

An Act Respecting the Settlement of the Jesuits' Estates.

you, and your Honorable colleagues and the Honorable members of both Houses.

"In conclusion may I suggest :

"As soon as the settlement is arrived at, would it not be possible, beyond the compensation allowed, to give to the Jesuit Fathers a lot of land which would be a monument to commemorate the eminently Catholic and conservative act which you are about to perform.

"I would suggest the Common of Laprairie ; this property, in its present condition, is of little value, but it would suffice for the commemorative purpose indicated.

"It is also one way of commemorating, in the political history of the country, that glorious concordat, the effecting whereof would be associated with the name of your Government, as soon as the Holy Father has ratified it ; that is, that the establishments of the Jesuit Fathers in this Province are always allowed, in accordance with their deserts and if they ask for it, to participate in the grants which the Government of this Province allows to others institutions to encourage teaching, education, industries, arts and colonization.

"The reason of this favor is that these grants would be made in great part out of the funds of the 'Jesuits' Estates.'

"Would it not be strange, to say nothing further, to refuse the Jesuits a share, granted to others, out of the pecuniary benefits derived from the revenues of these same Estates with which the Jesuits enriched the Province.

"Here then, Sir, is what I think it necessary to say to you before knowing what the Government is ready to offer as compensation for the 'Jesuits' Estates.'

"Awaiting the honor of a reply I depend upon the justice of my claim and upon the liberality of a wise Government.

"I have the honor to be,

"Sir,

"Your humble servant,

"(Signed) A. D. TURGEON, S. J.

"Procurator of the Jesuit Fathers."

"PREMIER'S OFFICE,

"Province of Quebec,

"Quebec, 4th June, 1888.

"VERY REVEREND FATHER,

Letter from
Mr. Mercier
to Rev. A. D.
Turgeon, de-
clining to give
amount

"I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated the 20th May last.

"You acquaint me with the conditions upon which you are prepared to settle the question of the 'Jesuits' Estates' by