

The Archbishop knows your views thoroughly, and I have given him mine at length, and nothing more that I can see can now be done.

As I was consulted by the Archbishop as a friend, the information herein contained should not be communicated to anyone but the Premier.

The proprietor of the *London Catholic Record* will be here next week, and I will see what can be done to withdraw the discussion respecting the settlement of the school question from its columns.

Regarding the other matter: The Archbishop thinks it would be the greatest tactical blunder that could be committed to put Mills on the Bench in Ottawa. He considers I am entitled to it, and will do all in his power to further my claims. But he thinks the initiative with Hardy and Ross should be from Ottawa, and he will supplement every effort after the movement with them is started.

If you are not leaving for England on the 2nd prox., come up on that day and stay with us. Sir Oliver and some friends are dining with us, and we shall be so glad to have you. You could return on Sunday night.

Am remaining in town until the 18th prox., when I take the Winter Assizes at Ottawa.

Yours, sincerely,

HUGH MACMAHON.

The Honourable
CHARLES FITZPATRICK,
Solicitor-General.

(Ottawa), 30-12-'96.

Dear Mr. Justice,—

I leave for England, via New York, on Saturday, and have arranged with the Prime Minister that nothing will be done if a vacancy occurs in the Supreme Court until my return.

The school question has reached the acute stage in our Province, and unless the good sense of your Bishop prevails it is impossible to foresee the result—disaster to Catholic interests and very serious trouble to Canada are impending.

I write Hardy re Mills, and have already written McCarthy.

Yours, etc.,

C. FITZPATRICK.