

A FOREWORD

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MR. SELLAR'S letters on "Ulster and Home Rule, a Canadian Parallel," which appeared recently in *The Witness* were very widely read, not only by Presbyterians but by a large circle connected with other denominations, and I am delighted to know that they are appearing in pamphlet form. Having lived twenty years in Canada, and as long in Ireland, I am supposed to know a little about both countries, and therefore I would like to say a few things about these letters. It is needless to say they are well written, and reveal the ability of the author and his thorough knowledge of the subject. I want to say first of all that they are true to the facts of the case, and instead of them being exaggerated the truth is under stated as to the baneful influence of Rome in that Province. Secondly, should Home Rule become law in Ireland the Protestant minority would be in a worse position than the Protestants of Quebec, for the safeguards would not be as good or effective as they are there. According to Liberals like Doctors Clifford and Horton Home Rule means Rome Rule, for Rome must rule where and when it is possible for her to do so; she must persecute heretics, and Protestants are the worst heretics. Anyone who reads these letters of Mr. Sellars will see that Rome has been doing these very things in Quebec, and the Dominion of Canada is waking up to the seriousness of the situation. I have met some Protestants in Canada who think Home Rule would be alright for Ireland, but they belong to one of two classes, either those who do not understand the situation in Ireland, or those who are so party blind that, like Dr. Horton, they would favour what they know would ruin Protestantism for the sake of what is known to Politicians as a political principle, but I never yet met a Canadian Protestant from any Province of the Dominion who would be willing to have his Province governed by the Province of Quebec. If you read these letters over carefully with an unbiased mind you will pray that the good Lord may deliver Ireland from a government such as they have in Quebec, from the galling yoke of the Roman Hierarchy.

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