

Vankleek Hill pay \$2,200 a year to the support of the school, more than they asked from the county, that the cost of educating each pupil amounted to \$28 per annum. They showed, also, that if the Council persisted in starving the Collegiate Institute, and the Model School in connection with it, that the county would be paying only half as much as the municipality, which was extremely unfair, in view of the fact that so many county pupils were in attendance at the school. Finally, they declared that if the Council held to their resolution to cut off \$1,100 from the Collegiate Institute, that the Board would be obliged to charge tuition fees to county pupils, which would cut them off, would also be forced to reduce the staff of teachers and to render the school much less efficient. The upshot of the matter was that the Council yielded to this pressure and restored part of their customary grant, but reduced their gift by \$400 per annum.

The hostility to the Vankleek Hill Collegiate Institute and to the Hawkesbury High School is not due to cheese-paring methods of economy; it arises from the French sentiment against all schools which they do not control and which do not magnify the French language. The French-Canadians of Ontario are anxious to have French primary schools, French secondary schools, and French model and normal schools. This is their ideal. The County Council of Prescott and Russell, where the business of all the committees is transacted in French, longs for the day when this dream will be realized. They foster continuation classes in bi-lingual schools, giving a grant of \$300 to the Separate School in Hawkesbury, and a grant of \$100 to each of the Roman Catholic Separate Schools, No. 6, Russell, No. 5, Clarence, and No. 6, Clarence. These continuation classes are really French Roman Catholic institutions, which keep pupils from attending the High Schools of the county where they might receive too much teaching in English, and might imbibe ideas inimical to their faith.

But the County Council has already undertaken a campaign to Gallicize the High Schools of the county.