

not getting very close to the exercise of temporal power in this country by the Pope? The Government absolutely subservient to papal authority places the rewards and punishments for contumacy in the hands of the bishops. Surely this should make us rise with determination to drive from the seats of power and authority the men who have so grossly outraged the basic principles of British policy.

No effort was spared; no plan left untried; no expedient neglected that promised to assist in weakening the opposition to the bills. The Church with its boundless resources of money and influence, played the game for all it was worth. It won. On May 4th, at 1.40 in the morning, the law was enacted in the House of Commons by a vote of 140 to 59, a single Liberal, Mr. McCarthy of Simcoe, voting against coercion.

This completed the conspiracy against the educational freedom of the West. It was concocted in the monasteries of Quebec. It was carried through by a Roman Catholic Premier. The parties to it included the French bishops, the Dominion Government, and the Liberal party in Parliament.

### A CALL TO ARMS.

In view of what we have set out in the foregoing we urge the Orangemen of Canada to make more than an ordinary effort to secure the defeat of the Laurier Government.

This is a fight in which the Orangemen of Canada can yield great influence. They owe a duty to themselves, and a broader duty to the country in this election. For the next two months they should labor unceasingly for the defeat of the Laurier candidates. By argument, by personal canvass, by all means that are effective in winning their friends to a clear view of their duty, they should strive for the end in view. The month of November will see the new Parliament elected. If it is led by Sir Wilfrid Laurier there will be further submissions to clerical influence. Manitoba will not have her boundaries extended. The clerical schools will be more firmly shackled upon the Western Provinces. All this may be prevented if the Laurier Government is defeated. Mr. Borden, we are free to admit, has not taken as strong a position as we could desire. But if he is elected it will be as a protest against the subservience of the present Government to the bishops of Quebec. That will convey a much needed lesson to the leaders of both parties. Let them know that there is one thing that the people of Canada will not condone—the despoiling of the Provinces at the command of the Hierarchy. Make that plain by your votes. The Conservative party was taught that lesson in 1896. The Liberal party must learn it in 1908, if this country is to be saved from the curse of clerical domination.