

have not been unsuccessful, as has been demonstrated in many a debate and on many a platform, and as our newspaper friends in every part of the Province have often demonstrated in their journals. Our record in this respect has always been our only strength. We have not had the means, nor the inclination either, to entrench ourselves by bribing the people's representatives, or by bribing purchasable electors. It is not true that it has ever been our determination to secure "the Catholic vote at all hazards." It is not true that we have made any "surrender to the demands of the representative of the Papacy." We have done nothing for Roman Catholics to which Roman Catholics were not justly entitled, and which it was not in accordance with the Protestant sentiment of the community that they should receive.

Another article in the same number of the *Review* has partyism for its subject. The writer says that "as things are at present, good men are afraid to offer to serve their country, and if they did offer they would likely be defeated by the party machine." So that we have no good men in public life. I am sure you do not endorse that slander; nor does Mr. McLeod or Mr. Macdonnell. There are bad men in public life, as there are in every walk of private life; but there are among the Liberal members of the House of Commons and of the Ontario Assembly whom I know, good men who stand as high in the estimation of their respective churches as the *Review* writer, whoever he is, can claim to do; and I can say further that, among the people's representatives with whom I have had to do, there has always been as large a proportion of good men as in any literary, professional, commercial, or other public body not of a specifically religious character. If the *Review* writer has not met with good men amongst the public men he has known, I am sorry that his acquaintance with public men has been confined to the worst class.

WHY ROMAN CATHOLICS SUPPORT THE ONTARIO GOVERNMENT.

I believe that the apprehensions of some have been excited by the mere circumstance being dwelt upon of the Archbishop being friendly to the present Government, or by that circumstance in connection with others. As a Liberal leader, I am glad that he is friendly to us. I am glad of the support we receive from all quarters. I am glad to know that His Grace has always been friendly to us; and who doubts that nothing would better please those Conservatives who are trying to raise a No Popery cry than to get all Roman Catholics, bishops, priests, and laymen, to give their support to the Conservative party? Who doubts that we should then hear nothing more from our opponents about No