

nothing except the maintenance of a war tariff. We have the consolation of knowing on the best evidence that the intensity of partyism varies in inverse proportion to education, and your most fanatical Tory or Grit is a man who can barely read the campaign literature of his party; so that there is hope in the progress of intelligence. But such fetters are not to be struck off in a moment, especially when the wearers belong to a party which has a large bribery fund in its hands. Still the waters have been stirred; public feeling has been manifested on a question of principle in a manner which has impressed the politicians; and should the subject again come before Parliament we shall be surprised if the same servility or anything like the same levity is displayed.

Naturally, and it must be added, deservedly, the Liberal party suffers most. In allying itself with Jesuitism and Ecclesiasticism it has been guilty of a more flagrant breach of principle than the party which professes to be that of Reaction. It is also out; to get in it requires a motive power; whereas its rival, being in, has in its favour both the *vis inertia* and the force by no means inert of patronage, and appropriations. Looking out for a principle to justify the existence of an organization is a curious reversal of natural order, but it is one with which the history of Party has made us familiar. One thing seems clear; the Liberals have no chance of bidding successfully against Sir John Macdonald or his lieutenants, Messrs. Langevin and Chapleau, for the support of the priest party in Quebec: the priest party knows whom it can thoroughly trust and to whom its gratitude for the passing of the Jesuits' Estates Act is really due. The only sound, or even possible, alliance for the Liberals in Quebec is with Liberals, that is to say, with the friends of Equal Right and Disestablishment. Of these, there may not at present be many, but their number will grow. Even sheep so patient as the *habitans* grow tired at last of being fleeced. We commend the consideration especially to young Liberals who have a political future.