

person called Propaganda,—but this person is subject to the Italian laws. Those laws forbid her to possess,—and she cannot possess. Those laws permit her to transfer the estate into stocks, but no one dares to touch, nor cares to touch, those stocks. If you argue from false premises, how can your deductions be true? You persist in considering as a spoliation that which is not such, and then you clamour against this spoliation in the same manner as Don Quixote fought against the wind-mills, taking them for so many enemies.

You persist in maintaining that the Italian Government has not the right to touch the residences of the English, American or other legations. Rightly, but if in Italy, as in some other countries, there existed a law which forbade foreigners from possessing any sort of estate, and that in spite of this law they bought some; do you believe that the Government would not force them to respect and obey the law?

You further say, "They cannot be sold without the consent of the parties interested."

How is it possible you can speak in such a way? Who has taught you so to interpret the law, which is explicit on this point? And, after all, Mr. Langelier, you try to excite the passions of your Canadian brethren. From a premise which is not true you conclude that in robbing the Propaganda it is as if the Italian Government were robbing the Catholics of all the world, and you endeavour to induce the people to protest to the English Government. Let them do so, I have nothing to say to the contrary, and in your speech I do not see anything else which deserves a direct answer.