

this was taught. Why he should make a statement like that to go broadcast I do not understand. I hold, Sir, that if a fair comparison were made between the Protestant people and the Roman Catholic people it would be found that they are turning out of the Protestant schools just as fine a brand of manhood and womanhood as is turned out of any other school either morally or in any other way. Now, the right hon. gentleman, I think, went out of his way to criticise unfairly the public school system of the United States. Why he should see fit to drag that into the arena it seems very hard to understand. I want to point out that loaded on the public school system of the United States are all the foreign element in which crime is much more prevalent than amongst people who belong to the United States themselves. I want also to point out that a large proportion of the criminals of the United States were never inside the doors of a public school in that country, and I further desire to say that on account of our immigration policy the same thing, perhaps not quite to the same extent, is happening in this Dominion of ours to-day. We find every little while in the newspapers accounts of where these people get together in some alley and stab each other to death. One result is that the Protestants are credited with an additional amount of crime. If the condition of affairs were so bad in the United States as is argued by the right hon. leader of the government I would ask what steps he has taken to prevent the influx of these people into the Dominion. Has he instructed his Minister of War to keep the Northwest mounted police strung along the boundary with fixed bayonets to stop them? Surely it is not possible that he gives his countenance to the Minister of the Interior to spend large sums of money to bring these people into the country, to do all he can to coax these people who are so depraved, among whom crimes are so prevalent and divorces and other evils so common, to come into Canada and to locate among the people of the Northwest Territories that stand so much higher than do the people of the United States. I think that probably the right hon. gentleman proved more than he intended to when he made these remarks. I want to point out that not all the trouble in regard to separate schools that is happening in Canada depends on our Protestant people. Our separate school friends are having trouble amongst themselves in many sections. I take the following newspaper published at Sturgeon Falls. There has been a dispute going on between our French Canadian Roman Catholic fellow citizens and our Irish Catholic fellow citizens and they have resorted to the newspapers in order that they might ventilate their grievances. I find the following letter published in a Sturgeon Falls newspaper:

To the Editor of the 'Advertiser':

I have been interested in reading the letter of Irish Catholic and French Catholic in your paper and I notice the domineering way the latter addresses the Irish.

Of course that does not go down with the Irish.

I am Irish, and I wish to say that if the Irish were in majority in the parish here, as the French are, the minority would be much better used. The worst complaint we have to make is about the schools. We had a good teacher last year, but the French were never satisfied till they filled the school with sisters and brothers from France, who have no certificates or qualifications for teaching and who can't speak English.

Our children are getting little learning and only have a short lesson in English occasionally—nothing but French. Religion is good I think, but you can have too much of a good thing, and I don't think it is good to break the law of the land by teaching French, and nothing but French in a school in Ontario and taking the government moneys that are supposed to go to help education, to support sisters teaching the catechism in French all day long and no education about it.

We find the same condition of affairs in sight of this building.

Mr. SAM. HUGHES. Who signs the letter?

Mr. W. WRIGHT. I will hand over the letter if the hon. gentleman wishes.

Mr. SAM. HUGHES. Whose name is signed to it?

Mr. W. WRIGHT. It is signed 'Another Irish Catholic.' We find also that down in the city of Montreal we have a somewhat similar condition of affairs and if I am correctly informed our Irish Catholic friends are before the legislature now asking for legislation that will enable them to start their own Irish Roman Catholic schools in that city. So that we may consider the school question a question that is likely to give rise to trouble at any time, and if we do have a little stir up in Ontario and Quebec it is not so much after all to be wondered at. I have been considerably amused at the regret and sorrow expressed by some hon. gentlemen opposite, by the hon. member for South Grey (Mr. Miller) and others, in this House that the agitation should go on, but they carefully nose around among all the newspapers they can get hold of to see whether they can get a tidbit here and there so that they may bring it to this House, give it all the publicity they can and send it down to Quebec to promote harmony and good feeling. I have a letter here that I shall read. It is from one of my constituents with regard to this matter. He says:

Although late in sending, I trust the inclosed coupon will be in time for presentation with any other petitions you may have. We feel deeply on the matter and wish to leave nothing