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### WHO GOVERNS ONTARIO?

Were the matter not so serious for the peace of the whole of Canada in the near future, one would be inclined to smile at the spectacle of Protestant Ontario, trying to keep the Roman Catholic Church from usurping the Queens' throne in Quebec, and slowly grinding to death the desponding Protestant minority.

It is not without grave reason that we are told to set our own house in order first, and then go and help Quebec get theirs a little straighter.

Surely there never was a worse case of trying to pull the mote from the brothers eye, while the beam is in our own eye.

Who governs Ontario?

Should any one seriously doubt what is the silent power behind the throne in this province, let him enquire at the Parliament Buildings, Government offices, Prisons, or in fact any patronage department, and he will be told that where - a few years ago - they were few and far between, to-day, Roman Catholics over-run the whole place. Should he persist in his enquiry he would probably find out that (in at least one public institution) the late Archbishop Lynch actually claimed the nomination of one-third of all the staff for Roman Catholics; and if for the word "nomination" appointment is substituted, it will be nearer the practical result.

We do not object to their filling every official position, so long as they are not appointed because they are Romanists; and by the proper authorities, without any prompting from Ecclesiastics interfering in purely civil matters.

It might be well for the Executive Committees of the Synods of Toronto, Ontario, Huron and Niagara, while they are discussing the Jesuit question of Quebec, to take into consideration the coming Jesuit question of Ontario.