THE TORONTO NEWS.

Spite of All the Power of Rome.

HE REPLIES TO DR. CLEARY

Calling Him a Hungry Adventurer.

Opposition Leader.



pose ; I am not here to make it so. abuse; I am not it.

fellow-citizens, and to stant or fall by raise these questions. (Renewed cheers.) This gentleman to whom I am low referring -("Oh, oh")-breaks out it the period of every general election. (Laughter.)
He broke out in 1886; he broke out in 1894.

Should stand by these principles in which I believe. (Applause.) I do not (laughter)—and he has a ways broken out care whether it makes votes or loses in the same spot. (Jaughter.) Well, votes. (Applause.) In regard to my try; he is terribly exercised about in-tolerance, and he appeals—as I hope no interests of this country if we had one man with a good cruse will ever appeal national system of education. (Apin vain-to the fair play of the Protes- plause.) I believe that all, Catholic tant majority of the Province of On-

Calls Names.

gentleman has to call men names, to appeal to sectarian cries, and to charge great party with intolerance and big-This is the same gentleman who, not six years ago, insuited the poor de-Napanee. (Loud cheers.) This is the same abolition of Separate schools in this whole Protected the schools in the school in the scho whole Protestant clergy of this Do-minion. Let me give you his language. his grace of Kingston that will lead the people of this country to say it is Bear in mind these things are not said a politicians say, upon the stump, but they are said from what was undoubtedly. the sense of that religion, the house God. This is what he said, speaking now about the last campaign :

An Army of Demons.

"The diabolical spirit of batred of re ligious education has found its way ur fortunately into the Province of Outario Satan has raised his standard here and has sait forth from the gates of hell (crice of 'Oh, oh ')-his army of demon to propagate his wicked maxim throughout the cities and towns of this Province. (Laughter.) These are the poisonous pastors that would lead to forces of infidels, atheists and big against Christian schools. Poor, little wretched ministers! Real pious, un tuous, evangelical, sanctimonious min (Loud laughter.)

This is the gentleman who appeals for tolerance to the Protestant people of Ontario. (Cheers.) Though he wore the scarlet and purple, I tell him the men to whom he thus refers are entitled to a much respect, and deserve and receiv the respect of the people of this coun try. (Cheers.) Sir. I have always bee his hatred. Now he has issued again from the church his fulmination against me and the party which I have he he n r to lead.

A Hungry Adventurer.

He says he does it because of the ver bad language I have used with regard to the Roman Catholics, and their schools in the Legislature, and through out the campaign, and he says that am "a hungry adventurer" - (laugh ter) seeking by reason of false cries to disturb the people, and to ride into power. Now, I want to meet this gen tleman upon his own ground, I tell him that he slanders me in any charges which he makes. (Loud cheers.) What I have said is upon record, and I demand, in the name of justice, in the name of fair play, that he shall put his hand upon any utterance, or upon a line of mine which justifies this foul slander against me. (Cheers.) I cannot do it; he knows he cannot do it, and yet he issues that charge from the sacred altar of his church against me in order that I may be destroyed in this election. (Cheers.) Meredith No Bigo .

Sir, is it rousing intolerance, or big otry, is it bad language when, upon the floor of the House, I declared against perfect as possible. the ostracism of any man by reason o his religious connections, when I pro claimed that my principles were that while no man should receive office by tions as a teacher in the Public schools. reason of his religion, that in this free (Hear, hear.) I want that in these country no man should be excluded from office because of his religion? (Loud I would not impose that upon anybody cheers.) Does that savor of intolerance against his conscience, that the text. that is the law now, with one exception. and bigotry? Is that raising the red liag of intolerance throughout the country? No man can say so; it is an un- hear.) Is there any difference between to have the same examination and the

Nothing to do With Religion. upon what I believe to be a high man in the contest in which we are about to enter shall cause this contest. these questions, burning questions as

Wanted to Retire.

am not going to say which have agitated my venerable whatever the result may be. anything to-night friend. I do not understand that to disthat will I hope cuss the Separate school question ought give offence to any- to raise any sectarian issue in this body. I am not country. It in no way involves any queshere for that pur- tion of race or creed unless you choose to meet abuse by Voice-You are trying to get votes by

here to meet vul- Mr. Meredith-The gentleman is just as garity by vulgarity. unfair to me as the gentleman I have (Loud cheers.) I am been referring to, I venture to say if here to appeal to I had consulted what my own interests W. R. MEREDITH. the judgment of my wer I would not have been a party to He Defends the Separate

i oing it for the Country.

