

whom in conscience you judge the best qualified by his mental powers, firmness of character, and his moral principles, to fill the noble office of legislator.

And that this judgment may be surer, and more enlightened, fear not the criticisms of a newspaper or the opinions of a friend who would hamper your mind : consult, when necessary, before voting, persons who, by their instruction, their rank or their social standing, are best qualified to judge of the questions that are agitated, and to appreciate the relative value of the candidates who ask your suffrage.

These are, dearly beloved brethren, general principles of wisdom and christian prudence, that apply to all times and to all elections in which the laws of the country permit you to take part.

But, in the present circumstances, the duty of Canadian electors, principally Catholic electors, is invested with a character of special importance, to whose gravity we desire to call your attention in a special manner. A grave injustice was committed against the Catholic Minority in Manitoba.

They were deprived of their Catholic Separate Schools, and forced to send their children to schools that their consciences condemn. The Privy Council of England recognized the justice of the Catholic claim, and the right of the Federal Authorities to interfere, in order that justice be done to the oppressed. It is question then for the Catholics of our country, and well meaning Protestants to unite their strength and their suffrages, to secure a final victory for religious liberty, and the triumph of the rights secured by the Constitution. The means to secure this end is to elect,