

of which we had cognizance was made by Dr. Fryer at a Teachers' Convention in Montreal; the book was defended at that time by a member of the Textbook Committee. We heard of this through a Montreal bookseller who gave us the impression that the curriculum was the real point at issue. Subsequent to this, The History Association of Montreal, of which Prof. Williams is President and Prof. Waugh Chairman of a committee on texts, has issued a report on the history situation in Quebec. I am enclosing a copy of this report.

In this Report, Part II (especially Sec. 6b) represents a contrary point of view to that of the authorities responsible for the framing of the curriculum. Does it not seem to show that, while our book may not be liked, the curriculum is disliked more? If there is any substance to that surmise, we, of course, are keenly interested to the extent of not wishing our text to bear the brunt of the attack. If the curriculum is the point at issue, it should, of course, be taken up with the Department of Public Instruction.

Paragraph 4, Part I, deals particularly with our text. Since the History Association of Montreal is sponsored by McGill professors, this constitutes a severe arraignment of our book elsewhere in Canada. At the same time it practically puts the imprimatur of McGill on two books published by a rival American publishing firm. The first mentioned of these texts has been displaced in British Columbia by "World Progress" for reasons more valid than those set forth against West in this Report. The competing book has also been taken off the "preferred" list of texts for Upper School use in Ontario. I am wondering, therefore, if the committee subjected the alternative texts to the same rigorous examination that was directed against West.

Because it is hardly in point here, I shall not adduce favorable evidence from other provinces in which "World Progress" is used as well as from others which are considering it for use. If you care to have me do so, I shall be happy to refer you to educators, not merely in other provinces of Canada, but in Quebec itself, who place a far different estimate upon the book than that contained in the report.

I wish that it might be possible for Mr. Yates to have an interview with you in regard to this matter.