

for a generation Frontenac, relates that no student could speak French. In spite of all pains pupils proved Calibans on whom nurture would never stick. Of one that was taken to France at a tender age, baptized, and learned French well, I read that when brought back to Canada as an interpreter, he became as rude a barbarian as any one and held fast his barbarism to the end.

If the Jesuits had had free course on our Upper Lakes, the result would have been nations submissive but not self-sufficing, peaceable but unable to defend themselves — having the *personnel* of men but the puerility of children. They had an ordinance to hasten the *physical* weaning of Indian children — but their mental weaning they would never permit.

Frontenac's report to the home government was: "The Jesuits will not civilize the Indians because they wish to keep them in perpetual wardship. Their missions are hence mockeries." They censured La Salle because at his fort he had some fifty Indian children taught to read and write.

Compared with the sturdy Puritan, the self-reliant Yankee, the products of Jesuit training would seem those legendary monkeys who were intended to be men, but whose creation being begun on Saturday afternoon, was interrupted by the coming on of the Sabbath, so that they were sent into this breathing world scarce half made up. Their development remains arrested still. Well is it said: "A man to BE a man must feel that he holds his fate in his own hands."

However Jesuits might have succeeded, in blowing up a bubble, bright and polished as glass and iridescent with rainbow hues, it must have burst at the first rude shock from without, as did the insubstantial pageant which they conjured up in Paraguay.

A heretic would say that their system had not truth enough in it to make a lasting lie. Hence it was, "The perfume and suppliance of a minute."

The *fur-trader* rejoiced in a longer success than either the votary of fun or the apostle of faith. But *his* occupation too was gone at length. Fur-bearing animals vanished even sooner than the forests that sheltered them.

Fish began to be taken in Canadian waters before the first furs