

Britain," and deprive Her Majesty of her Irish crown. He has recently supported the Jesuit Act, by which the "robberies of George III. were repaired," and which introduced the Pope's name into legislation, to the manifest disparagement of the Crown. By the first of these strategical measures he conciliated the Irish, by the second the French and Catholic vote, but neither can have been pleasing to the loyal portion of his constituency, least of all to the Orangemen who are numerous in one section of North York. His loyalty Resolution trims the balance. The leader of the Opposition must wish to place his loyalty if possible beyond reproach, and to bury the recollection of his Rielism at a time when he is called upon to undertake the delicate task of defending against Equal Right the interests of the French and the Catholic priesthood. The same motive would have its influence with all the French and all the Catholics in the House. To enable Mr. Laurier to keep the Ultramontane vote, which after all he cannot keep, is really the paramount object of Opposition policy. Mr. Laurier calls himself a Liberal of the Liberals, and so in some other planet he may be, but here he is a Liberal supporting ecclesiastical ascendancy as well as French encroachment. His qualities as a speaker and as a gentleman are beyond dispute; but his leadership is very costly. Had the object been to find a feather bed on which the reputation of his ill-starred predecessor might fall softly a better choice could not have been made.

Though it can hardly have been the set purpose of Mr. Mulock and his friends, they may not have been disinclined to deal a blow at a critical juncture against the *Mail*, which for obvious reasons is equally odious to both Machines. To no one has the conduct of the *Mail* on the subject of Commercial Union been more obnoxious than to ourselves; in fact it was by the *Mail's* somersault on that question that THE BY-STANDER was called again into existence. But while the *Mail* must bear the consequence of its own levities as best it may, and defend itself as best it may against the competition of