## MANITOBA REFUSES.

ME. EWART CRITICIZES THE BEASONS ADVANCED.

The Legal Representative of the Manitoba Minority States Wherein, in His Opinion, Errors Have Been Made in the Reply to Ottawn.

Mr. J.S. Ewart, Q.C., has made the fol-lowing powerful criticism of the Manitoba (lovernment's reply to the remedial order in the school matter. Mr. Ewart has fought the case of the minority through all its stages and interest attaches to his utterance, which follow: The Manitoba Government advances six reasons for its refusal to comply with

the remedial order:

"1. The Catholic schools under the old system were inefficient.

2. There are in Manitoba 'great difficulties in maintaining an efficient system of primary education.
"3. His Excellency in Council was not

properly provided with information before the order was made—in other words, Mr. Dalton McCarthy was inefficient. "4. There are some more grave legal

difficulties and the Province still has the whip hand-in other words, the Dominion Parliament is inefficient. 5. The members of the Local Legisla-

ture having, expressly or impliedly, given certain pledges, are at present ineffi

"6, God save the Queen. "I ask permission to make a short

reply:

1. The charges of inefficiency brought against the former Catholic schools have been answered so often, an 1 so completely, that nothing but a charitable attribution to the Manitoba Government of monomania can save from very serious characterization its statement that "So far as we are aware there has never been an attempt made to defend those schools on their merits." Among the more publie of such "attempts" I may mention my recent argument before His Excellency in Council; the Rev. Father Cherrier's still more recent sermon, and my lecture of the other day.

In fact there has not been the slightest difficulty in answering all that has been put forward as charges of inefficiency. The allegations are of three kinds: 1. those which are perfectly true, but also perfectly irrelevant, and would be just as useful to prove the inefficiency of the sun; 2, those which are specific, but untrue; and 3, those which are so general that they are rather villifications than allegations.

"Amongst those which are true, but irrelevant, the principal one is that very many of the French half-breeds are illiterate. In the United States, where there are no separate schools, the illiterney amongst civilized Indians, Chinese, negroes, etc., is so great that a separate column is made for them in the educational census. Is this an argument in favor of establishing separate schools in the States? Does it prove the inefficiency of their system of education? If not, why does the partial illiteracy of half-breeds who, during their present generation, were roving bands of hunters, and whose mother tongue is Cree, prove anything against the Catholic schools in Manitoba? Let the Catholics be admired for the noble work they have done as missionaries, instructors and civilizers among the nomads of the prairies; and not traduced, or their work belittled by dwelling upon the fact that every nomad is not yet a scholar. Be fair.

nongst the charges that ar but are untrue, is the allegation, that in the Catholic schools catechism is the principal subject of instruction. At the close of my recent lecture in Winnipeg produced the time-tables from five Catholic schools, and asked every one to see for himself the baselessness of this charge. I gave in the name of the Catholics a cordial invitation to all to visit thesehools at any time they wished. It is needless, perhaps, to add, that although no one came, the charge is still supposed to be so true as not only to be unanswered, but to be wholly incapable of answer.

Another specific charge is that under the old system the Catholies cooked their returns so as to increase their share of the taxes. This charge has now become a general one, for the reason that upon the only occasion upon which it was made specific, it was proved to be untrue in the most satisfactory way possible, namely, by the finding of the Court of Queen's Bench. The charge was then specific. It was made as to the city of Winnipeg. It was proved to be false; since then it has become, as I say, general, and has taken to the woods.

"Another specific charge is that the examination of teachers was a farce. This has been supported by quoting one out of several papers, set for a teacher's examination, and then speaking of it, as Mr. Armour does, as though it had been the only one required to be answered.

Mr. Armour should be more careful. The general charges are, as I have said rather villifications than allegations. To meet them one can do little more than ask for particulars, and meanwhile give flat denial. At my recent lecture I did all that was possible to remove misapprobension, by producing upon the plat-form for general inspection a large ex-hibit of the ordinary work of the Cath-olic school children; by asking the audi-euce to visit the schools; and by announc-ing the fact that in one of the Winnipeg Catholic schools there were (on that day) no fewer than 44 Protestant scholars whose parents would rather pay for the benefits of the "inefficiency" of a Catholic school, than partake of the excellence of the public schools for nothing. "Manitoba's second argument is that We labor under great difficulties in maintaining an efficient system of primary education." . . . The large amount of land which is free from school taxes, and the great extent of country over which our small population is scattered, present obstacles to efficiency and Progress." No doubt, and it would be somewhat fair to remember those facts when charging Catholics with inefficiency. But the abolition of separate s hools will not change these conditions As has been so often pointed out, with the exception of the urban localities (where there are both Protestants and

Catholies enough to make two schools),

the Catholic population is almost com-

tion of schools could be easily avoided. And this the Manitoba Government atlast seems to recognize, for its apprehensions are now said to rest upon the fact "that the establishment of a set of Roman Catholic schools" might be "followed by a set of Anglican schools, and possibly by Monnonite and Icelandic and other schools." Who the Anglicans, Mennonites and icelanders should not, in schools to which no other classes of children go, be permitted to teach such religions as they desire, instead of that prescribed by Mr. Greenway, I for one have never been able to make out; any more than I can understand why Catholics should not have similar liberty. This idea of one kind and one quality of religion for everybody, whether they want much of it or none, ought, surely by this time, to be regarded as the fruitful seed of unending discord. As for separate schools in any other sense than this, Anglicans and others have never asked for them and would decline to have them. They are perfectly satisfied with the present system of control. The argument, therefore, based upon phantom, is foolish.

