

" as possible, and to carry this improved education within
 " the reach of every man. Should this Bill pass, and its
 " provisions be thoroughly carried out, it will be the greatest
 " boon that has ever been conferred on any people. Others
 " have, I doubt not, meant as well ; but they have not en-
 " joyed the light that has shone on you from all preceding
 " experiments; and in no case that I have seen has the best
 " good of *the whole people* been so thoroughly considered.
 " Besides, your education is to be a Christian education,
 " while it most carefully abstains from interfering with the
 " religious convictions of any sect whatever. It seems to me
 " that your whole people must pass it by acclamation. And
 " I must add that I firmly believe that to whatever attain-
 " ment in virtue and wealth, in arts and civilization, New
 " Brunswick may arrive; after generations will look back
 " upon this Act as the starting point from which her pro-
 " gress commenced and the source from which all her bles-
 " sings flowed. This, however, cannot be accomplished in a
 " day. It will take some time to organize your schools ; it
 " will take time to prepare for them competent teachers ; it
 " will take time for these scholars, thus taught, to advance
 " far enough to enter your higher schools. It may take some
 " time to convince men of the reality of the blessings you
 " offer them. Men are so much accustomed to heartless
 " legislation that they are slow to believe that a plan of this
 " kind is really intended for their good ; and besides, the
 " flourishing condition of the Province itself presents obsta-
 " cles. Where land can be obtained at so low a rate, where
 " taxes are so low, and the opportunities of securing a com-
 " petence or abundance are so frequent, some are prone to
 " undervalue education. We find this the case in the United
 " States, and this constitutes the great difference between us
 " and Europe ; but all these difficulties will be removed by
 " time. In due season you will reap if you faint not ; and
 " you will have the privilege of inscribing your names on
 " the list of those who have conferred inestimable blessings
 " on humanity."