I feel it my duty in the interests ofthis now, he is terribly exercised about bigo. position on the Separate school question and Protestant, if we had that system here, would soon recognize it as the best for all, where our children should But let us see, sir, what claims this go side by side, instead of from the entleman has to call men names, to an hostile paths. It is not within our province or power to make any departure such as that, but I want to say this, If ever the day does come when HE OBJECTS TO THE SAME INSPECTORS fenceless young women of the schools of there shall be a live agitation for the not safe to entrust the young of this ountry to sentiments and opinions such as these. (Applause.)

> those Who take Car Break. While I believe in standing by the onstitution, by the Act of Confedera tion, I want to tell him that constr utions are made by the people, and that if ever it becomes in the great interests of the people to change that constitution the same high authority that made them can revoke them. (A) plause.) But the constitution has given Separate schools to the Roman Catho lies of this Province, and I want log ally to live by the constitution, but what I say is that the schools ar chools in which the state shall be th chief and the citizens shall be th dispenser of the moneys and control a the schools. (Hear, hear.) I say yo will sear he in vain the history of this country, search our statute book to I ad the control of any schools given to any itizens to establish these schools under er ain conditions : but I say they are State schools, and the state must con trol them. (Applause.)

Separate Schools and the State. If the state is entitled to require its children to be educated, and that is es sential in a democratic country, it fol lows that every school that shares the public moneys shall be a school which the state has the right to com trol and in regard to which the state has the right to deal. (Hear, hear.) all this controversy what I have said this, I want the ballot applied to se arate and public schools. (Hear, hear.) want not a sham ballot, such as w passed last session, but I want the real ballot by which every voter, every pubor separate school voter, can go to the polls and cast his ballot uninfluenced by anybody. I want to know if ther any bigotry or intolerance in that. (Voices-No, no.) I went these schools shall be made as perfect as possible These schools have been in existence i this country for upwards of 30 years. I say this in no sense of casting reflections upon the separate schools, but want to know is there anything in the and that they require protection against public schools that will show any aday no. I want to make these schools as am quite sure any Protestant denomin

Qualified Te chers. What I say is, every teacher in these schools should have the same qualificaschools, apart from relig ous instruction books used in the Public schools shall and a not very material one, which be used in the Separate schools. (Hear, will mention. They are still required

unlified misstatement. (Laughter and the arithmetic that a Catholic and a same qualifications, and the exception Protestant would study? Ought there is one which we have no power over. to . be any difference in the history? Mr. Meredith admits we have no power Was it intolerant or was it bigotry when I proclaimed in making the appeal to my countrymen which I make, take, bildren of this country have been taught to the children of this country have been taught to the children of this country have been taught to the children of this country have been taught to the children of this country have been taught to the children of this country have been taught to the children of this country have been taught to the children of this country; that they are B. N. A. Act gives us no urisdiction re Meredith Will Go Ahead in We have nothing to do with any man's position that these disputed points were text-book of the history put in such a position that these disputed points were time of Confederation of this country; that they are nothing to do with any man's position that these disputed points were time of Confederation. It was not provided to the Calls the Opposition of this Province be periodically disturbed and neighbors forced into quarrels with one another by making no popery the text-book of the history put in such a position that these disputed points were time of Confederation. It was no position that these disputed points were time of Confederation. It was no position that these disputed points were time of Confederation. It was no position to this country; that they are provided and neighbors forced into quarrels with one another by making no popery the text-book of the history put in such a position that these disputed points were time of Confederation. It was no position to the country that they are provided to the country we have nothing to do with any man a religion; it should be free to every man to worship at whatever altar he pleases, and no man shall say him may, and I have appealed, and do appeal, that no which we have sprung. (Applause.) which we have sprung. (Applause.)

Same Interpretation for All. I want also that these Separate schools they are, to degenerate in a war should be subject to the same inspection against religion. Is this bigotry? Is as the schools of the Province of Onthis intolerance? (Voices, "No, no.")

