

secrecy, test or declaration, 'not required by law.'

The clause, it will be seen, is very sweeping, and if the Act is so construed as to include any other than seditious societies, it is much to be feared that nearly every society in Quebec will come within its operation—not excepting the Masons who hold their warrants from a Canadian head. Now that the excitement has partially subsided, would it not be well for the counsel of the rival parties to have a conference, and if on further investigation, they find the Ordinance not to be in force, let it be published to the world. The great merit of a judge is to alter his opinion if he find he was wrong; let counsel apply the same rule to themselves. If this can not be effected, it is to be hoped that steps

will be taken to get a judicial decision as soon as possible. If the Orangemen have been denied rights which belong to them, no doubt the Mayor of Montreal will be the first to accord them their due. So far, he has acted on what the St. Patrick's Society have, through their counsel, stated was law; if it turns out the law is the other way, he will doubtless still carry out the law, and prevent his citizens molesting those who, not infringing any law, wish to walk the streets of Montreal in procession, if they choose to exercise the right. It may be that the right conceded, the Orangemen, who, so far, endeavoured to keep within what they believe to be the law, will generously waive their right, and be slow to give offence.

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