

Public School, or the Catholic occupant to send it to the Separate School—was made law in 1881. It is nearly six years old!

The general election of 1883 has taken place since it became law, but not a word was then said against the amendments from any quarter till the Tories resolved to attempt Mr. Mowat's defeat and Sir John Macdonald's salvation by the "No Popery" cry! Judged on their simple merits, however, these amendments could not be reasonably objected to, as they **merely confirmed what had been previously the practice of assessors and municipal authorities** all over the Province.

It must also be observed, in connection with the *Mail's* attack on Mr. Mowat, on account of these amendments, that the Tories not only did not object to the amendments, in or out of the House, till within a few weeks, but **Mr. Meredith**, leader of the local Tory Opposition, **Mr. Bunting**, managing director of the *Mail*, and **Sir John Macdonald** combined to **incite Catholic feeling against Mr. Mowat in 1883**, long after the passage of the amendments to the School law.

But not content with parading the bogies of an unenlightened age to terrify what it seems to consider grown-up Protestant children of the nineteenth century, the *Mail*, like a well-practised showman, produces its grand explosion with red fire and blue light accompaniments:—

"L'Abbé PAQUET devotes nearly a hundred pages to the elucidation and defence of the Church's teaching, though he could have summed it all up in an instant by transferring to paper a photograph of the four great pictures by VASARI, which GREGORY the Thirteenth placed in the Vatican, and which hang there to this day, exhibiting the horrors of the massacre of the Huguenots. **The 'palace of the Popes,'** says STEDHAL, **'is the only place on earth where murder is publicly glorified.'** DR. PAQUET, writing as a professional theologian, finds that, wherever she is supreme, **the Church is bound to suppress (1) freedom of conscience; (2) religious liberty; (3) freedom of the press**—a somewhat gloomy prospect for the English-speaking settlers of Quebec under an Ultramontane Cabinet in that Province. Of religious toleration, he says it is error and impiety when allowed by a Catholic State, and rank blasphemy coming from the mouth of a Catholic subject."

If this does not incite the Protestants of Ontario to take up arms for the suppression of Catholicity, and **plunge the country into the horrors of religious strife**, it will be **because the Protestants are too enlightened and sensible** to be influenced by so false and dangerous a fulmination. Or it will be because they know **the men who are raising it** are neither bigots nor Protestant fanatics, but **cool-headed, political knaves**, who hope through such tactics to win a party success, by exciting the anger and the fears of **those whom they regard as bigots and fanatics**.

Having, as the astute Tory campaign managers imagine, thus set Protestant hearts aflame, the *Mail* goes on in the same article to lay down its policy in regard to the Catholic Church:—

"We say she has no just claim in any portion of this Dominion to be an Established Church, or to levy tithes, or to inflict fabrique assessments, or to rule the press, or to control education, or to keep a million and a quarter Canadians in a 'condition of twilight,' since no other Church enjoys those privileges here. We say, too, that for the same and other obvious reasons, she has no right in this Province to a law compelling her own