

# SEPARATE SCHOOLS.

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**Attacks by "The Mail" on Catholic Institutions.**

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## THE NEW NO-POPERY TORY CRUSADE.

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The *Toronto Mail*, chief organ of the Tory Party, led in the Dominion by **Sir John Macdonald**, and in the Province of Ontario by **Mr. W. R. Meredith**, has for several months past continued a **War upon Catholic Institutions, Separate Schools and Archbishop Lynch**. These attacks have been characterised by great bitterness towards the Church, the Hierarchy and Catholic teaching generally.

The manifest object of this policy is to stir up religious strife by exciting the apprehensions of the Protestant people, with the hope of securing Sir John Macdonald's continuation in power on the false cry of "Protestantism in Danger." It is also designed to distract public attention from the frauds, extravagance, corruption and reckless misgovernment of the Tory party.

In these pages it is proposed to give a few extracts from the *Mail* and other sources, illustrative of the hostile attitude assumed by the Tories towards the Catholic Church and Catholic institutions.

On the 23rd August, 1886 the *Mail* said,—“In the field of Education the Church, through her omnipotence in the Legislature, is able to make life unpleasant for the Protestant parent.”

Again, on the 5th October, 1886, the Tory paper declared,—“The privileges the Church enjoy in the domains of Legislation and Education are a hindrance to the moral and intellectual, as well as the material advancement of the people.”

On October 11th, the *Mail* said,—“All intellectual independence is stamped out, they (the priests) make a desert and call it peace.”

On November 8th, the *Mail* produced a virulent article evidently intended to