

Roman Catholics. The Presbytery of Quebec the French Catholics are quiet. Known to the writer, has lost his declining days.
 2. Many of the young men are impatient of what they consider the idleness of farm life. Believing that the United States offer a shorter and an easier way to money and comfort they cross the line; many of them to become permanent citizens of that nation which is so largely at the expense of Canada.
 3. Another cause of removals and diminished congregations is that in municipalities where the French are ascendent the best interests are neglected thereby. Enterprise is checked; efficient schools cannot be maintained; the Sabbath is largely disregarded; and the very roads are affected. In many municipalities in which are many Protestants (Leeds, Inverness, etc.), it is contrary to law to drive a *double* team on the highway in winter. If one has *two* horses to use he must hitch them to *two* sleighs, or attach them to one sleigh tandem style.
 4. The erection of ecclesiastical parishes in the townships is also responsible for the decadence of our congregations. When such a parish is erected, enclosing farms owned by Protestants, the priest's eye looks longingly upon these farms which would yield direct revenue to him and Mother Church were they owned by some of "the faithful." There is thus a great temptation to the hierarchy to use every allowable means of gaining possession of these farms that they may become subject to taxation for the erection of churches and presbyteries, and tithes for the support of the priesthood. *At the beginning* of the process they can afford to give good prices; when it is sufficiently advanced they know they can buy at almost any price.
 The work of many of the ministers in the Province is necessarily discouraging, but it is by no means lost. They sow; others reap. In Manitoba, the North-West Territories, British Columbia and the Western States many of those who greet the Missionary on his arrival, and who are his strength and support, are they who went out from our depleted congregations, and whose loss we feel. They are lost to us, but not to the Church. "Herein is the saying true, one soweth and another reapeth."

OUR THEOLOGICAL COLLEGES.

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Some one has well said "a thorough Presbyterian is a Christian who loves the old-fashioned Bible doctrines in the Confession of Faith." He might also have added, and one who believes in a well trained and thoroughly educated ministry. To accomplish this, a well equipped Theological College is of the highest consequence, the value and importance of which cannot be overestimated. In the