

both Catholics and Protestants, and because existing circumstances appear to demand it.

If the attacks lately directed against the Seminary could injure it alone, its accustomed silence would not be broken ; but in this instance these attacks are evidently levelled not only against the Seminary but also against the other religious Communities, and against Catholics in general.

In proof of this we may state that certain journals of this city have announced the establishment of a Protestant defensive association ; against whom is it directed ? Against Catholics ; and this on the occasion of a question which is purely judicial, the usurpation of a right of property, judged and condemned by the Superior Court in the month of October last ; since then every stratagem has been employed to convert it into a question of religion by surrounding it with mistaken and false assertions.

By these persistent assertions of statements entirely devoid of truth, certain journals of Montreal have too well succeeded in exciting public feelings and enkindling religious strife.

It was a painful sight to witness Citizens otherwise respectable, even protestant ministers, give to these errors the form of resolutions at a public meeting lately held in Montreal, and then and there founding exciting speeches on those palpable errors in the view of stirring up the public mind against catholics.

However painful the word it must be expressed, had these persons desired to bring on a religious and civil war, they could not employ more efficient means to succeed.

In the presence of such facts the Seminary believed that, the public good and that harmony which, it is so important, should reign amongst the different religions of this country, obliged them to break their accustomed silence and give a faithful recital, and an exact explanation of the occurrences that have taken place at Oka these last years ; occurrences which certain journals have not ceased to present to the public in the most untruthful and unjust manner.