

payers' money in a futile effort to teach young men and young women the French language.

I am not of French extraction but I have spent many happy years of my life in a close intimacy with the Canadian people; I know them thoroughly, therefore I love and admire them for their sterling qualities and in the name of true Americanism and honest patriotism I raise my voice to protest against this short-sighted and ungrateful treatment of the loyal French Canadians of Vermont.

Yours very respectfully,

Joseph J. RICE,

April 7, 1919.

Bishop of Burlington

*Ce projet de loi n'a pas été adopté.*

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#### LA RENAISSANCE DE LA LANGUE IRLANDAISE

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*The Irish Press*, de Philadelphie, a publié dans son numéro du 12 avril 1919 (vol. 2, no 4), sous les titres : *Must save Gaelic tongue now, says Pres. De Valera. Is lost forever unless preserved by Present Generation, declares St. Patrick's Statement*, l'article suivant :

St. Patrick's Day celebrations in Ireland have come to be associated principally with the effort to preserve and extend a knowledge of the national language. An interesting event in this connection this year was a message from President De Valera, which was published in the Irish papers. Sooner or later, Mr. De Valera says, Ireland's independence will be assured; "but the language, that must be saved by us, or it is lost forever." The statement reads :

"To save the national language is the especial duty of this generation. The ultimate winning back of our statehood is not in doubt. Sooner or later Ireland will recover the sovereign independence she once enjoyed; should we fail a future generation will succeed — but the language, that must be saved by us or it is lost forever.

"It is fortunate that the more pressing duty is the one easier for us to accomplish. To recover our national independence we must bend the wills of other nations to ours; to restore the language we need the concurrence of no will but our own. Let the men and women, the boys and girls of Ireland today only will it strongly enough and our national language can be made as safe as our nationhood.