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led indirectly and unintentionally, perhaps, to suppose that the clergy are the chief persons interested in their preservation, and that the evils of their loss will fall only, or mainly, upon them. But this is a mistaken inference. A mere *name* often has weight; therefore I call them *Church Reserves*, not *Clergy Reserves*—because there is not one lay member of the church but is as deeply interested in their safety as the clergy.

Upon whom does the burden fall,—or rather, I should say, upon whom does the duty devolve—(for it should not be deemed a burden) of supporting the clergy and the ministrations of religion? Upon the members of the church at large. During the infancy of our colonial church the duty is voluntarily and nobly performed by our fellow-churchmen at home—but by one class or other it has to be done—by churchmen here, or by churchmen in England: but *their* help is only for a time, and only while our infant and struggling state gives us a claim upon their christian beneficence. But, as it is even in part now, eventually the church in Canada must be *wholly* sustained by yourselves. Think you that one integral order of the church—the clergy—can be attacked or injured, and the whole church not suffer with it. The Reserves are yours. They belong to the whole church. They are your patrimony, and if taken away, *you* are robbed of your birth-right and inheritance. The thing is obvious. The Reserves, or the fund accruing from them—diverted from the sacred uses of the church, *you* have at once to supply the deficiency. Perhaps *some* could do their share of this, but most could not; I speak of the church as a whole—of its members as a body, without referring to what some wealthy individuals or congregations might do. But in whatever degree the church is now assisted and sustained by those Reserves, in the same exact degree will you be compelled to make up the deficiency of their loss from your own private funds and property. A clergyman, or incumbent, has but a temporary and life interest in glebes or church reserve funds; but a parish or congregation has a perpetual interest in them; it is from the parish and its property that not only the present incumbent, but *future* incumbents, must derive their stipends, wholly or in part. And in suffering those reserve funds to be alienated, it will be upon the parishes and congregations—upon the church, as a whole—upon the laity most especially—that the evil will eventually fall.

It seems to me the grossest insatiation for a churchman to look upon this matter in any other light. The