

to be called Roman Catholics, which to them meant Catholics of the Latin rite; on the other hand, our Canadian Protestants being accustomed to calling us Roman Catholics, instead of Catholics simply, were under the erroneous impression, that these Ruthenians by objecting to the word Roman Catholic, meant to reject all allegiance to the Church of Rome. Thus they were sure, that by bringing these Ruthenians to Western Canada, they would bring here a people professing a religion different from the Roman Catholic religion.

Thus our enemies made a mistake which was permitted by Divine Providence to turn to our advantage ; which, instead of increasing their ranks and far from weakening our position, only served to strengthen it. It thus remains for us to turn their ignorance of Catholic affairs to our benefit.



## II

### PERSONAL EFFORTS OF THE PROTESTANTS

This illusion however did not last very long. We know the tree from its fruits, according to the words of Our Lord, and a man's works bear testimony to what he feels in his heart. Great then was the disillusion of the Protestants when they saw how these people went to the Catholic priest of the Latin rite, when one of them happened to be in their vicinity, in order to have their children baptized and to have their marriages solemnized. So these people are Catholics after all, they thought. But this fact did not discourage them. On the contrary, this discovery inspired them with an energy as great as their mistake had been. They offered \$2.00 a day to preachers of both sexes, who would undertake to make known to these people, who according to their expression, were but "half-civilized," the light of Protestantism.