

QUEBEC ELECTIONS

Senator Thibaudeau said: "The choice of the meeting should be a "Nationalist. It does not matter so much as to his profession." At the same meeting the following preamble to a resolution was passed: "Considering that the Liberal and Conservative National electors of "Montreal at last hold it to be necessary to oppose the re-election of "the Hon. Mr. Taillon, *in order to avenge the national cause,*" etc. As is now known Mr. Taillon was defeated, and

MR. MOWAT, FULL OF JOY AT THE RIELITE SUCCESS,

telegraphed as follows to Mr. Mercier, "Have just received here the "joyful news of your great triumph. I congratulate you and all your "friends on your important victory." That is, he triumphed in the fact that the men who are seeking to avenge Riel by destroying both the Quebec and Dominion Governments had succeeded. He and Mr. Blake have now called upon their friend and ally, Mr. Mercier, to send Rielite speakers into Ontario to help fight their battle here.

In view of this compact between the Mowat Government and what is known as Nationalism in Quebec, it is important to comprehend the full meaning of that term. *L'Union des Cantons de l'Est*, a Nationalist paper published at Arthabaskaville, on Nov. 13th thus discoursed upon Nationalism: "The Conservative Nationalists, breaking with Sir John and the sect, join their natural allies in Hon. Mr. Blake and the party which marches behind him. Mr. Blake and "his followers in Ontario are the men to whom we must tender our "hands. They are fighting our enemies; our enemies are the *Orange-istes* and all who favor them."

It is impossible to misunderstand this, or to avoid the conclusion that it thoroughly explains the close relations confessedly now maintained between Mr. Mowat and the Rielites. No wonder that the people of Ontario, both Liberal and Conservative, have taken alarm at the unholy alliance between the Provincial Government and the rebellious Quebecians for the sake of retaining power. No wonder that the

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of taking the stump on Riel's grave in order to embarrass Sir John Macdonald's Government and purchase Mr. Blake's support for the Local Government, has given offence. Was it for this that our gallant volunteers leapt to arms and underwent untold privations in order to suppress the rebellion and avenge the cold-blooded murder of defenceless men, innocent women and children? Was it that Riel might be elevated from his real position as a cruel, mercenary adventurer, to that of a canonized hero that Canada gave of her heart's blood? Was it for this that the gallant men whose names follow laid down their lives? The blood of every soldier who gave his life for his country cries aloud from the grave at such a suggestion. What say the friends of the