

WILLIAM CHAMBERS, Esq. member for Newport, said:—

“I asserted in my former speech that the combination was unnatural and unholy. I believe so still,—I have heard nothing to change my opinion. Here we have been for a fortnight fighting with straws—while the real question has been studiously avoided and kept in the back ground;—there is a secret spring to which no allusion has heretofore been made. I now assert here openly, that the Catholics of this Province, believing they hold the balance of power, have come to the conclusion that they can govern the country. To any man who has marked the progress of events during the past few months, the proposition must be self-evident, that we have now to consider whether Sir Gaspard LeMarchant or William Walsh, the Catholic Archbishop, is to be Governor of Nova Scotia.—(Hear, hear.)”

Looking calmly round upon what has occurred in Nova Scotia, within the last twelve months, upon what has occurred in Canada, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island, within our own knowledge and experience: upon the very recent and palpable manifestations of an aggressive spirit on the part of the Papal power in all the Provinces, I have not hesitated to advise my friends to take higher ground than has ever yet been taken by any Political Party in Nova Scotia, and they have determined to take it boldly in the face of the country.

The Liberal Party has performed its mission. The Constitutional changes, and the public improvements of the country, attest its power and perseverance. The Conservative Party have likewise done their work, in watching and restraining where danger seemed to be apprehended. Neither of these Parties can now give to Nova Scotia such a government as she requires. The Liberals, weakened by the open defection of the Catholics, cannot do it: and the Conservatives, lifted to power on their shoulders, only rule by the sufferance of an Ecclesiastic, who owes no responsibility but to a foreign Potentate, unrecognized by the great body of the People of Nova Scotia. The Head of the Catholic Church in this Province, who denounced Mr. Johnston in 1850, for defending a shoemaker, now denounces