

SAFETY ALONE IN UNION.

What is to be done under the circumstances? Only one thing—to unite as one man to repel the attack.

The fanatics want to crush us.

See what our adversaries are doing: not satisfied with harangues in the newspapers, on the hustings and elsewhere, they are forming associations; they are uniting and seeking to mutually strengthen themselves not only to repel imaginary assaults, but, what is more serious, to carry the war into our midst and to deny us the full and entire exercise of the rights which are guaranteed to us by the constitution, the law and the treaties.

Who are the men who are fighting the present Government in the Province of Quebec? The allies of Messrs. Meredith and McCarthy, the two enemies of our race and creed.

Let us have the courage to tell the truth, for it is the truth; the *Blen* papers, which are fighting us here, are supporting Meredith in Ontario and McCarthy at Ottawa.

We are confronted with the same enemies—enemies of our race and creed, and consequently of the autonomy of the Provinces. The two things go hand in hand. One must be for or against the Provinces; for or against Legislative Union; for or against Imperial Federation. There is no halfway. The lines of demarcation are clearly defined by our adversaries. In Ontario, Mr. Meredith blames the Mowat Government for not preventing the teaching of French in the public schools. At Ottawa, Mr. McCarthy blames the Federal Government for not banishing the French language wherever it has a right to be spoken. And those who are fighting us here are fighting Mowat there; the alliance is not admitted, but it is not less a fact and a reality, besides being logical and natural.

And is it face to face with such a situation that the inhabitants of the Province of Quebec would refuse to unite, would remain indifferent, and would not join hand in hand to resist the unfair and criminal attack of our adversaries?

Whom do they take us for? Are we outcasts, pariahs by nature, degraded, only deserving of public contempt?

If such be the case, I have only to resign, to retire into private life, and to wait until my countrymen prove that they are not heartless.

But, no. I say it fearlessly, my fellow countrymen, to whatever tongue, to whatever creed, or to whatever nationality they may belong, are men of heart. They will never allow fanatics to put their foot on their throats; they will defend themselves and repel the unjust and dishonest attack of which they are the object.

They want peace at all cost; and will make considerable sacrifices to maintain it. But if war becomes necessary they will submit to it with regret, but with courage and energy, and, let us say it proudly, with success.

No cowardice? Peace is what we want, but peace for all, that is to say, the peace which means equal justice to everyone, to Catholics as well as to Protestants, to French as well as English in all the Provinces.

OTTAWA'S FATAL INFLUENCE.

We are not deluding ourselves in any way,—the facts are there, clear, numerous, and evident to everybody. Our adversaries are under the influence of Ottawa, to that extent that they do nothing without getting their inspiration from the leaders of the Federal Government.

Turn over the history of the last few years and what do you find? Blind submission. Blind, humiliating, fatal, submission of the leaders of the *Blen* party at Quebec to the leaders of the *Blen* party at Ottawa. Why do they deny it?

The Inter-Provincial Conference of 1857, which brought together all the political men of Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Manitoba, in order to demand justice for all the Provinces, an additional grant, which would assure the autonomy of each Province of Confederation, by securing its independence, should have rallied the public men of all the Provinces. There is but one opinion on this head: it is strong, vigorous, emphatic, and boldly proclaims union as an indispensable necessity, against the selfish interests of a few misled individuals in the same party.

There is but one way to save ourselves: it is to create union. There is another way very certain to lose us—it is, to keep up division.

As a matter of course, our adversaries, inspired by certain persons, are seeking to divert the attention of the electors from the real situation. For them, the country is not in danger on the autonomy question, but solely on that of the finances. We are not threatened, say