

are an abnormal growth on Democratic Institutions, if they are a disease upon the body politic, as we believe they are, the sooner they are abolished the better. Let us not waste our strength in bootless and disagreeable attempts to get religion taught in the Public Schools. Let us rather unite our forces in the spirit of Christianity to secularize our public schools, to abolish separate schools, tithes and tax exemptions. Until these ends are gained there will be irritation, there will be a truckling of politicians to the Hierarchy. We shall never have peace and good will among the people when the different religious bodies are seeking favors from government. Absolute freedom in religious matters is the logical outcome of Protestantism. Having thus secured the mutual independence of Church and State, Christian Institutions will become stronger, our people will become united, Quebec will be liberated from its medieval fetters; Ontario will be relieved of religious animosities. We are convinced that unless a course like the one indicated is taken, Canada as well as Quebec is doomed. There is before them no greatness. They will be governed by small and narrow ideas, and will ever be disturbed with religious bitterness and jealousy.

Let us sweep away forever all ecclesiastical privileges and immunities. Let not musty old Treaties stand as obstacles in the paths of Christianity and modern civilization. It is from the Christian standpoint we are writing. There is now more or less conflict between the civil and ecclesiastical powers. It manifests itself everywhere, in schools, colleges and social circles. The candidate for an ecclesiastical position is regarded as out of sympathy with the general aspirations of humanity, as indifferent if not opposed to the struggle going on for obtaining a social equilibrium. This conflict between the Church and civil government is impairing the usefulness of both. Let the Church and civil government move parallel and independent of each other, each lending its powerful support to the general good of man and we shall have no misgivings in regard to the future. The great battle between Roman Catholicism and Protestantism will be waged with the hands of the combatants united, the battle between the powerful Roman Machine and the Truth of God, the conflict between Paganism and Christianity. For at the risk of being charged with narrowness and bigotry, the writer maintains that the Roman Catholic Church is a pagan church. It would entail a powerful strain upon his charity to call it a branch of the Church of Jesus Christ. This conclusion has not been arrived at hastily. It is a truth that has