

The Rev. T. H. Hamel, V.G. of Leval University, where the aforesaid meeting took place, commenced and ended the disputations against the government of Italy.

In his first speech he explained the object of the meeting, and with the exception of the gratuitous insinuation "that the Italian government perceiving that there was money to be made began to execute the conversion of the Propaganda's Estates," I see nothing deserving a direct answer.

I declare, and maintain that the Italian government has not made, and does not make, any gain by the said conversion; because the price which it obtains by the sale is entirely in favour of, and at the free disposal of the congregation. The government does not take the least portion of the said price on whatever title it may be held, without collecting the exceptional tax of mortmain, 30 per cent, which the government exacts in every other province on the sale of the Church's estates.

To the Rev. Mr. Hamel follows the Hon. M. G. Tessier, L.L.D., Judge of the Court, etc., etc., who moved the following :--

"That the act of assimilating the propaganda to the other corporations or religious communities comprehended in the law of conversion of the year 1873 as has been done by the court of appeal in Rome, is in every respect against the legal meanings of the said law."

Choosing not to discuss your words which receive their answer in the motives for the sentence of the superior court (see the pieces at the end), I shall only point out some of your inaccuracies.

In the first place, M. Tessier, I will remark to you that