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REV. DR. CAVEN: "All attempts to make
party capital out of the Separate School
question are either ignorant or dishonest,
and will be disconcerted by every fair-
minded man who knows a little Canadian
history."

From the description and illustrations
given in the last issue of the Budget it is
evident that the new Canada Life building
in Toronto is not merely one of the largest,
but one of the handsomest and best finished
business blocks in the Dominion.

A TORONTO Tory editor sneers at Mr.
Tait, one of the Liberal candidates, be-
cause he is a local preacher of the Metho-
dist Church, and does not neglect his
duties even in these days of busy campaign-
ing. The Methodists have votes.

MANY Belleville men, hitherto belonging
to the Tory ranks, are pronounced sup-
porters of Mr. Biggar, the popular Liberal
candidate for West Hastings. A former
resident of Belleville, now living in London,
says Mr. Biggar's election is practically
assured.

THE Guelph Herald varies the monotony
of Tory campaign argument by once more
giving forth the chestnut, "Mr. Mowat
Must Go." Why, Mr. Mowat goes all the
time; it is the Opposition leader who does
not go. He is tied to the apron-strings of
the Ottawa centralizer, and can scarcely be
expected to go.

ST. JOHN (N. B.) Telegraph: "Mowat, the
Liberal, has reigned eighteen years in On-
tario without a scandal attaching to his
name. The like term of years in the history
of the Tory party under Sir John Macdonald
did begin with the Pacific scandal and ends
amid the Vesuvian eruption of Rykert-Mid-
dleton-Laure-McGreavey scandals. What
a contrast!"

ONE hoe in the hands of a muscular farmer
will do more for agriculture than all the acts
of Congress that can be passed from now until
the week after next.—(N. Y. Sun.)
True, O Sun, you refer to the United
States farmers and the United States Con-
gress; but the remark is equally applicable
to Canadian farmers and to the Dominion
Parliament. What the farmers of this
country need is lower taxes and the aboli-
tion of the sugar, cotton, binding twine
and other monopolies. That is out of the
question so long as a considerable propor-
tion of the farmers themselves endorse the
Government which takes the money of the
monopolists for election purposes, and
fixes the tax laws in accordance with the
views of these men.

MR. TOOLEY may not be expected to re-
main at home till he is able to discuss
public affairs with a clear head, but he
should try to tell the truth. At London
West he asserted that the timber sales in
Ontario had only taken place by public
auction "in a few instances." The fact is
that no sale of timber lands can take place,
and no sale has taken place, under the present
Government, without its being by public
competition. First of all the sale is adver-
tised, then the timber is exposed to auction
and the highest bidder gets it, no matter
what his politics, religion, or condition in
life. Mr. Tooley must have been indis-
posed when these facts were brought out
in the Legislature, and he must now be
thinking of the timber limits under the
control of the Dominion Government,
which are parcelled out to such men as
Ryker without the semblance of competi-
tion. Mr. Tooley is foolish to invite a
contrast between the Liberal and Tory
timber policies.

THERE WAS a majority of Sir John Mac-
donald's supporters on the Ryker trial jury,
but they did not try to defend Mr.
Ryker when they found him guilty of fraudu-
lent conduct.—(Mr. Duncan Macmillan in Lon-
don West.)

Didn't they? Ask Sir John Thompson,
and he will be compelled to admit that the
Tory majority of the committee originally
agreed to a whitewashing report. Only
after Mr. Blake drew up a minority report,
indorsed by the Liberal members of the
committee, and summarizing the damning
evidence in a way that could not be got
over, did the Tories on the committee re-
luctantly consent to its being reported that
Ryker's conduct was scandalous and cor-
rupt. It was an eleventh hour admission,
entirely owing to the stand taken by Mr.
Blake and his friends.

ON THEIR last trip from New York to
Liverpool the steamships Aurania and City
of Rome sailed across the Atlantic almost
side by side, never being more than a few
miles apart, and always in sight of each
other. There are few cases of disaster
to passenger vessels on the high seas,
and not a great loss of life when we
consider the enormous traffic that is con-
stantly taking place; but every now and
again vessels break down, and passengers
have to take to the small boats, and are not
always rescued. The case with which these
two giants of the ocean kept company on
the passage across suggests the idea of dis-
patching steamers, of similar capacity, in
couples, so as to enable one to lend as-
sistance to the other in case of disaster.

