

a mere vassal to the priests—instead of being the independent proprietor of his farm. The sales of the lands were sometime ago suddenly stopped in the hope of getting all that was unsold into their possession. The settlers upon them were alarmed every where, and petitions against the measure poured in to Government and Parliament. Mr. Baldwin having reason to believe that *the deepest treachery* AGAINST THE HOME GOVERNMENT was involved in this movement brought it to light as will hereafter appear.

On the 13th April, 1846, D. B. Papineau the Commissioner of Crown Lands, issued the following circular to the agents for the sale of the Reserves throughout the Province :—

"In consequence of a despatch from the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies, with reference to the Clergy Reserves, and on account of the low rates at which some of these lands have been valued, the sale of the Clergy Reserves in the Western section of the Province is suspended for the present by command of his Excellency the Administrator of the Government in Council."

The official Gazette announced also the stoppage of the sales—and it was currently represented as by order from the Imperial Government. The whole country was alarmed at the announcement. The Hon. R. Baldwin shortly after the Parliament assembled, in order to discover the truth, moved an address to the Governor (on the 7th April) for

"Copies of any correspondence, memorandum, or recommendation that may have taken place between the Government of this Province and the Colonial Secretary, on the subject of the sale or management of the Clergy Reserves."

This application was evaded by sending a copy of an order of the Executive Council concerning the Reserves!

Mr. Baldwin again probed the seared consciences of the sinners with another query on the 14th April, viz., for

"A copy of any communications which his Excellency may have received from her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies relative to suspending the sale of the Clergy Reserves."

To this the Governor General replied

"He had received no communication from the Colonial Secretary relating to suspending the sale of the Clergy Reserves."

Thus it appeared that the High Church Faction had induced the officers of Government to be a party to the promulgation of a detestable falsehood in relation to the suspension of the sales of the Clergy Reserves, knowing that it would exasperate the Country to the last degree while *the blame through the deception would be cast not upon themselves, but UPON THE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT!* and these are the *loyal men* who hold that the friends of responsible Government, which affords a check against such evils, are *Rebels!!!*

Such men deserve to be punished as official pirates or banditti.—Who need be astonished if the Province should again be brought to the verge of revolution by such infamous conduct? If such a state of things be allowed to exist much longer the people of Canada must peacefully appeal to the Home Government to give the Province the entire choice of its officers as well as the whole controul of its domestic affairs,