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ROMAN CATHOLIC SEPARATE SCHOOLS.

A severe blow is aimed at the Common Schools of Upper Canada by the Bill introduced by Mr. Scott, of Ottawa, securing special and exclusive educational privileges to Roman Catholics. Already legislation on this important question is far advanced towards the accomplishment of the ends of those who have in past ages proved the determined foes of liberty and light. Strenuous efforts are necessary to check the establishment by law of the provisions of this Bill. Let the voice of the people be heard. Surely the Legislature will pause ere they force so unpopular a measure on Upper Canada. However interesting the aspect of this question as affecting the political relationship of Upper and Lower Canada, it is on the moral and spiritual view of the subject that we feel deeply moved. Our school system is unsectarian, and can only stand in justice while it remains so. The only just and proper principle of national education, in a country like this, is to have schools open for the secular instruction of all on an equal basis. To favour one party is to inflict an injury on others, and to introduce an element which must ultimately prove destructive of the system. The encroachments of Popery are well known, and this measure is strikingly marked by an aggressive and ecclesiastical spirit. We hesitate not to affirm that the political influence of such parties as carry it to law all tends to fix the ascendancy of Papal power, and perpetuate feuds and animosities which should for ever terminate. What else does it amount to than the endowment, from the public funds, of Romanism?—And that to enable the adherents of that system to indoctrinate and train the rising generation in the dogmas of the Church of Rome. It is not as resisting those who seek by their own means to accomplish their own ends that we speak. To Popery we yield a fair field and no favour, to meet on the lists of controversy its antagonists, and to spread itself by fair and moral influences; but that is widely different from special grants and exclusive legislation. Far from us be admiration of the policy that warms into vigour a system that exalts the tiara above the crown. What we hold dear as men and citizens must be guarded with holy jealousy. These educational privileges which are so perseveringly sought, would endanger one of the best institutions of Upper Canada. It were better that education should stand alone and be diffused on the voluntary principle, than that the State should become through it a nurse of deadly religious error. Unless the life-blood of Protestantism has become in many quarters cold and