It seems to us that ocean travel conducted
in that manner would be robbed of the last
vestige of alarm for even the most timid.

UP AND AT THEM!

Mr. W. R. Pattison is the Liberal
candidate in the Dominion election for
Lincoln county, necessitated by the resig-
nation of the notorious Ryker. Mr. Pattison
was a candidate at last election, but was de-
feated by Ryker, who then denied the
truthfulness of the charges made against
him. He cannot successfully do so now, and
as the Dominion Government was directly
responsible for the law which allowed
Ryker to engage in his scandalous and
corrupt doings, it is to be expected that
both Ryker, who is a candidate, and Mr.
Pettit, also a Tory candidate, will be de-
feated. The local Tory papers say the
question is a moral one and not politi-
cal, but we cannot agree with them
that the two should be di-
voiced. What is correct politics but
good government, and what independent
man will say that the party represented by
Ryker—that is, Ryker—or the party re-
presented by Mr. Pettit—that is, Sir John
Macdonald and his monopolist friends—are
worthy of support at the present time?
Ryker's offense is not a family affair, but a
scandalous and corrupt deed, and we have
his word for it that many of his associates
are tarred with the same stick.

POLITICAL INFLUENCE OF THE HIERARCHY.

In the manifesto recently issued by the
Council of the Equal Rights Association
there is more of party politics than one
would expect to find coming from an or-
ganization which makes professions of
neutrality as between the two great po-
litical parties of the country. It did not
require the letters of Mr. Charlton and
Dr. Caven, issued since, to show that some
of the indiscreet friends of Mr. Meredith
had been at work to use the association in
promoting his ends. Ill-concealed partisan-
ship runs through the whole document, and
there is an evident purpose to help the
Tory cause by undeserved reflections upon
the Liberal Government of Ontario and
its distinguished head. Mr.
Charlton now informs the country
that the meeting of the council was sum-
moned without consulting its first officer,
Rev. Dr. Caven, and that the resolution
upon which the address to the electors of
the Province is founded were brought in
and dried without the slightest previous
intimation of their nature having been
given to Dr. Caven or himself. So, also,
Dr. Caven takes occasion to say that the
measures adopted by the Government in
regard to French schools appear to be satis-
factory, as does the legislation of last session
respecting separate school supporters, not-
withstanding the unfair innuendoes of the
council's address. Indeed, it is an open
secret that Dr. Caven put the address
address as chairman of the council with a
great deal of hesitation and misgiving.

There is one statement in the address
which deserves some notice, and we are sur-
prised at its appearing in a document of
this character in the form it does appear
when the members of the council could so
easily have satisfied themselves that the
allegation as used by them could not be ac-
cepted without very strong and positive
evidence.

The address says in the general that, "It
was felt by men of all parties that the
hierarchy of a particular church had suc-
ceeded in obtaining a position which enabled
it unduly to influence both the great
political parties into which the popula-
tion has been divided, and this as well
in Provincial as Dominion
affairs." And in the particular it
says, "There is a widespread feeling that
since Confederation attempts not altogether
unsuccessful have been made by the hier-
archy to obtain a status for the separate
schools far beyond the privileges which
they were endowed by the Act of Confed-
eration." This accusation of the
political influence of the Roman Catholic
clergy has become a favorite one by some
active members of the Third party as well
as the Equal Rights Association, and
several months ago Mr. Mowat noticed it
in a way which can hardly have escaped the
observation of men who read political
speeches. At Woodstock, on Dec. 3 last,
the Premier met the cry in his own
straightforward manner in so far as him-
self and his Government are concerned.
He said:

"Our assailants delight in general state-
ments, quite false, and usually unaccom-
panied with even the pretense of proof. In
this way their tactics are to declare, how-
ever falsely, and to keep on declaring that
Protestants as we are, we have sold our-
selves to Rome; that we procure the pass-
ing of just such laws as Rome, through its
bishops or clergy, dictate or permits; that
we make just such appointments as the
Roman hierarchy choose to demand; that we
have entered into a conspiracy with that
church to 'destroy our public schools';
and that we give to those who hold the
Roman faith other unjust advantages, to
the prejudice of the Protestant faith—
which is also the faith of most of ourselves
in the Government and most of our friends
in the Legislature and in the country. They
say that we have perpetrated all this
iniquity (and with 'devilish ingenuity,'
according to one astute journal) as the
price of the Roman Catholic vote. Occasion-
ally other writers and speakers
who are not party men per-
mit themselves to waver in their
extremity in a like strain, though more
moderately; but the non-party men who do
so are few and far between, and I hope
they will accept the truth when fairly
presented to them and considered. I need
not tell the Protestants of Oxford that all
this vituperation of our opponents, no
catch Protestant votes, is falsehood and
silly. THEY CANNOT PRETEND TO KNOW
THE THINGS WHICH THEY ASSERT; I KNOW
THE FACTS ARE AS I STATE THEM TO
YOU.

