

Canada, had been—and none but those who affect, *gratuitously affect* to hold that man degenerates in America can doubt that I ought to have been preferred to Mr. Ferrier—preferred, I say, on principle as a matter of right without exacting from me or expecting *an approach to a genuflexion*.

But a European, clothed for a few years with a delegated power, feeling that the receipt of his salary and the other attributes of a representative of royalty will always last his time, need not and will not trouble himself about the future. All men, aye and all women, are fond of power and of the court which the multitude pays to power, and so long as human beings can be found in Canada to offer a sort of adulation which could scarcely be expected from the dusky warriors of the Punjaub assembled in Durbar at Lahore, Governors General will condescend to pocket their \$50,000 and perquisites, without being inconveniently solicitous concerning the future condition or probable fate of the Protestant minority in Quebec.

Now, hoping that the foregoing lines may not be quite overlooked by my co-religionists of Ontario, of New Brunswick and of Nova Scotia, I will state another fact:—

The city of Quebec with a population of 59,000, of which some 4,000 are Protestants, returns three members to the House of Commons, three to the Provincial Assembly, and it has successively by *quasi* Royal mandate had two Legislative Councillors as well as three Senators, the whole eleven, members of the Church of Rome.

The Protestant population is thus altogether as much ignored as it was on the eve of the massacre of St. Bartholomew; but, as the poet puts into the mouth of the gladiator, “butchered to make a Roman holiday” an invocation to the Goths, so the Protestants of Quebec may, and probably do, indulge in the hope that their descendants may eventually be relieved by the generous intervention of a kindred people.

My excellent constitution and life-long abhorrence of vice have enabled me to speak and act with vigor in my 79th year, and, as I cannot derive consolation from the profes-