

During the debates which took place in Parliament, the Propaganda and the other five stately Churches, were more especially spoken of. After having called forth these reminiscences, I dare believe that you, M. Tessier, in spite of yourself, will do me the justice to acknowledge that the thought that this law could reach the Propaganda came to *everybody* and not to *nobody*,—that the law was fully debated,—that notwithstanding the sympathies for the establishment of the Propaganda, for the reasons already exposed, it was decreed not to make any exception in her favour, and nobody has the right to attack that decision by altering the facts and deceiving the Catholic populations.

Second.—“The word of Victor Emmanuel seemed formally pledged.” He who has deserved the name of Galantuomo, or “honest man,” is above your insinuations. If his word had been pledged, be sure he would have kept it. “*Seemed*” is a word which affirms nothing whatever.

Third.—For ten years the Government has acted as if this law did not concern the Propaganda.”

I am very sorry to say it, but nothing, Hon. Judge, is less true than that. Oh! It is not I who would be so bold as to belie you. No, the facts speak for themselves; and for a second time I let the Canadians, and all who love truth, judge between you and me.

Quite contrary, then, to your assertions, the conversion of the estates is an operation which began almost immediately after the promulgation of the law of 19th June, 1873, was pursued during many years without any opposition from the congregation of the Propaganda.

Where are the ten years you spoke of? The first sale