Further, I aver emphatically that what
ever Roman Catholic support we have re-
ceived during my Premiership has been
given to us as unconditionally as the
support which we have received from
Protestants. The same relations which,
as public men, we occupy towards the
Roman Catholic bishops and clergy and
people. If there is any difference, it is not
in favor of the Roman Catholics or their
church. You all know that of the seven
members of the Government, six are Pro-
testants. Of the 57 Liberals in the
Legislative Assembly, 49 are Pro-
testants. I hesitate not to say that the
Protestants in the Government are as good
Protestants, and as zealous for their faith,
as are the best Protestants among the lay-
men who assail us. All politicians are
aware that in this Province there have
always been Roman Catholic Reformers and
Roman Catholic Conservatives; as there
have always been Protestant Reformers
and Protestant Conservatives. In the On-
tario Legislature there have always been
Roman Catholic members on both sides of
the House; and, until the election of 1886,
they were generally about equally divided
between the two sides. One of the most
prominent Conservative members in the
present House is the member for West
Kent, a Roman Catholic; and I believe that
he was the only Conservative member who
ventured into West Lambton in the recent
contest there.

AS TO DICTATION BY ROMAN CATHOLIC
BISHOPS, IF THERE HAD BEEN AN ATTEMPT
OR A CLAIM TO DICTATE, IT WOULD HAVE
BEEN REJECTED BY US. THERE HAS BEEN
NOTHING OF THE KIND TO RESENT. IF I
HAD HAD IN LEGISLATION OR ADMINIS-
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MANDS AS THE PRICE OF WHATEVER ROMAN
CATHOLIC OR OTHER SUPPORT THE LIBERAL
PARTY RECEIVED, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD
HAVE COME TO AN END LONG SINCE. I
WOULD HOLD OFFER ANY SUCH
TERMS. BUT IF I WERE SO CONSTITUTED AS
TO BE DICTATED FROM THE ROMAN CATHOLIC
HIERARCHY, OR FROM ANY OTHER QUARTER,
THE GOVERNMENT WOULD STILL HAVE COME TO AN
END LONG AGO, FOR ITS LONG EXISTENCE HAS
ARISEN FROM OUR FREEDOM TO CONSIDER AND DO
IN ALL THINGS WHAT, IN OUR JUDGMENT, IS ON
THE WHOLE RIGHT AND IN THE GENERAL INTEREST.

Here is a statement upon the subject
made on the very highest authority, by a
man who is in the best position to know
the facts, and whose veracity no honorable
man will question: "I have denied
emphatically the charges against us of
subserviency, conspiracy and like crimes in
the interest of the Church of Rome, and
you will mark this difference between the
assertions of our adversaries and my denial.
They cannot pretend to know the things
which they assert; I know that the facts
are as I state them to you." We feel con-
fident that had Dr. Caven known of this
strong declaration made by Mr. Mowat he
would never have given the accusation we
have quoted the countenance of his name.

Every one of the men who secretly drew
up the document are pronounced Con-
servatives, and to that we must attribute
its insinuations. If Mr. Mowat were a
man like William Ralph Meredith, whose
affluent promises of favors to Roman
Catholics are attested by the affidavits of
Captain Kirwan and D. J. O'Donoghue,
the charge of subserviency might have
been made with some cause. But Mr.
Mowat is the last man in Canada to be
suspected of playing double games with
Roman Catholic and Protestant citizens, as
might best suit his political fortunes, and
the Council of the Equal Rights Associa-
tion has gone far to besmirch its own good
name in attempting to cast a stigma upon
Mr. Mowat's.

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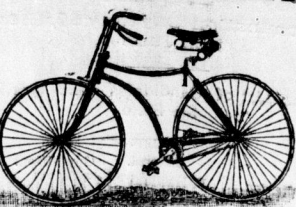
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