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HE Toronto Week, alluding to the Oka Indians' cause of complaint, says that the superintendent of Indian affairs has admitted his mistake in the threat made in his recent letter to withold from the Protestant Indians of that reserve their share of the Government's annual pittance, and has made the payment to Protestant and Catholic Indians alike. The Montreal Gazette not long ago said, on this subject, that the public opinion of Canada would not tolerate any distinction in the distribution of this gratuity on religious grounds. Successive Governments have urged the desirability of having a test case submitted, but no such result has been attempted, the cause of failure being, so far as appears, the refusal of the legal representatives of the Seminary to consent to such a reference. There is an element of danger, as well as of injustice in the continuance of this long standing quarrel. The nature of the difficulty is such that an appeal is but too easily made to prejudices of religion. The rights of the Indians, as the weaker party, should be maintained at whatever cost, and should it appear after full judicial enquiry that the law is on the side of the Seminary, public Opinion will sustain the Government in dealing generously with the Indians, to the extent of providing them with a location that will be equally satisfactory with that they have so long occupied.

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