

was black and black white. All its movements are inspired by party interests. The public good was a secondary consideration altogether, and it laughed at every appeal to reason or fair play, apart from the advancement of its party's and the Government's aims."

On December 1st, 1886, *The Mail* made another grossly insulting attack. It said:—

"The principle which we are here condemning is not only unfair to Roman Catholics, who may be seeking the light, but to Protestant children and parents and to the cause of truth by whatsoever name it may be called. For if this text-book is to be thrown out of the public schools, and that text-book diluted in order to suit the Roman Catholic Church \* \* \* \* \* where is the process of adulteration and interdiction to end? Why not amend the Public school teaching regarding loyalty to the Crown so-as to interject a word in behalf of the Papal claim to universal sovereignty as laid down in the famous bull *Unam Sanctam*, which asserts that 'every human creature, by reason of sin, is subject to the Pope'? Or why not readjust the account of the Reformation, and hold up, deftly of course, the impiety of private judgment? Or why not amend the public school version of a certain event in France, to make it conform to the delicate theory that the Huguenots were the victims of God's wrath?"

Such is the course pursued, the policy adopted by the Tory party. Can any sane man regard it otherwise than brutally revolutionary? Its aim is to create a war of religion and race, that the party of Boodlers, led by Sir John Macdonald, may fiddle while Rome is burning.

**A convention of the Conservative party was held at Toronto, commencing on the 14th January, 1878. At the close of the proceedings, on the 16th of the same month, a series of resolutions were adopted. These were embodied in the leading editorial of the *Mail*, January 17th, which concluded as follows:—**

"The convention was also good enough to pass the following resolution, amid some warmth of demonstration. Our grateful thanks are hereby tendered to the gentlemen of the convention; and we add to our experience of them the assurance of our intention to make this journal at least no less worthy of the party and the cause with which it is identified, than it has been heretofore:—

**"That the thanks of the Liberal Conservative party are due to *The Mail* newspaper for its consistent advocacy of conservative principles; and that this convention desires to express full confidence in its present management, and a hope for its future success."**

**Note.—The same parties and persons who controlled and directed "*The Mail*" in 1878, control and direct it in 1887. It is still the chief organ of the Tory party, and the same managing director maintains his intimate, personal, and political relations with Sir John Macdonald and Mr. W. R. Meredith.**

Mr. Meredith's address to the electors of London is a distinct echo of the platform laid down by *The Mail*. The *Toronto World*, an independent paper, frankly accepts Mr. Meredith's policy as identical with that promulgated by *The Mail*. Here is what it says:—"Mr. Meredith's address distinctly accentuates the change of platform lately made by the Conservative party. It is no longer a journal which speaks, it is the Conservative leader in the Assembly. Those who have believed that the recent change in *The Mail* was a mere party dodge, to be reversed after the elections, must now be convinced that the New Conservative policy has come to stay."