

and I do not think a more faithful, devoted, or well beloved and respected body of men can be found anywhere than the Roman Catholic clergy of Lower Canada. Tennyson has written,—

"Love your enemies, bless your haters," said the Greatest of the Great ;
"Christian love among the Churches seems the twin of heathen hate."

Ought not the members of every Christian church, while obeying the commandment cited in the Laureate's first line, to do their best to prove the bitter taunt in the second to be undeserved ?

And as respects the article questioning the constitutionality of the said Act,—it does not seem to me that the English Acts cited in it can apply to Canada, which when they were passed was no part of the realm of England, and the inhabitants of which are by subsequent Acts of the Imperial Parliament, guaranteed the free exercise of the Roman Catholic religion, of which the Pope is the head, and his supremacy as such part of its very essence. The later law derogates from and virtually repeals any former provision contrary to it: The English laws disqualifying Roman Catholics from holding certain offices were never in force in Canada. The money appropriated belonged to the Province, and is granted by its Legislature for the purposes for which the property from which it arises was given by the French King, and the Act of appropriation is sanctioned by the assent of the Queen, who may, without impropriety, avail herself, in dealing with it, of the advice and assistance of the Head of the Church and of an ecclesiastical and educational corporation, which, if not legally the same, is morally the representative and successor of that to which the original grant was made, and which, with the Pope, will be bound to use the money in accordance with and solely by virtue of the powers given them by the Act. I cannot see that any law is violated, or anything but right done by this provision.

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