

"The Honorable Prime Minister (Sir James Whitney) said to me: 'Go, and tell the electors of that district (Prescott) . . . that the teaching of the French language will not be abolished in the Province of Ontario. . . .'"

A SIGNIFICANT LETTER.

Ontario Department of Education,

Toronto, January 25th, 1912.

Reverend and Dear Sir,—

I am directed by the Prime Minister, Sir James Whitney, to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 21st, and to state that no change has been made in the School Law or the Department Regulations affecting the study of the French language in the schools.

I am directed to point out that the question is one entirely under the control of the Board of Trustees.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) A. H. W. COLQUHOUN,
Deputy Minister of Education.

Rev. A. M. Chaîne,
Arnprior, Ont.

Hon. Frank Cochrane,

representing Sir James Whitney at the civic reception tendered the French-Canadian Congress, Ottawa, 19th January, 1910:

"I regret not to be able to speak in French, but I see with pleasure that all French-Canadians speak English, showing therein their superiority. The Whitney Government more than ever give their attention to the educational question. The Government will not cease to work for the improvement of provincial schools, in a way to give a better recognition of the *needs* and *aspirations* of the English and French population. . . . I have done much towards opening the first bi-lingual training school in New Ontario, and I wish to say to the French-Canadians that they can rely on me."

The Honorable Frank Cochrane,

representing the Whitney Government at the banquet given in connection with the French-Canadian Congress at Ottawa, January 20th, 1910:

"The French-Canadians can reckon upon my sympathy and my support, as well as upon the spirit of justice of the Government that I have the honor to represent."

The Honorable Adam Beck,

Minister of Power in the Whitney Cabinet, in a speech delivered at Ottawa, January 19th, 1910:

"To-night's meeting honors the French race. Though proud of my German origin, I am happy to live in a country where all the elements of the population have equal rights. I join with the Honorable Frank Cochrane in vouching that French-Canadian claims will always be favorably received by the Government."