grants.

Nowhere else can be found a school law more just, better directed, more in equilibrium, more careful of the rights and legitimate desires of the minority. With a perfect understanding of the political and religious state of the Province, a plan of school organisation has been conceived which manifests an equal respect for the general rights of the national instruction and for the educational liberty of the various ethnical groups.

And the protestants of the Province are unanimous in praise of this law and of the generosity with which they are treated by their brethren who are the great majority.