

L'Assomption also came Hon. Israel Tarte and Hon. Horace Archambault. From Ste. Thérèse College come Hon. Judge Routhier, Senator L. O. David, Hon. Alphonse Nantel, Mgr. Proulx, Mgr. LaRocque, Mgr. Lorrain, Hon. Theo. Robitaille (Lieut.-Governor of Quebec), Thomas Chapais, Thos. Chase Casgrain. From Nicolet College come His Lordship Bishop Bruneault, Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, Hon. Lomer Gouin, Premier of Quebec. The Montreal College has educated Mgr. Bruchesi, Sir William Hingston, Hon. Gédéon Ouimet, Sir George E. Cartier, Mgr. Williams, and Sir Alexandre Lacoste. I am quite willing to put forward these men as examples of the results of religious education.

And last, but not least, among the arguments which may be adduced in favour of our religious system of education is the birth rate, the increase of population among the French-Canadians since 1760. About 60,000 French settlers, destitute and unable to return to their Motherland, remained in the Province after the decisive battle of the Plains of Abraham. Their sole protectors and consolers at that time were their clergy, who also became their educators in religion, morality, and the other attainments necessary to fit them for the struggle of life. This handful of poor settlers, true to their religion and the land of their adoption, now number three millions, scattered throughout Canada and the United States. How does the birth rate of any other country compare with that of Quebec? Many reasons are given to explain the rapid increase of French-Canadian population. Religious education and the inculcation of sound morality in the schools alone can explain it.

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