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### SHALL THE QUEBEC SYSTEM RULE CANADA?

In introducing the Northwest bills Sir Wilfrid Laurier took occasion to say that, as a French-Canadian, he pointed with pride to the minority in Quebec never having had occasion to complain of their treatment. That statement we knew to be contrary to fact and the Gleaner of March 2 said so. Quoted in the house of commons the truthfulness of that brief article has been scouted and the Gleaner derided as insignificant and of no authority. No notice has been taken in these columns of what has been said, because those who spoke thus knew no better, but when the gentleman who owes his seat in the cabinet to his pretension that he represents the Quebec minority gives the Gleaner the lie, it is necessary to defend the accuracy of statements in its issue of the 2nd March. This is due to its readers, who have a right to be satisfied that they have not been deceived or misled by false information.

#### GOVERNMENT

The origin of all governments is due to the necessity of the people combining to effect purposes of such magnitude or of such a nature that they could not accomplish individually. Among the purposes for which they so unite is the establishment of schools. In the settlement of the country families thus united to ensure that their children should be able to read, write, and count. As the country grew and society became more complex, the need to levy taxes for their support, to see that all paid equally and none evade