

In this sentence there are three mis-statements.

First.—Nobody thought that this law could affect the Propaganda.

What, Mr. Tessier,—you a judge,—you a professor of the law,—and yet not acquainted with the parliamentary debates which took place on the occasion of the law of the year 1873? Allow me to doubt it; and if such is the case, permit me to remind you of these debates,—and more especially to enlighten the good people of Canada, who, in reading your speech, might have believed it implicitly. When the bill was presented, it contained an article aiming at the exclusion from the conversion of the estates belonging to five stately Churches and those of the Propaganda. This matter was then brought before Parliament, and to assert “that nobody thought it could reach the Propaganda,” is to assert something contrary to truth; and you, Judge Tassier, in spite of yourself, will agree with me, if you would have for a little the patience to consult the reports of the parliamentary debates of the year 1872 and 1873.

The exclusion of the six mentioned corporations seemed exaggerated, and the article excluding from the conversion was superseded by another one, tending to suspend it, with the reserve to be provided afterward by another law.

How is it, that after all these discussions, and all these proposed and discussed articles about the Propaganda,—how is it that you, sir, dare to assert before the Canadian people that “*nobody* thought of it?” I leave your countrymen to judge between truth and falsehood.

In the month of July, 1873, while the preliminary dis-