

The Romish hierarch "behind the throne" has winked, Sir George has spoken, and there is not a man, apparently, among all his colleagues, who dares stand up for the rights and convictions of his Protestant constituents!

The fact is most humiliating. It is no less instructive. The decision of the Government in this instance, may be taken as the index of its policy with respect to every other matter in which the interests of the Church of Rome are diverse from those of other denominations. And if this little piece of tyranny should only be instrumental in arousing Protestants to a sense of the dangers to which the country is exposed, specially in our religious and educational interests, from the ambitious designs of the Romish priesthood, we, for one, shall not regret that they have denied to us the privilege of a National Thanksgiving.

We shall return to this subject again.

### THANKSGIVINGS AND THANK-OFFERINGS.

We invite the attention of the Churches and the missionary Deputations shortly about to visit them, to the letter of the General Secretary-Treasurer of the Missionary Society, to be found among our Correspondence, and hope they will duly ponder the situation. The Lord has favoured our land with a bountiful harvest, and while He has given us "peace in our borders," the desolations of war with which other nations have been visited have had the effect of enhancing the value of all our cereals and produce. If any chronic grumbler is disposed to demur to this, and complain that *he* had a short crop, and got what he thinks but a poor price for it, we will let him settle his claim with the Lord! But speaking generally, we believe our statement is correct, and we may add, that as a consequence, while in many parts of the United States there has been, and still is, great stagnation in trade, in Canada a good and healthy business has been done. In fact, the country seems to have entered upon an era of prosperity in all material interests such as was never enjoyed before.

And has all this no voice to us in regard to the claims of God and of our country upon us? Has the Lord given us more only that we may hoard it, or spend it on ourselves? It is to be feared that that is the practical result in many cases, and that many even of our church-members give no more now to the cause of Missions than they did ten or twenty years ago, when they were not "*worth*" one quarter of what they now are,—we use the word in the *worldly* sense, for probably they were then *worth* to the church and the pastor vastly more than now.

The Hon. W. E. Dodge, Vice-President of the American Board, and himself a princely giver, said at its recent annual meeting, "He was ashamed of those ladies of his acquaintance who make such lavish expenditure in dress, and yet opposite whose names on the annual subscription list of a great benevolent society we find written one dollar