These are the charges that are made four main points from which I have against me, and I say again they are asked the people of this country to supmade without foundation. I am a port the Opposition, as far as the school And Scorches That Prelate For gry for what? Hungry for position? whether we cannot discuss these without Those who sit upon the platform know if my way had been accepted I would and I would have been a traitor if I is none at all, and those who import free soil; I have lived my lifetime there, believe it will be in the interests of the Now. Mr. Chairman, I must say a word, self to my family. (Cheers.) I am now spectors, they are as useful inspectors Mr. Chairman, I too, in regard to all the questions upholding the honor of the Conservative What does he complain of?

School System as It Exists.

Exception of Histories and Readers Used.

Who Have Not Qualified by Regular Examinations.



In his address at London Sir Oliver Mowat made the fo! lowing defence of the treatment accorded by the Liberals to separate schools : "The question o

other evening. He complained because we would not insist upon a compulsory ballot system for the Separate Schools. ot see that that is fair or called for in any way. The ballot is a very good sysus wait until those affected by it are repared for it

Comes From Anti-Catholics It is not to be wondered at that the ballot for Separate schools will be pposed when it comes from the antiatholic party, when it comes from those who are against Separate schools. when it comes from those who wish to render them less efficient and to abolish them if possible, and to urge it upon grounds which we must admit. Pro testants as we are, to be an insult, as t, is felt to be by the Roman Catholice themselves. What are we told as a reason for it? Why, practically-and it is the only reason on which the suggestion for this change can be made-that the laity are coerced by their priest. omparison between the separate and their pricet. Is it any wonder that Catholics combine against a proposition antage in the separate over the pub. of that sort? It would be a wonder schools in that time? I venture to if they did not combine against it. tion would combine if an insult of that kind were offered to them.

Qualified leachers. Then Mr. Meredith says that he ants the teachers in Roman Catholic schools to be subject to the same exam inations and have the same qualifica tions as teachers in Public schools. But

eay, was part of the law of Lower Can ada, and, therefore, they are now en titled to take teachers that are quali fied to be such by the laws of Lower

Canada. Reasons for the Exception. "The reason they wish to stand by that is because many of these schools are poor, and it is important to them to hungry adventurer? (Laughter.) Hun-ballot is concerned. I want to know get teachers at the low-st possible expense, and a teacher from their importing race and religious questions religious orders properly qualified comes to them at the least expense. But, at all events, they have a right to this, in the same way as they have a and I would have been a traitor if I had not responded (Cheers.) Adventurer. am I? When this worthy man was still upon the green hills of Ireland my feet were plauted in the soil of Canada. (Applause.) I was born upon a data. (Applause.) I was born upon a believe it will be in the interests of the believe it will be in the interests of the lieut to the sum of the past, and those who import to change it. Mr. Weredith says also that the Separate schools should be subject to the same inspection as the Public schools, that they are State schools and ought to subright to Separate schools themselves and free soil; I have lived my lifetime there, and I appeal to those amongst whom I have lived, to those amongst whom I have lived, to those who have known me, if ever a breath of a charge of intolerance has a ever been made against me, unless it was for unworthy purposes, by a party which is staggering to its fall. (Applause.) retired from public life and devoted my-

> he same Inspection. "He does not, I think, say so, but what he wants is that they should have the same Inspectors as the Public schools, and who are in almost every instance Protestants. Now we do not purposes in order that this inspection appoint Catholic inspectors for this spe- bound up." cial purpose of inspecting the Separate

efficient men? (Applause.)

readers, perhaps, and possibly histories, have no doubt in a short time they will be generally used, because there is no reason why they should not. They are very good books. There are no better; there are none cheaper, and the Separate schools are falling into them. There is, no doubt, a difficulty with regard to the readers. They are entitled to teach their religious tenets in these schools. That is practically granted them by the British North America Act, and it is part of their Separate Schools oc- system that this religious instruction rupied a large part should be communicated in the books goof the attention of which the children use as readers. your late member in course, our books contain no instruction SIR OLIVER MOWAT, his speech here the of that kind; theirs do.

