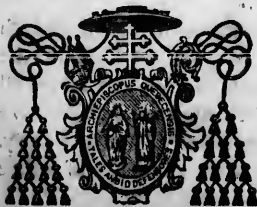


There is no question of coming back upon an unfortunate past; this is the hour for a complete, entire reparation that We expect, and that hour, all sympathies, every noble courage, every generous kindness must strive to hasten. Let public men therefore unite together and have recourse to the means that wisdom and patriotism shall inspire them to put an end to the violent state of things we are all enduring. They know the means of action authorized by the Constitution. Let justice come from the government of Winnipeg, induced to repair the injustice committed; let it come to us from the Federal government, by an efficacious and abiding law, as we have already demanded, or even, were it possible, from the Imperial government; We shall rejoice thereat, and the heart of the Sovereign Pontiff — We know it — will be consoled.

In the name of justice, in the name of that harmony that should reign among all the citizens of the same country, We invite Protestants — whom a diversity of belief does not prevent from being our brothers — to give us their hand and to work with us. Already many of their number, by what they have done in the past, have deserved our gratitude, of which We here offer them the sincere expression. All, such is Our hope, will listen to Our voice; they will treat that small but valiant minority of Manitoba as they would be treated themselves were they in their place. We rely upon them, and — let it be known to them — the victory that We shall win will be theirs as well as Ours, for it will be the victory of right and of liberty.

The present pastoral letter shall be delivered and published at the prone in all churches and parochial chapels or others where public worship is held and in Chapter in religious Communities, the Sunday following its reception.

Given at Quebec under our signature, the seal of the Archdiocese and the counter-signature of our Secretary, the sixth of January one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.



† L. N. Archb. of CYRENE,
Administrator.

By order of His Grace.

B. Ph. Garneau, Pst,
Secretary.