

emulation will inspire both one side and the other.

Is not this strong testimony—written in a Protestant journal but written by a man who is not blinded by bigotry or hatred or Popery and all its belongings. "An expensive system of education doing nothing," says the Rev. Mr. Bray. In all there are 21,000 children being educated out of a Catholic population of about 90,000, and that is "doing nothing." In 1867, the number of children at school was only 13,000 odd, and to increase to nearly 21,000 in ten years "is doing nothing." In 1872, the lay commissioners had only 2,500 children under their jurisdiction, while in 1876 they had 6,088 "doing nothing." Then there are 13 young men who have been educated at the Catholic Commercial School, in the Banks of Montreal, "unfitted for trade." As to the wild assertion about a teacher who was desirous of making an application for an increase of salary, but could not write a letter, I challenge Mr. Bray to prove that assertion, or he must allow the stigma of being the "willing victim" of a misrepresentation to be attached to his name. The Catholic and the Protestant School Commissioners have always worked harmoniously together, and all the enemies of 'popular ignorance' will do their best to secure a continuance of that good understanding in the future.

He said, too, that there was a Mechanics' Institute and literary and debating society in Montreal at one time, but "the priests finding the good they were doing the masses, would not have them, for the people got to know something, so they killed off the institute and put in their places card, billiard, and drinking saloons." Into what excesses will bigotry carry one, and into what errors it causes the unfortunate to plunge. The "Institute" referred to belonged to the Catholic School Commissioners.