

been shattered are "naked and open" to our eyes and should be sedulously shunned by us. The mistakes of other nations should be our gains, and on account of our similarity to the American republic in so many important points we should study especially her successes and failures and endeavor to avoid the errors she has made. If we be sincere we will not deny that the rock of destruction which to-day threatens nations and is a grave menace to ourselves, is immorality—disregard for God-given natural law; contempt for the sacred bond of marriage, and consequently the destruction of the home, which is the bulwark of society and the cradle of nations.

It is not necessary to enter into a lengthy explanation of the above statement that immorality when it becomes rampant weakens society and the state. It has been proven long ago in the case of the Roman Empire, and without making too sweeping an assertion it appears that it is being only too well proven in the case of France to-day. Granting then that we admit immorality and irreligion as an enemy to national strength, is not he who sets to work to combat our internal foes a truer patriot than he who, arrayed in the glittering accoutrements of military ostentation, prepares for imaginary or even real foes from without? We may need, it is true, military and naval defence in future, but at present we most certainly sorely need patriotic Catholic men and women to counteract the effects of the pernicious doctrines that are being sown broadcast among us. The nations of the earth are at our doors. Already there are about 150,000 Catholic immigrants in the West, and worst of all they have come to Canada almost destitute of priests. We need money, schools, churches and teachers, but most of all we need priests. Priests with the missionary's spirit. Catholic laymen should recognize that they can do a great deal to assist Catholic emigrants coming to our shores, but the great and crying need is for priests, men endowed with both teaching and pastoral offices. Without teachers of morals, no morality. Without morality, we cannot have stability and national life. If the hordes of immigrants coming to our shores are allowed to grow up without religion what must be the result? In fifty years we shall have a great unchristian and irreligious throng, a menace to good order, and an element of degeneracy.

Surely then the case is grave enough to arouse our latent sensibilities. Thus far we have considered the question only from the standpoint of patriotism; but apart from the immense benefits to accrue to our beloved Canada, if Catholic immigrants after