

Your Committee having already consulted His Grace the Archbishop of Ottawa, and keeping always in view the honest desire of the parishioners to obtain redress of the grievances that exist in St. Joseph's Parish, and which they hoped to have remedied by earnest appeals to the sense of justice of the representatives of the Oblate Order, after this conference concluded that no serious consideration was intended to be given to their efforts on behalf of the Parishioners, and being sensible of the fact that a great majority of the Parishioners and Catholic laity were entirely unaware of the exact relationship between St. Joseph's Parish and the University determined to discover what is the true position of affairs between St. Joseph's and the University, and the obligation or necessity on the part of the Parish of St. Joseph's to bear now any portion of the financial responsibility of the University.

It was discovered on careful research that the first prospectus of the then college was issued on the 14th of August, 1848, and the college was opened on the 27th of September of the same year, and on the 17th of October following: copy of the prospectus and petition for financial assistance were enclosed in a communication of that date from the Venerable Bishop of Bytown to his Excellency, Lord Elgin Governor General, and in 1849 an Act of Parliament was passed incorporating the college of Bytown, which was amended by further legislation in 1861 and the name changed to the College of Ottawa; and again further amending legislation was passed in 1866 by which the college was raised to the status of a University and again amending legislation was passed by the Province of Ontario in 1885 and 1891, which legislation was supplemented by a charter in 1889 by His Holiness, Pope Leo XIII. elevating the college to the dignity of a Catholic University.

Unnappily much difference of opinion and dissatisfaction has been expressed from time to time with regard to the administration of the educational affairs of the University under the Oblates, and a Memorial dated the 7th of October, 1901, set out in the appendix at page 15, was presented to the Superior-General of the Oblates, and a reply thereto was prepared and delivered by His Grace the late Archbishop Duhamel, which is also set out in the appendix at page 22 and subsequently a pamphlet entitled "A Searchlight showing the need of a University for the English-speaking Catholics of Canada." was published and distributed, dealing extensively with the inner history of the University of Ottawa.

Since then the English-speaking priests have been gradually removed from the University and thirty or more English-speaking students in course of preparation under the Rev. Father McGuire have been denied the privilege of entering the Quebec Council of the Oblate Order and the Juniorate under his charge, though supported by private donations from St. Joseph's parishioners and others, was recently closed and about 200 English-speaking students of Catholic parentage are forced to attend non-Catholic Institutions of this City and many others compelled to go elsewhere to seek educational advantages they should receive at the University.

In whatever light these differences and criticisms may be considered, it is, in the judgment of your Committee, unnecessary to further enlarge upon them. From what has been stated it must