

That we are just now in troubled waters as to the relations between Protestants and Catholics, is evident enough even for obtuse minds. A religious society, which had its origin in the very principle of opposing the great Reformation, after having been abolished by the Pope, bereft of its properties by governments all over the world, finds here shelter under British rule, succeeds in being reinstated, incorporated, and soon expects to be indemnified (as it claims) for a large portion of the property once entrusted to it for educational purposes.

That in this country the degree of Bachelor of Arts of Protestant Universities, and particularly of McGill, should not be considered a sufficient certificate for the study of law, without passing an inferior examination before Catholic lawyers and priests, is one of the intolerable things we labor under as Protestants, and nothing but Roman Catholic influence is at the bottom of the unjust requirement that all law students must be acquainted with the theological system of Thomas Aquinas.

Is not this enough to induce us to pursue our labors with still more vigor, as we already know that Jesuitical influence is widely, and in some places deeply felt, whether acknowledged or not?

We have had cheering success in the past; the present is encouraging, and the future cannot be but the fruition of present honest and persevering labor.

We know from the best of sources that the Quebec Government has gone so far as to take pains to ascertain the number of French Protestant voters in this Province, and that *their number is not less than four thousand*. This, taking into account the generally large French Canadian families, must represent fifteen or sixteen thousand French Protestants in this country. There are certainly more than this in the New England States. Putting it at the lowest figures, more than thirty-five thousand French Canadians here and in the United States have become the followers of Christ through the Gospel instead of the followers of the Pope,—with the Syllabus. And all this is the result of the small beginning in a log house at Grande Ligne, but a house where there was a large soul radiating with light, love, wisdom and untiring devotion to Christ. Is that not enough to encourage us, to inspire us?

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