

1. That petitions be presented to the Governor-General, asking him to disallow the Act, or to dissolve the House of Commons, so as to enable the constituencies to pronounce on the question at the earliest possible moment. The Committee have accordingly prepared and recommend a petition in that form. A petition for disallowance only has also been prepared for those who prefer it.

2. That steps be taken to have the constitutionality of the Act properly tested in the courts. The opinion of counsel is being taken on this subject.

3. That such an organization be formed, and such measures adopted, as shall ensure united political action for the purpose of securing and maintaining perfect religious equality throughout the entire Dominion, and preventing ecclesiastical dictation in public affairs.

It has been decided to call a convention from all parts of the Province, to be held the 11th and 12th days of June, with the view of forming a provincial organization, by which the great objects set forth in this address may be advanced. It is hoped that from every city, town, village and township in Ontario representatives will be sent to take part in this convention. We further express the earnest hope that similar action will be taken by the other Provinces of the Dominion, and we shall be prepared gladly to co-operate with the sister Provinces in securing ends which are of unspeakable importance to the whole country.

Every important interest of the people commends and sanctions this appeal. The sense of right, the love of peace, the hope of progress in all that makes a country truly great, the determination to maintain the liberties handed down to us from our fathers, all combine to urge us to sustained and strenuous resistance to the malign influences which threaten the well-being of our country. Our prayer is that the God of nations may guide us to the choice of measures which shall be for the lasting welfare of the land.

Signed for the members of the Toronto Citizens' Committee, as follows: E. D. Armour, T. B. Armstrong, Wm. Bell, John Bailie, Wm. Caven, D.D., J. M. Cameron (Rev.), A. C. Courtice, B.D., S. C. Duncan-Clark, J. W. Carter, Geo. Downard, Alex. Fraser, M.A., W. Gooderham, W. H. Howland, J. L. Hughes, W. J. Hunter, D.D., H. A. E. Kent, John Langtry (Rev.), Frank Lloyd, Wm. Lee, W. J. McMaster, D. J. Macdonnell, B.D., G. M. Milligan, B.A., Wm. Morton, J. J. MacLaren, Q.C., J. K. Macdonald, John MacMillan (Ald.) Geo. E. Morrison, E. Medcalf, Robert Newman, Henry O'Brien, W. W. Ogden, M.D., S. B. Pollard, M.D., G. H. Robinson, John T. Small, A. Sutherland, D.D., J. Steele, B. H. Scott, H. B. Scott, F. Somers, J. T. Slater, W. F. Wilson (Rev.), Geo. Webber (Rev.), Wm. Wilson, L. Walker, G. Worrell.

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*As the expenses incidental to the action now taken are necessarily heavy, the Committee ask contributions thereto from those interested and that the same be sent promptly to J. K. Macdonald, Esq., Treasurer Citizens' Committee, 15 Toronto Street, Toronto.*

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