A Right to Rel gious Instruction. They claim they have a right to have this religious instruction imparted, and What we have done is to give Separate | that we cannot withdraw the right, de-School supporters the option of the bal- prive them of the privilege, of giving lot in the same way as the Public School this instruction by means of the reader. thurch. We permit the Roman Catholic | supporters have the option of the bal. I am not prepared to deny that propo-They are precisely on the same sition. I am not prepared to take away footing in that respect. No one would from them that right or privilege. We think of imposing the compulsory bal. cannot take it away from lot upon Public School supporters, ex- them if it be a right or cept for the very purpose of imposing privilege, because every right was t upon Separate Schools. Now we can. guaranteed by the act of Confederation which they had at that time. I claim that in dealing with the Roman Catho tem. Ultimately I believe it will be lies we have been just doing our duty. adopted for all purposes, but then let We are Protestants, and we have recognized the duty of being fair to persons of every creed, whether Protestant or Roman Catholic. We have recognized the duty of protecting minorities their rights as well as majorities their rights. The Protestants of this country are quite strong enough to recognize the practical application of that principle. We have acted upon it ty on account of their religious beduring our whole term; we are acting upon it now; we desire to continue act. ing upon it.

Toronto

LARGEST CIRCULATION IN ONTARIO.

Leader a Hungry Adventurer.

A PASTORAL TO HIS FLOCK.

The Archbishop Has Apparently Arrayed His Church Against W. R. Meredith.

ALLEGED FORCES OF EVIL DENOUNCED.

A Document Which is Playing No Important Part in the Present Election Contest.



Archbishop Cleary, of Kingston, a few days ago issued a pastoral on political and educational affairs to his people.

After pointing out the duty of parents towards their children, the document said : "This primary paren

al obligation is all the think that a reasonable thing. Dr. more imperative because the at-Ryerson did not think it a reasonable mosphere of the Province is poisoned thing. The Separate schools in his day just now by the anti-Christian doctrines A SOLID VOTE SHOULD BE CAST AGAINST HIM were not inspected by the Public School of a host of impious journals, and the Inspector. He had them inspected by the lying speeches of no-popery politicians High School Inspectors, who did not inspect the Public schools; but gradually of it who are striving to attain to power the High School Inspectors had so much and the handling of the public purse by to do in their proper work as High School Inspectors that they were unable to discharge this duty. Well, then, Her Majesty's most loyal and law-abidwe had to consider what was to be done. Should we appoint more High School Inspectors than are required for other speakable outrage upon civilization to concentrate the combined forces of atof Separate Schools might be performed? tack upon our innocent children, whom they are trying to deprive of their most the somewhat less expensive course, and sacred rights, in which their welfare for altogether the advantageous course, to all time and eternity is inseparably

Chairtin Education First Authorized Text Books With the Schools, and we appointed thoroughly The document then referred at length to the manner in which Joseph and Mary Don't Want the Histories.

Cared for Jesus during his boyhood, and "His next complaint is in regard to continued as follows:—"It is the first text-books. He would have a law by duty of the Christian religion imposed on our people from all officers and represents. which the Separate School Trustees every parent to do this for his child by should be obliged to use the same textbooks as are used in the Public schools. It is the duty of the priests to see that Catholic in the land should make our well, now, the Public schools which are very largely used in the Separate schools, and are being used from time is my duty as chief pastor of this diocese that voice heard in the silent yet powerful ballot which, as citizens, it is our right to use. That right sometimes to time in a still larger number. Uito require both parents and priests to time in a still larger number. Uito require both parents and priests to two of these books, with the exception of upon them, and first of all, and beyond faith than we do to our country. all, this command to rear the children of God for God in the likeness of the boy to uphold and defend in every legitimate bold dear, and who insult what we love and most particularly to the Christian a party whose avowed policy is, in mat ducation of youth, shall be successfully rmed against their religious and civil iberties in this Province

> Catholies are Loyal. order and good-will among the citizens know their friends and foes. We are not of Ontario. This new combination aims so dul of comprehension at turning our fair province into a pan demonium. We are fully confident the Protestant majority will show no favor n this warfare against society. We beieve that the respectable Conservatives

the eyes of all men by the dragging of the Conservative flag through the mire of anti-Christian bigotry and in-No Persecution. "True Conservatism repudiates the persecution of any section of the communi

vill now, as four years ago, frown down

upon the effort to disgrace Conservation

lief and practice. It holds conscience

in high respect and treats it as sacred.

