

the fact that those estates are in what is called the French country as is also my other property in the environs of the City of Quebec. This, however, in no wise detracts from the beneficial influence which my local knowledge might enable me to exercise, especially as a medium of communication between the unrepresented Protestant minority and the Government. Being, unfortunately, what is here called a heretic, I can not hope for the favor of the Priesthood, a class who control and govern all the others who, in the interest of their caste select the representatives and dictate to the Government. I am, nevertheless, qualified to sit in the Legislative Council, but the preference was given first to Mr. McGreevy, because he was a Papist, and, upon his resignation to Mr. Sharples, a European, because he also was a Papist.

But the three nominations to the Senate are even more full of significance, the first, Baillargeon, being the brother of a Bishop, the second, Panet, the nephew of a Bishop, and upon the latter's appointment to a lucrative office, the third, Fabre, another brother of another Romish Bishop. Those preferences are not accidental, and the excitement caused by the murder of Scott and the pretensions of his co-religionists as well as the recent murder in New Brunswick, and the war waged in Montreal against the followers of Chiniquy, must convince the least prescient of you that within fifteen years this community will be, must be, involved in civil war. Ultramontanism will be satisfied with nothing less. Then ours is a system without adhesion—we have the forms of monarchy without its essence. In the interest of his dynasty, a resident sovereign would by wise precautions (among others by rewarding loyalty) ensure the permanence of order, and a native Viceroy attached to his country would, by controlling the ecclesiastical element, as is done in most Popish countries, conduce to the same result.

At a time during which the profession of the reformed faith was not a ground of exclusion my father was a Legislative Councillor, as his uncle, one of the conquerors of