

cord avec celles de la majorité et qu'il avait accepté la position avec la pensée qu'elle comportait "the duty to represent more especially the opinions of the English-speaking Catholics on matters of higher education."

Le R. P. Recteur ne fut pas lent à démolir cette argumentation et à établir les distinctions qui s'imposaient. Le 4 avril il répondit au Docteur: "... I am going to draw a distinction to point out in what sense your statement is verified and in what it is not.

I take it that you do not intend to say seriously that the majority of the representatives is not opposed by your claiming that contemplated Catholic residence in the contemplated neutral University of Manitoba! Do we not all know that such an idea is at variance with the views of our Pastor? How many of the representatives are willing to war against their bishop on so vital a question? It was a wilful delusion on your part to believe that you are not opposing five or six of us.

Now, for the other sense in which you are not opposed by us: It is in so far as you claim a college of your own for the English speaking students, provided you have means to get one. Such an institution might harm us, but as you have a right to it, I am willing, all are willing, if you can afford to procure it.

The distinction I have been drawing is all important.

Now, you state that your position of representative of the college carries with it the duty to represent especially the English-speaking Catholics — well and good. But your being a representative of St. Boniface college does not, cannot entitle you to voice the irate feelings of the enemies of the same college, I mean those who wilfully belittle our honest and earnest endeavors in behalf of the English-speaking element in the last ten years. That you voiced their feelings is the meaning attributed by all to your public utterances. If grievances are to be vented, take any legitimate means to the end, but do not, for decency's sake, use a weapon against those who trusted it to you.

Besides, your being a college representative does not, cannot, least of all, entitle you to ventilate views opposed to the views of our spiritual head, which doing on your part, is a serious aspersion on our whole body.

All this is why it is not fitting that you hold on to your position. I lay not my grievances against you on any bad intention, but the public facts are there, and they have to be met."

Cette lettre courageuse mettait les choses au point et il était impossible de se dérober à ses conclusions. Néanmoins le Dr McKenty conféra de nouveau avec son ami le Dr Barrett, comme nous en produirons la preuve dans un instant, et le 11 avril il essaya de se justifier, tout en donnant sa démission, en embrouillant plusieurs choses,