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ON THE

MANITOBA SCHOOL QUESTION

VENERABLE BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY,

DEARLY BELOVED CHILDREN OF THE LAITY.

We have great pleasure in communicating to you officially an authorized English translation of the Encyclical letter which our Holy Father, Leo XIII., has recently addressed to the Canadian Hierarchy. This memorable pronouncement, so long and anxiously expected, will mark an epoch in the religious history of Canada. Its luminous teachings on the various topics of which it treats are worthy of the great Pope who, in these perilous times, steers the bark of Peter; and, coming as they do from the Vicar of Christ, and with all the authority of his office, will serve as beacon lights to guide us on the path of duty amid the doubts and perplexities that too often beset it. This important Encyclical claims