

The newspapers of the city of Halifax which undertook to defend the Bishop's Pastoral—declared that it was not intended for Nova Scotia at all, though strange to say it was officially issued from St. Mary's and published in the city papers before it appeared in the newspapers either of P. E. I., or N. B. The inference which we may draw from such a declaration, is that the rulers of the Romish Church are getting all they desire in Nova Scotia by way of educational privileges, notwithstanding the existence of our unsectarian school law which they condemn. Diplomacy and stratagem have certainly met with wonderful success among all classes of our politicians—a success which has been very prejudicial to the best interests of education within the bounds of our Province. To allow our school law to be thus openly evaded by its administrators is alike discreditable to us as Protestants and demoralizing to us as citizens.

New Brunswick has been disenthralled by its people at the polls. Prince Edward Island has been saved by its legislators in the House of Assembly. How is it to be with Nova Scotia? Is the anomalous state of things to continue by which we are to have a free unsectarian school law on our statute book and a sectarian separate school system in active operation throughout the country? Must our educational institutions be sacrificed on the altar of political partizanship. We feel persuaded that Nova Scotians are as much alive to their educational interests as the people of New Brunswick or P. E. Island, and they are now ready to demand that educational abuses be rectified and our school law administered in its integrity.

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#### **Deliverances of Synod on the Subject.**

1. "That the office bearers of this Church be directed to take such measures as they may deem proper, for bringing the state of the educational question before the people under their charge at as early day as possible."

2. "That the Synod call upon the people of our Church, to guard with the greatest vigilance, the interests of our Educational system, and to use vigorously, all legitimate means, to secure in every place its efficient and practical operation. The Synod further expresses the opinion, that those public men, who are not prepared to carry out, in their integrity, the provisions of the law, should not receive the support and countenance of our people."

3. "That this Synod decidedly protest, against any attempt of the members of the House of Commons, or others, to deprive the Local Parliaments of their constitutional

rights, by forcing upon these Lower Provinces, a system of education, repugnant to a vast majority of the people."

4. "That this Synod record their emphatic disapproval of the past and present administration of the School Law in Nova Scotia, in allowing its provisions to be openly ignored or evaded, in favour of a particular denomination, to the great detriment of the best interests of education, throughout the Provinces."

4. "That this Synod declare its firm attachment to the principle of Free non-sectarian education, and would strongly protest against any effort to alter the existing law, for the purpose of imposing on these Provinces the Separate School system."

#### **ANTIGONISH RIOT.**

The Presbytery of Pictou referred the whole matter of the Antigonish Riot to the Synod for advice.

Rev. E. A. McCurdy read the following

#### **STATEMENT.**

At a meeting of the Presbytery of Pictou held a few weeks ago, it was resolved to report to the Synod the proceedings which the Presbytery had taken in connection with the Antigonish Riot, and to ascertain the mind of the Synod as to what further should be done in the premises. Accordingly the Committee of the Presbytery which had been entrusted with the management of the business were instructed to prepare a report and to submit the same to the Synod.

It will be remembered that when the Report of the Acadia Mission Committee was submitted last year, Mr. Chiniquy, who was present, was invited to address the Synod. After hearing his statement the Synod resolved "To thank him for the information given, and to instruct Presbyteries and Ministers that half of the collections to be taken up at the meetings which Mr. Chiniquy might address within our bounds be applied to our Acadia Mission, especially to the payment for the Church which is being erected at the Grand Falls." Immediately after the rising of Synod the Moderator of the Presbytery of Pictou received a letter from the Convener of the Acadia Mission Committee, stating that Mr. Chiniquy was to spend a few weeks within the bounds of Presbyteries of Pictou and P. I. Island, and requesting him to make arrangements for a series of meetings for him during the time that he had to spare before visiting the Island. After consultation with the Clerk, he did so. It may be right to mention at this stage that the Acadia Mission Committee had already