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THE ELECTIONS.

On Tuesday last the country, perhaps, never experienced such a time of excitement during an electoral contest. Many surprises took place throughout the Dominion. Liberals were returned in constituencies that were considered sure for the Conservative party, and vice versa.

THE ANTI-CATHOLIC CRUSADEERS AND THE QUEBEC SCHOOL SYSTEM.

It is much to be regretted that during the recent campaign for the Dominion elections a most determined effort has been made by many journals and politicians of both parties to excite religious prejudices among the people as a means whereby their individual ends might be gained; and in saying this we do not exonerate our own co-religionists who have in some instances resorted to similar measures.

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The Toronto Globe, the Winnipeg Tribune, the Montreal Witness, the Huntingdon Gleaner, the Hamilton Spectator, and the Toronto Telegram have been among the greatest offenders in this regard, and their violence will have evil results from which the country will not recover for many years.

A generation ago the case was different, but we believe that the people of Ontario have learned wisdom in this respect, and not all the appeals of anti-Catholic speakers and writers, backed up by the resolutions of Orange or P. P. A. lodges, and of ministerial associations, conferences, and presbyteries, will bring back the days of dominant fanaticism.

The letter of Mr. Robert Sellar, editor and proprietor of the Huntingdon Gleaner (P. Q.), which appeared recently in the Toronto Globe, and on which we made some remarks two weeks ago in our column, was a sample of these mendacious attacks.

Mr. Sellar says in this second letter: "The earnest hope of all the true-hearted men in that minority—he refers here to the Protestant minority in Quebec—is that the electors of the Dominion may on the 23rd of June, bury beyond resurrection the Remedial bill, for in so doing hope will dawn that the long night of Quebec's ecclesiastical thralldom is drawing to an end."

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