

better respected? Is there any province where the minority enjoy greater liberty and fair play? Yes, I ask the Protestant members, I appeal to them in the name of all they hold most dear, to spare us those school troubles from which people have suffered and still suffer elsewhere.

FREEDOM AND GENEROSITY

I believe in freedom whose convinced, thoroughly imbued and unswerving partisan I am; but I have always considered and consider more than ever that liberty is not a principle to be swayed by circumstances or which can be violated according to the caprice of the hour, and I am still of opinion that, before compelling parents to send their children to school, we must exhaust every means that can enable us to attain the end we have in view. To those who are continually uplifting both hands to protest against the present system, I say: lower one to the level of your heart and put the other in your pocket to help the poor and those of slender means to freely benefit by the gifts of education; you will then be sure to find willing aid in every home.

Mr. Speaker, I again declare that the question before us is an open one. For my part, I will vote against the bill of the member for St. Lawrence for the reasons I have just given.