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**T**HIS pamphlet was undertaken, in the first instance, to provide the answers to a series of questions submitted by the Education Department at London, England, to the departments of education throughout the Empire, as a means of obtaining authoritative accounts of the educational systems prevailing in the Empire. For special and perhaps obvious reasons the answers were desired to be given somewhat closely in the order in which the questions were asked. For this reason the arrangement of the matter is not exactly that which would have been followed if the writers had been called upon simply to give a general description of the Quebec system. On the other hand the questions, even when they have been answered negatively and also when they have been answered by mentally changing their form, have served to bring out more clearly the features which particularly differentiate the Quebec system from other systems on this continent and elsewhere.

The need of the pamphlet has been made apparent in recent years by the many inaccurate statements regarding education in Quebec which have appeared in English, Canadian and United