

The express design and provisions of the University Act of 1853, having been thus openly violated and defeated, the people of Canada, for whose benefit the public University funds were set apart, are under the necessity of having recourse to the Provincial Parliament, in order that, a thorough investigation of the whole matter having been made, that Act may be reviewed and amended, of which the practical working has been, while it contemplates one University, altogether distinct from any one Collegiate Institution, to merge the University into the University College of Toronto, and, while it contemplates several Colleges, to foster one College alone.

Queen's, Victoria and Trinity Colleges, as they have already shewn, and the whole population of Upper Canada, with the exception of interested parties bent on the maintenance of the present system of things, (and who will make all the louder noise the smaller their numbers) will hail with satisfaction any plan of settlement, either with, or without the incorporation of the different Colleges in one University of Upper Canada, which shall give for the support of secular education in each a just share of a Fund which was intended for all, and shall tend best to promote a fair and generous rivalry between them, and to diffuse more widely the benefits of Academic instruction throughout the land.

For the cause, therefore, of a higher education, as well as in justice to similar Institutions, which, as yet comparatively unaided, have done much for the advancement of learning as the enormously endowed University College of Toronto or more,—let all unite in applying by petition on the subject without delay to the present Session of Parliament, assured, that unless a legislative enactment is to be nullified, and set at nought with impunity, the Legislature will take immediate and effectual measures for remedying the evils of which the people of Canada have just reason to complain, and for finally settling this important question in a wise and equitable manner.