

chargeable against the Church and State faction of this Province? We may regard the present Reserve Act as a kind of Religious Tariff passed by an unjust and persecuting government. The scale upon an average would stand thus: For the growth of Episcopalianism in Canada the Government give an absolute bounty of about \$33,000 a year; for the growth of Scottish National Presbyterianism about \$7,000 a year, and to silence the clamors of Free Churchmen, Methodists, Baptists, Seceders, Congregationalists, Roman Catholics, and others who get nothing, but who may be inclined to expose and resist such an outrage against the rights, the liberties, the peace and the welfare of the country, a douceur of about \$500 a year is offered on an average to each of those denominations who will humble and degrade itself to petition for it!!! In other words, in the Executive market, Free churchmen, Methodists, Baptists, Seceders, Congregationalists, Roman Catholics, and the smaller denominations are reckoned as at \$5 each!—Scottish Residuaries at \$70!! and English Churchmen at \$330!!! Will such atrocious injustice be tolerated for another year under a Responsible Administration? We earnestly hope that it will not.

But now for the remedy. About two-thirds of the Reserves are yet unsold, embracing 2,500,000 acres. The amount on hand from past sales is about £400,000 currency: The amount which may accrue from future sales will not perhaps fall short of £1,000,000. The total amount, if funded at 6 per cent, will yield an annual revenue of about £75,000. How shall this immense income be disposed of? Shall it be laid out under the present Law? If so, there will be £61,111 1s, devoted annually to building up the would be dominant sect—the Episcopalian; £12,962 19s annually to build up the Scotch Residuaries; while the remainder, £925 18s 9d—would be annually reserved to create a fund to bribe and silence the proscribed denominations!!! No honest man in Canada—no true Patriot—no Christian—will, we are sure, any longer tolerate such a monstrous violation of the civil and religious rights of his country. Justice upon this subject must be done, not only to every denomination of Christians, but to every subject of Her Majesty in the Province. The whole of the proceeds of the Reserves must be devoted to some general object in the benefits of which all will share equally and impartially. If devoted to the support of our COMMON SCHOOLS, all without exception will share in the benefit of the fund: the necessity for taxing the people for the support of Education will be greatly obviated; and the country will be relieved from one of the most fruitful causes of all the social strife which has hitherto checked our prosperity and destroyed our peace. This remedy has often been suggested; and under the reign of the Family Compact, was often attempted by the friends of the people in Parliament but in vain. By reference to the Journals of the Legislative Assembly it will be found that no less than five Bills had passed that House—viz., in the years 1827, 1829, 1830, 1833, and 1835, to appropriate the Clergy Reserves to purposes of General Education, but they were invariably quashed by the Legislative Council, a body which had then no sympathy in common with the people of the country, but was the mere instrument of an irresponsible Executive. That

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