The true Conservatives ought to be the friends of the Catholics, and we know that generally speaking they are, and have frequently given proof of their good-will and fair consideration cial politics. Will they express that towards the Catholics in this Province condemnation on the 26th of June? We as well as throughout the Dominion. It look to them to do so; for it is more with the lips to respect all religious than of long-suffering Catholics. beliefs and by a mental reservation hardly disguised makes an exception of Catholic belief, and almost in the same a Province like Ontario, that party breath calls for penal legislation and lines are drawn not upon political or the infliction of heavy fines in the form economical questions so much as upon of double school tax against all the semi-religious ones. Still more bitter Catholic parents of the Province who is the irony, that people who talk so dare to observe the first precepts of much about freedom ation to their offspring.

Meredith's Bat Language. The very bad language of the leader ciple, not temporal advantage of the Opposition the open alliance be- all do we feel the irony that a free mi tween his party and the shameful organ- nority exercising its freedom should be ization snown as the P. P. A.; the vote insulted, and charged with giving a with barely one exception, in favor of have the lodge-rooms and demagoging the McCallum Bill, which proposed the at their head.

atter abolition of our constitutional right to supply Christian education to our little ones are all in direct contradiction to the principles of Conservatism Why should not political elections be conducted on political lines? Why should th's Province be periodically disturbed and neighbors forced into quarrels with 1886 and 1890? Why, I repeat, should respectable Conservatism be brought into disrepute and the true Conservatives of Ontario be made a by-word of reproach by tolerating the hypocrisy of a hungry adventurer, who employs the term 'Conservative' as a blind for the deception of the ignorant and the per secution of his Catholic fellow-citizens?'

TO THE POLLS

The Catholic Register Issues a Call to the Catholic Electorate.

MEREDITH MUST BE BEATEN

Accused of Making War on Their Religion and Their School System.

An Editorial of an Extraordinary Campaign Document-What Will Its Effect Be?



HE following is from the Toronto Catholic Register of May 26 on the school question :-" Duty calls. More strictly speaking, we are driven to it. The insolent policy that threatens our schools has driven

tion, are reasons why we and every other

Ravages of Bigots.

"We cannot stand idly by and see this Jesus of Nazareth. It is the duty of Province given up to the desolating every Christian man, be he parent or not, ravages of bigots who hate what we way this inalienable right of Catholic most. That is the duty we owe our citizens that no combination of secret country. We cannot hand over the ocieties hostile to the Christian religion. grave interests of our co-religionists to ters of education, to render our schools unworkable, and de-Catholize them so that they will be merely Separate in rame To prevent this disaster is We are loyal to our Queen and con. duty we owe our conscience. This is the stitution; we are peace-loving citizens; twofold duty which the Catholics of On e desire to live in peace and harmony tario are called upon to fulfil four weeks with our fellow men. It is a shame to from next Tuesday. We have no doubt ontario, a shame to civilization, that a that they will do it. It did not need otley crowd of secret society men quite so much force as Mr. Meredith emhould form a conspiracy against the ployed last session, nor quite so much atholic minority every fourth year, and talk about offices on the part of Dr just now should import from the ad Ryerson, or threats against our hospijoining republic an infamous anti-Christ tals, to crystalize the Catholic vote of ian and anti-social organization to com this Province. The peace-threatening bine with them in aggression upon our organization of the P.P.A. spread by dearest religious rights and our peace such election agents as Margaret L. was as citizens. This is subversive of good not at all necessary to make Catholics

Strife and War "Mr. Meredith's policy for a long time his been the policy of strife and war against Catholie name of Ryerson, without wishing that the sins of one generation should visited upon another, is not likely to be acceptable to Catholics in Ontario acquainted with the earlier struggles for Separate schools. As for the third force at work, the P. P. A., nothing ould be more painful to any patriot than that this Province should be overrun by an organization whose end is destruction, social and political, to a peaceful minority, whose method is the dark-lantern, and whose members are the tools of unprincipled demagogues. Every lover of justice, liberty and right must pseudo-Conservatism that professes the battle of justice-loving Protestants

Irony Upon Polities, "It is a bitter irony upon politics in of conscience and their religion by giving Christian edu- individual liberty, should accord so little of it to those who, in matters of education, are guided by a religious prin-Joy him and his entire following, solid vote when, on the other side, we