

Lambton, and projected ones in the coming contest, prove this fact beyond much controversy. But here is an organization which wants to do the same thing under a different name and line. It calls itself by the pretentious name of "The Ontario Educational Reform Party." The fact that the notorious Big Push Wilkinson, of the recent "Brood of Brawling bribers," is one of the organizers and leading lights of this organization will not secure for its proposals the confidence and support of the good men and true to whom it appeals. Here is the scheme as outlined by the Secretary of the organization in letters addressed to prominent electors throughout the Province, of which the following is a copy:—

TORONTO, 9th August, '89.

"DEAR SIR,—I have been instructed to write to you by our party.

"We have formed a party upon the enclosed platform, to be known as the Ontario Educational Reform Party. The party is to work exclusively in Provincial politics. The purposes are:—

"(1) To neutralize the Catholic solid vote in the Legislature, and thus disenthral any party from its control and influence.

"(2) To reform the school laws in conformity with the platform.

"The mode of accomplishing this is to run independent candidates in about thirty ridings in which Mr. Meredith's party cannot win, thus securing, say, half that number of seats from Mr. Mowat's side, and so secure the balance of power between the two parties and be able to dictate terms to them. By not opposing Mr. Meredith in the ridings that he can carry we can get a solid Conservative vote, and our platform will bring us enough ultra-Protestants to win the election.

"There is no advantage to us in winning from Mr. Meredith, as his is the smaller side, and the more he gets, the less we will need to get to give us the balance of power.

"The party is not seeking for power or to reform a Government, but only to become the balance of power.

"We find that you stand in such position in your riding of ——— that if you were to name the candidate on this platform you could win easily and without a peradventure. *You could get the solid Conservative vote for they would not bring out a candidate*, and you would get your personal friends, Reformers, and the ultra-Protestants who would rather vote against ——— than have Catholic rule.

"A requisition circulated by your friends would *commit enough Reformers to you*, before you accepted, to make your election an assured fact.

"We will be glad to have your views upon it, and will be happy to give you any further information that you may desire. Your correspondence will be strictly confidential, as we hope ours will be with you. Be assured we are going to win in the next election, which may come off this fall, for we are meeting with the utmost encouragement from every quarter. When we get a little further along, and the leading citizens return from their summer holidays, we are going to hold a large public meeting in the city, at which we would like to have your presence on the platform.

"Your obedient servant,

"H. J. BOSWELL,

Sec. of the O. E. R. P.

"29 Adelaide Street East."