

NUNNERIES.

In one of my former letters, I called attention to the startling fact, that in the 5th class of institutions, there are over sixty Catholic nunneries, and only one Protestant girls' Academy; the former receiving ten thousand three hundred and ninety dollars per annum, and the latter one hundred and fifty-two.

Mr. Chauveau replies, "There were no applications."

Applications for what? Was he afraid to complete his sentence?

Of course there were no applications for *Protestant nunneries*; but, to my certain knowledge, an application was made for the Melbourne Female Seminary, and, instead of being classed as a girls' academy (5th class), as was justly expected, and receiving a grant accordingly, it was placed by the Hon. gentleman on the list of model schools, and got an appropriation of \$74 last year. He will hear more of this ere long.

"THE POWER BEHIND THE THRONE."

Ill-boding Statistics.—Some of the lands held by certain Roman Catholic religious educational organisations in Lower Canada:—

Bishop and Seminary of Quebec (Franciscans)...	693,324 acres.
St. Sulpicians, Montreal,.....	250,191 "
The Ursuline Convent of Quebec,	164,616 "
The Ursulines of Three Rivers,	38,904 "
Soeurs Grises,.....	42,336 "

These *alone* amount to one million one hundred and eighty-nine thousand three hundred and seventy-one acres of the public domain which is nearly *one-twentieth* of the arable land of the Province.*

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS DENOUNCED BY THE R. C. HIERARCHY.

From the pulpit of the Roman Catholic parish church, Montreal, in the most public manner possible, common schools have been denounced as "sepulchres of morals and of the true faith." The R. C. Bishop of St. Hyacinthe anathematizes them as "machinations of the Evil One;" and the Hon. Mr. Chauveau, Superintendent of Education, the appointed guardian of our public school system, silently and unresistingly suffers these and other such deadly assaults to be made against the very institutions which his bounden duty is, faithfully to defend.

* Does not the Public good require the sequestration of a part, if not all, of these estates? The greater the mortmain landed wealth of a Church, the greater is the poverty of the people.