

distinction of origin or creed. I call upon the members for St. Louis and St. Lawrence to cite the case of a single country in the world wherein a law similar to the one proposed to us has been passed and is in force.

PUBLIC OPINION

But it will, no doubt, be said, why do you oppose this bill, seeing that it reflects the opinion of the majority of the Protestants in this province?

I have followed the debate with a good deal of interest and I note that, so far, only one Protestant member of this House, the mover of the bill, has declared in favor of its adoption, while three have pronounced against it. I am therefore warranted in assuming that in the opinion of the majority of the Protestant members of this House, this law is not opportune, that it is premature and, above all that it is not in the interest of the Protestant population of this province.

A moment ago, a resolution adopted by the Protestant Committee of the Council of Public Instruction was mentioned. Now, I ask myself whether it is a law of this kind that the members of that committee desire. Judge this from the tenor of their resolution:

"It was moved by Prof. Dale, seconded by Mr. McBurney, and resolved: That the Committee desires to express its approval of the principle of compulsory attendance at