

P. P. A. IN ONTARIO.

HISTORY AND PRINCIPLES

—OF—

THE ORGANIZATION.

Charities, Schools and Government Officials—
British Statesmen on Civil Rights—Protestant
Ministers on the new Order—Rev. Principal
Grant of Queen's College, Kingston, on
Justice and Equal Rights for all.

The Body or Order generally known as the Protestant Protective Association, but perhaps better known as the P. P. A., has had its origin in the United States, and from that country it has been transplanted into Canada. An article in the *Toronto Weekly Mail* of November 30th, 1893, and evidently inspired from a friendly source, gives the best known account of the movement and how it came to assume new and distinct titles in each country,—in the United States as the "American" and in Canada as the "Canadian" Protective Association, or the A. P. A. and C. P. A. respectively. The following are pertinent extracts from the *Mail's* article :

"The politicians in the United States unite in declaring that the A. P. A. is a Canadian Society, organized by British residents within the Union, and that its influence is used to defeat the Republican or Democratic party, as the case may be, and to help disunite Americans. In Canada the politicians with equal vehemence affirm that the Society is an importation from the United States, and is controlled by residents in Uncle Sam's territory. Neither statement is correct. The Society operating in the United States was organized by a man born under the Stars and Stripes, who fought all through the Civil War on the side of the North. It was in operation nearly two years before the formation of the Canadian Society."

"The Canadian Protective Association really arose out of the Equal Rights agitation, and has received its greatest support from members of the Orange order, who rightly or wrongly believed that the Orangemen were being dragged at the heels of a party for the purpose of securing comfortable berths for the most successful wire-pullers. At one time there were joint meetings of the supreme bodies of the Canadian and United States societies, but the sight of the Union Jack and the singing of "God Save the Queen" are said to have disagreed with the United States delegates, and they refrain from attending the meetings of the Canadian Association."

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