

because I should be sorry to consider them hostile, and since they have never spoken out as a body, I take it for granted that they are as Friendly as their great founder would have been.

On the other hand, we have, in favour of Church property and endowments,

Roman Catholics.....	914,561
Church of England,.....	268,592
Church of Scotland,.....	61,589
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Total.....	1,244,742

Thus, the friends of Ecclesiastical endowments in the Province of Canada, are nearly thrice as numerous as their opponents.

But some may object to placing the Roman Catholics in this category, because they have unfortunately more than once recorded their votes as secularizers—nay, the Catholic Institute of Toronto appears so eager to promote secularization, that at their late meeting, the members very modestly petitioned the Legislature for a share of the spoils of our endowments for the benefit of their separate schools. Yet, in the face of all this, I have advisedly placed the Roman Catholics among our friends; because the danger is common, and they have more than four times as much to lose as we have, and may be induced to direct their attention to the strange and perilous course which they have hitherto adopted. They hold fast their own endowments, as indeed they ought to do; and yet they are at the same time strenuous in their endeavours to destroy those of the Church of England. This monstrous inconsistency cannot be much longer maintained, and if persevered in, must result in the utter destruction of all Church property in Canada.

I am not much surprised that Socialists, or as they are called, the Clear Grits of Upper and the Republicans of Lower Canada, should band together against every kind of Ecclesiastical endowment. And I can even conceive, though not without some difficulty, that they may be joined by those who believe, contrary to holy Scripture and the universal experience of many centuries, that religion ought to have no support except on the volunta-