

about which much could be said. There is much to be said concerning the recommendation for Compulsory Education. I think I am right in saying that this is the only State or Province on the North American Continent that does not have compulsory education. Whether it could be effectively put into operation, for a section of Quebec, is doubtful.

Making education compulsory carries with it certain obligations and penalties. Here are two individuals residing side by side on a certain street; one is a Roman Catholic and the other is a Protestant; neither head of the house has had much education, perhaps none, and he thinks he has got on pretty well in spite of his lack of education. The Protestant-- if you have compulsory education for them alone-- the Protestant is compelled to send his child to school-- he may be arrested, and his child may be arrested if he does not. But, his Catholic neighbor is privileged to go to school or not to go to school. Whether that is feasible or not, it is for the Legislature to say, not for me.

The Protestant Committee may make recommendations, and McGill may make some, but it must be borne in mind that they are making serious recommendations.

I know quite well that you men have thought of these things previously, and it may be almost like carrying coals to Newcastle when I say this, but I am asked to discuss important points, particularly variations, and, in connection with the variations, I may