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### Comments on the Cartoons.



**THE FINISH.**—The great contest is over and the Province has said that Mowat must not go. The Government returns to the House with its majority only slightly reduced, though amongst the absentees are two members of the Ministry—Drury and Gibson. The great

race in Toronto, upon which the interest of the whole country was centered, ended in a manner which left the representation in its original shape—two Conservatives and one Reformer being elected. The Equal Rights candidates, Bell and Armour, made a gallant struggle, coming within a few hundred votes of the winning point. The chances of these gentlemen, or other equally respectable representatives of the E.R. Association, ought to be good for seats in the Dominion House at the next general election. Mr. Moses, the candidate of Canada's New Party, polled some eight

hundred votes. As the main purpose of the candidature was to

advertise the existence of the Party, the effort cannot be counted as a dead loss. Now that the fuss is over, let us get down to some hard thinking and active doing upon other and even greater issues, such as those touched upon in Mr. Wiman's late speech. The real question of the day is what are we going to do about this ruinous and crazy tariff-war with the United States.

**MEN CHANGE—NOT PRINCIPLES.**—The greatest journalistic hit of the Campaign was the *Mail's* cold-blooded publication of extracts from speeches made by Hon. Oliver Mowat in 1857, which, strangely enough, nobody thought of reproducing before. The quotations were what, in prize ring parlance, may be called a complete knock-out of the hon. gentleman by himself. They very pointedly and emphatically justify the attitude of the Equal Righters, and answer the charge of "bigotry" made against them, for they show that in the Campaign of 1857, Mr. Mowat was a thorough-going Equal Righter himself—and, in fact, the actual author of the phrase. To show how near akin Mr. Mowat's sentiments then were to those expressed to-day by Mr. McCarthy and his followers, we cannot do better than reprint an extract or two here:

"In regard to non-sectarian schools, we go for nothing which intelligent Roman Catholics may not consistently seek to obtain. (Hear, hear.) Indeed we are fighting the battle of Roman Catholics themselves in asking that there should be no sectarian schools."

"I say, respect all equally, the feelings of Protestants and Roman Catholics alike. Treat all equally; and the only way to do so is for all denominations to agree in saying that there shall be no sectarian legislation whatever; no exclusive privileges to any; no connection between Church and State in any form, whether as regards the religious teaching of children or the religious teaching of grown up people."

"The permitting of Separate schools to exist has not accomplished the object of saving our common school system from attacks, and, this being so, there are many reasons why we should oppose them out and out, not as Protestants merely, but as Canadians—not as Protestants, but as citizens—not as Protestants, but as lovers of sound education and anxious for its future diffusion."

"All we are asking for, so far as the matter concerns ourselves, is Equal Rights! All we demand, so far as regards others, is an abolition of exclusive privileges. And if a Protestant feeling has arisen on this question, it has not been directed to the obtaining of privileges which are not to be given to others nor to the securing of Protestant supremacy. We simply desire that Roman Catholics should enjoy the same advantages as we do and no greater."

"It has been said that the Protestant feeling has been aroused in Upper Canada, and that the past election has been largely influenced by it. No wonder that the Protestant feeling has been aroused, because Protestants feel that there have been encroachments upon their equal rights. (Hear, hear.)"

"I wholly repudiate the charge that it is Protestant bigotry which impels us. All we are asking for, so far as the matter concerns ourselves, is Equal Rights!"

No doubt Mr. Mowat believed these to be sound sentiments thirty-three years ago. Are they not equally so now? If so, how comes it that their author regards similar expressions to-day as the outcome of blind bigotry, or the desperate resort of unprincipled politicians who merely want office? It is true, of course, that these utterances were made before Separate schools had been provided for in the B.N.A. Act, but Mr. Mowat can hardly share Mr. Blake's belief that to amend that Act would be sacrilegious, since he was the prime mover in the late conference of Provincial Premiers at which some eight or ten amendments were voted for. If he still believes as he did in '57, he ought to go in with those who are agitating for the abolition of the Separate school clause of the Act. But apparently the Attorney-General of to-day had quite forgotten about the young man named Mowat whom he used to know so well in times gone by.

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