

labelled with the names of the various churches, into which the taxes are dropped according to the creed of those who pay them? If so, then the members of each denomination might claim what is in their particular box be expended in the way they ask, but as there is no such system, when all taxes go into a general fund, it is foolishness to pretend that any church has a claim upon a particular portion. The taxes are levied for public purposes, to be expended on behalf of the people as a whole, and to divert any part of them from public purposes to pay to any church, is a breach of trust. How could the business of the country be conducted were every dollar of revenue credited according to the creed of the person who paid it, and the government pay it out on the same plan? It would be impossible, yet the Baptist, the Methodist, the Presbyterian, the Anglican, has an equal right with the Catholic to make such a demand. For a section of the population to say, Our standing is different from these, they are only pretended churches, ours is the true Church, is to raise a question with which the civil magistrate has nothing to do.

When a body of people demand that, because of their religious belief they be treated differently from the common herd, is any government justified in recognizing such a claim? The government that does, violates two principles of the civil contract by asserting, (1) that the State is competent to judge religious beliefs, and (2) to grant special privileges to the Church it prefers. Before the people of the Northwest listen to the importunities of those who are demanding church schools, whether Greek, Armenian, Mormon, or Catholic, let them make enquiry as to how such schools work in Quebec.

A PAPAL, NOT A FRENCH, QUEBEC.

Are the conditions that prevail in Quebec a menace to the welfare and liberties of the other Provinces of the Dominion? The reply of the other provinces has been that given by their spokesmen in the press, on the platform, in Parliament, that what the people of Quebec are doing does not concern them—since the Quebec majority so wish it.