

quit the country. The first act of the new Government will be to incorporate the Orange order, and then, indeed, the Catholics will suffer. If Catholics do not wish to vote for Mr. Drury, then they need not vote at all. I would be ashamed of the Catholics changing politics for mean purposes, and some so-called Catholics are doing so, and playing into the hands of the Orangemen. Alas, there will always be traitors! You, I know, Mr. Higgins, will keep staunch.

"Yours faithfully,

"(Signed) † JOHN JOSEPH LYNCH,
"Archbishop of Toronto."

This letter was carried round by Mr. Higgins, then of Whitby, to whom it was addressed, and exhibited to the Roman Catholic electors of the riding, with the **result of Mr. Drury's election!!!** More evidence may not be called for, but the proof of a bargain with the Government at the time when Mr. Ross^s (who, it cannot be denied, has honestly kept the compact on his part) was^s running in West Middlesex must not be omitted.

It is probable that at this crisis in the history of the **Mowat-Fraser** Administration, which had been shaken at the preceding general election, its majority being much reduced, that the **Archbishop**, seeing his opportunity, demanded, as the price of his support, that the management of the Public Schools of the Province should be **entrusted to his tender care**.

So, on behalf of **Mr. Ross**, the following very explicit letter was written:

"It would be a severe blow to the Catholics to lose the Mowat Government that **has done all in its power for us**. I hope the Catholics of West Middlesex will see to **their own interest** and return Mr. Ross.

"† JOHN JOSEPH,

"Archbishop of Toronto.

"Toronto, Dec. 5, 1883."

The words should not be forgotten; "**It would be a severe blow to the Catholics to lose**"—His Grace admits in these words that he *has* the "**Mowat Government!**"

Why?

Because

"**It has done ALL in its power for US.**"

At that time, in comparison with subsequent concessions, but little had been granted to the Roman Catholics beyond, so far as is known, the appointment of Roman Catholics because of their religious belief—not of their fitness for office—to offices in the public service, and "Marmion," it is true, had been banished from the High schools.

SURRENDER TO ROME OF ALL IT CLAIMS

But the **Lynch-Mowat-Fraser** combination, emboldened by the apathy with which the people seemed to view the unholy alliance, have since almost openly surrendered to the Roman Catholic wing all it claims.