The Opposition party in the Province of Quebec has achieved a considerable victory. A working majority for a government under the leadership of Mr. Mercier has, in some probability, been returned.

Before the union with Upper Canada in 1841, while the Lower Province was still ruled by an irresponsible executive, a council nominated for lift by the Governor and a powerless assembly. French Canadians were very generally Liberals in principle. After the union they took part with Western Reformss in the struggle for responsible government. When that was achieved a change came over the spirit of their dream. The progressive views of the Liberals of Canada West found no favor in their sight, and, moreovet, they discovered that by keeping well together they could make more money for their province and, themselves than they possibly could by dividing on principles or measures. The French revolutionary movement of 1838 found sympathizers among young French Canadians, and the Rouge party was formed to advocate universal suffrage, abolition of the church tithes and other referms. It met with strong opposition from the clergy, and though it secured a small majority in the Local Legislature while Mr. Mackenzie was in power at Ottawa it was soon driven from office and was at a very low obb

while the allies of Meredithwitz declare that he will be overthrown because of popular indignation at the alleged domination of the move upon the works of the Ottawa Government with "No punishment for French rebels and murderers" inscribed on their banners.

All authorities seem to agree that the French majority against Sir John A. Macdonald will be greater than that recorded against the Ross Government. His present majority in the Commons is very large, however, and if the Maritime Provinces and Ontario stand by him he may weather the storm. But the Ontario Catholics are all shut down, and as outside brewers ies are all shut down, and as outside brewers. the storm. But the Ontario Catholics are generally hostile, and it is questionable whether the anti-Catholic domination cry will bring him sufficient support to keep him in power. The portents just now seem to indipower. The portents just now seem to indipower. these movements no one can foresee.

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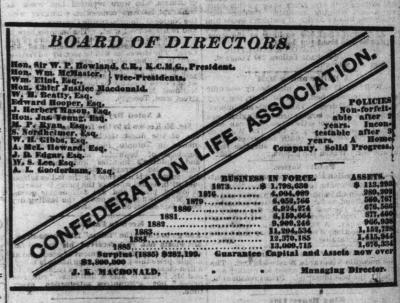
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