

worldly interests, the sincerity of my political and religious convictions.

Mr. Johnston, who defended the destroyers of Gourlay's Shanty, in the Courts, and in the Legislature; who justified the conduct of Mr. Condon; and who could see nothing wrong in the disloyal sentiments, and savage assaults upon our common Protestantism, promulgated by the Halifax Catholic, received the unanimous support of the Catholic members—with their aid he was enabled to overthrow the Administration, and to construct another.

The 22 Protestant gentlemen, thus deserted, now form a constitutional Opposition: united and firm, and including a large amount of the knowledge, experience, and practical sagacity of the House, they will, independent of all aid from without, form a powerful and efficient element of legislative deliberation.

What these men think of the nature of the influences brought in to disturb and controul our public affairs, may be gathered from one or two expressions, sufficiently significant to be recorded here:

The Hon. WILLIAM YOUNG spoke as follows:—

Sir,—I shall say but little at present of the influences which, though unseen are for the first time felt, palpably and fearfully felt, in the Legislature. These are influences unknown to the Constitution, they have been unscrupulously exercised, and present to the people of Nova Scotia a picture which demands their most serious consideration. What have we seen? The whole Catholic body, as one man, forsake the friends of a life time, and prepare to walk *en masse* across the floor of this House, and coalesce with the Conservatives, their avowed political opponents, to defeat an administration, which we were told by a leading member of the Roman Catholic body, up to the close of last session, retained their confidence. It is undeniable then, that a mysterious and powerful agency has affected this change; a change, too, brought about by no hostility of opinion,—for we well know that though their votes may be against us, the hearts and judgement of many Catholic gentlemen in this House are with us still,