

sense of the reality. Mr. Speaker, I deny this assertion that we are asleep and that the Province of Quebec is settling into the grooves of routine. As I have already had occasion to say here, I visited last summer the various provinces of the Dominion from Halifax to Victoria. Now I assert in all sincerity and without fear of contradiction that the Province of Quebec, so unfairly belittled, can compare to advantage with any other province as regards schools. What province, Mr. Speaker, possesses universities as distinguished as those of Laval and McGill? What province possesses, like ours, 20 classical colleges and can boast of such seats of learning? What province has, like ours, 500 convents, 200 Brothers' schools and 13 normal schools? What province has a polytechnic school such as ours, a dairy school such as that of St. Hyacinthe, technical schools better laid out and fitted than those of Montreal and Quebec, better agricultural schools than the MacDonald school and those of Ste. Anne de la Pocatière and Oka, a forestry school, schools of house-keeping and dress-cutting, night schools and schools of arts and manufactures better managed than ours? These institutions are a credit to our population and, in its name, I protest against the calumnies of those who belittle it. No! The Province of Quebec is not asleep, neither are the ratepayers nor the Government. A glance at the statistics will show that the Government neglects