nationality shines out before an astonished world and nothing can be more natural than that our brethren should once more any years in take possession of the land discovered by their ancestors, and edly, and I consecrated by them as destined to witness at a future time the roughout the our present regeneration of the unfortunate tribes whom they found inhabitiews are too ing it. Besides, the chain which connects Canada, and especially te any great em proposed French Canada, with the Red River, has never been broken. Ever since the occupation of our country by the power which protects us so well to day, the intrepid and skilful voyageurs esent aystem, h fear that it have still continued to be recruited from amongst our fellow nefit from it. countrymen. They occupy an inferior position, under the cirn actual fact, been, an excumstances, but their services have been acknowledged as indispensable. At a later period, French Canadians have here acquired claims, of which they cannot without injustice be deprived. There is one name deserving of the most prominent the casis in and poetical burb of some and honorable mention from every historian of the colony of Assinibola, it is the name of a French Canadian, Mgr. J. N. eady reached Provencher, first apostle and first Bishop of the diocese, who n cannot fail as well as by ee our lands habitants from he Red River ot the persons arms than of ng parties who famine. The bled since last , and hunting there is an exmen, farmers success here. e our lands octhat I wish to omes; far from autiful country rt, all those who not motives of voice stronger ed in my cars, that bound my xile is so bitter, t of its fertility, to me the most I am, therefore, ans to emigrate, s, they are com-are determined m take the direoome here. Here d if they be debe compensated en will here find , and at the same perience enables

e true fathers to preach to them heir God and the ch I can promise ver will be, enterhey will come to like themselves, e really rejoiced willingly engages well as to that of sal. Besides, no the Red River, or e Canadians of hampions of civilenced by motives these brave, and e company of the n the vast prairies on the beautiful y reclaimed from d constancy, our succeeded in gaining the love and respect of all, the father of the poor whom he suffered so much in relieving, and the friend of the rich, who admired his virtues. In many instances the paternal influence of this worthy prelate prevented the commission of crimes which would have caused the ruin of this colony, while the wisdom and firmness of his counsels prevented the adoption of measures calculated to bring about the same misfortune. Without wishing to detract in any way from the merits of those to whose good offices it stands indebted, I think it is but just to assert that Mgr. Provencher has been one of the main props of this colony, and that but for him it would have been lesiroyed on more than one occasion.

Would that the limits of this letter but allowed me to give free vent to my gratitude, as chief pastor of the Catholic population of this colony, for the benefits with which our generous country has overwhelmed us, but I am not writing a book, and I must restrain within my heart the thoughts that struggle for

^{*.} The remainder of this letter was not in time to appear with this Report.