

from the necks of the Dominion and the Province," and "to keep our public institutions free from the galling tyranny of Roman Catholic control."

In the *Review* of the 16th September the writer reiterates his former statements, and having manifest reference to them, uses the following language:—"Why should the *Globe* desire such exceptional favours to be granted to one denomination while the others are left to carry out their plans without such recognition? It might be a righteous retribution upon the cowardly politicians if the Protestant voters some day combined and refused their support to any Government that truckled at the Church of Rome," &c. This idea of getting all Protestants to unite politically is the present *role* of the *Mail*, adopted in the extremity of its party, and in the vain hope of thereby getting Protestant Liberals to leave their party and join with Conservatives at the coming elections, the practical result of which would merely be to give to Sir John Macdonald and his party, with all their misdeeds, a further lease of power, and to give my place to a lieutenant of that gentleman. As to my being a cowardly politician, the *Review* writer is the first who has ascribed to me that character; and as to truckling to the Church of Rome, I emphatically deny that there has been any truckling on the part of myself or of the Government of which I have been for fourteen years the head, and for all whose acts I am responsible. It has been my duty as a Premier in a mixed community, to be fair to that Church and to all Churches; and I have found it perfectly practicable to be fair to Roman Catholics without ceasing in principle or practice to be a Protestant and a Presbyterian. Without truckling to anybody, I have, to the best of my judgment, been fair to all, and no more than fair to Roman Catholics.

It is not true that, so far as the Provincial Government and Legislature are concerned, this Province has ever been under the "yoke of Roman Catholic domination," or under any other domination than that of the people of Ontario through their representatives. It is not true that any of the public institutions which belong to provincial management are under Roman Catholic "control," as the *Review* writer suggests. Is an institution to be regarded as under Roman Catholic control whenever the head of it is a Roman Catholic? Is it claimed that Roman Catholics should be held disqualified by their creed for the office of principal in any of our public institutions, however qualified otherwise they may be for the position? The Protestant members of the Government would be quite as averse to our institutions being under Roman Catholic control as the *Review* writer professes to be: and the Roman Catholic member of the Government, in the twelve years that he has been a Minister, has never indicated to us any desire