"I must in fairness to Mr. Dalton Mc-Carthy deny (and I do so gladly) the most unwarranted and gratuitous slur cast upon him by his clients, the Manitoba Government. The Government says: We believe that when the remedial order was made there was not then avail able to Your Excellency-in-Council full and accurate information as to the working of our former system of schools. We also believe that there was lacking means of forming a correct judgment as to the effect upon this province of the changes indicated in the order.' The Manitoba Government sent down its Superintendent of Education purposely to give Mr. McCarthy all the information he wanted. For years before that Mr. McCarthy had made the subject particularly his own, and had harangued audiences from the Atlantic to the Pacific upon it. Mr. McCarthy for a day and a half addressed His Excellency-in-Council, giving information not only as to Manitoba, but as to Ontario, New Brunswick, the United States, England, France, Austria. Belgium, Italy and Spain. I thought myself, and at the time said so, that a great deal of this was 'information about things that were not so;' but I can vouch that all real information that could have been of any assistance to Mr. McCarthy was brought forward with all his usual clearness, and presented with all his accustomed vigor. What does the Government allege? that its superintendent did not know these all essential facts; or that he did not tell them to Mr. McCarthy; or that Mr. McCarthy forgot them; or that he deliberately withheld them? What are these post-mortem facts? What do they look like? Who has got them? Where are they to be found? Why were they not produced? The argument is over and all for any land or got them. and judgment gone contra, and all for the want of a few facts! There were no doubt some facts not produced, but the reason was that they had not been born.

'I do not intend to trouble the public about the legal inefficiency of Parliament; or about the election-pledge inability of members of the Local Legislature. If Parliament be inefficient, it can do nothing; and if the local members can do nothing, they are clearly inefficient, and ought, in my humble judgment, at once tors have pleasure in bearing testimony to make way for those who are free to to the faithful and intelligent manner to make way for thos

Prejudice has been very busy since that time. No. Mr. Greenway, such is not the ease, Mr. Dalton McCarthy was not inefficient. He fought your case ably

and well, but the facts were against

vote as they think right. "My only reply to "God Save the Queen" is, Be sincere. While asserting your loyalty to Queen and law do not suggest that while Parliament may now legally legislate upon the subject of education, the Local Legislature has power to thwart the exercise of undoubted jurisdiction and to interpose insurmountable obstacles to the removal of 'grievances' which the highest court in the Empire has declared to exist. You are wrong, Mr. Greenway, as to the inefficiency of these technical difficulties and legal subtleties which you raise, but it is not the best evidence of the perfervid loyalty you assert, that you should have recourse to them in order to make void

" John S. Ewart."

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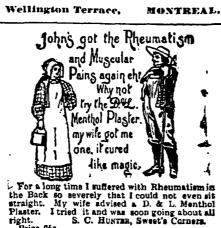
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The directors submitted the following

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS. To the shareholders of La Banque Ville Marie:

Gentlemen,--The directors have the honor to submit the following report showing the result of the business of the year ending 31st May, 1895.

The net profits, after deducting expenses of management, interest on deposits and the amounts written off to cover bad debts, were. \$55,221 11

Balance at Profit and Loss Account 31st May, 1894. 7,407 40

Appropriated as follows:
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at the close of the year. During the year the bank has opened branches at Laprairie and St. Laurent. both of which give promise of satisfac-

mitted shows the condition of the bank

tory results. The branches have, as usual, been inspected from time to time, and the direcin which the managers and assistants continue to discharge their respective

All which is respectfully submitted, W. WEIR. President.

Montreal, 18th June, 1895. GENERAL STATEMENT.

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F. LEMIEUX. Accountant.

Montreal, 31st May, 1895. The president moved the adoption of the report, and in doing so referred briefly to the increased earnings and improved position of the bank. He spoke hopefully of a revival in business, of which there were already indications both in England, Canada and the United States. The motion, having been seconded by Mr. E. Lichtenbein, the vice-president,

was unanimously adopted. After the usual votes of thanks the meeting proceeded to the election of directors, when the following gentlemen were unanimously elected: W. Weir, E. Lichtenhein, A. S. C. Wurtele, F. W. Smith and Godfrey Weir. The meeting then adjourned.

At a subsequent meeting of the directors Messrs. W. Weir and E. Lichtenhein pletely, separated, geographically, from the Protestant. Unnecessary unplications and the Protestant. Unnecessary unplications that they get it. All others are imitations.

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10. R. MURPHY.

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