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Conservative, and that the great majority of his brethren were Conservative to the back-bone. He opined they did not dilly-dally with the Roman Catholics as the Grits have done. He contended that, looking at the society as a political and religious one, they were an independent body of men. He contended that no Grit could be a true and consistent Orangeman. Their Master had told them of the time when such men entered into the society for no other purpose than to learn their secrets and swanip the Conservative element. By allowing Grits into the society they would be getting men who would desert and betray them in the hour of need. He hoped this Lodge would see the necessity of excluding such men from the ranks. He did not consider that a Grit could faithfully keep up his obligation. They had no legitimate business in an Orange Lodge. In times of election they could not freely discuss the position, as those men would inevitably betray their secrets and render their plans almost abortive."

(Cheers.) He (Mr. Fraser) could not believe that after such varied proof, gathered from so many sources, but all of them Orange, and therefore not to be impeached by gentlemen opposite, any one could be found to dispute the assertion that the Orange association in Canada was a secret political engine, controlled and directed by the Conservative leaders. (Hear, hear.) He did not doubt but that the hon. gentleman who made the motion then before the House was abundantly satisfied with the nature of the papers which he (Mr. Fraser) had in the earlier part of his remarks promised to furnish for the observation and consideration of gentlemen opposite. (Laughter.) He intended, however, to close up every avenue. He held in his hand the printed report of the fifteenth annual session of the Right Worshipful Grand Orange Lodge of Western Ontario, held in the Temperance Hall, Toronto, on the 17th and 18th days of February, 1874. That date, as hon. gentlemen would well recollect was of the month immediately succeeding the general election for the House of Commons, to which he had already referred. This report was the official report, printed by Bro. Wm. De Vere Hunt, printer to the Grand Lodge. Amongst other things, this little volume, or rather pamphlet, contained the annual address of their Grand Master, to this Grand Lodge. The Grand Master at that time was the predecessor in this House of the present member for South Simcoe—the late D'Arcy Boulton. His title as given in the report is "The Right Worshipful, the Grand Master, Brother and Companion, Sir D'Arcy Boulton." It was almost a waste of time to say to hon. gentlemen, that Mr. Boulton was nothing politically if he were not an "out-and-out" Conservative. He was what might very fairly be called an "in season and out of season" supporter of gentlemen opposite and their leaders at Ottawa. Well, what did the Grand Master, Mr. Boulton, say to the Grand Lodge in his annual address? Almost his first words were an explanation of what might,

unless properly accounted for, have been considered by the brethren a negligence on the part of their Grand Master. He had left some business unattended to, and his excuse in his own words was this:

"I principally regret that a continued absence from home, from the 8th of December last, to the 11th of February instant, fighting the battles of our party, has left a number of letters on Orange business unanswered."

He (Mr. Fraser) wished the House to bear in mind, that a general election was then in full swing—that the Grand Master was taking an active part in it—that his party, or, using his own words to the Grand Lodge, "our party," was the Conservative party, the party of hon. gentlemen opposite, and then the House and the people of this country would fully comprehend how completely political and how thoroughly Tory must have been this Grand Lodge, before its Grand Master would have ventured upon such a remark. (Cheers.) But the Grand Master did not content himself with this simple allusion. He knew his men,—he knew the body which he had before him, and so he went on.

"I trust you will be glad to know that your Grand Master has been honoured with a seat in the Legislature by that good old Orange County, South Simcoe, which for half a century has stood true as steel to the Conservative principles of our order, but I have to repeat what I said in my address last year, that there have been Orangemen all over the Province, and notably in East Toronto, who have so far forgotten their duty to this Loyal and Protestant Society as to ally themselves with the Grit-Republican Party in the recent elections, and in the latter case with a Roman Catholic, who, if not a Fenian himself, is at any rate the brother of one who invaded our soil and murdered our brethren at Ridgeway. This state of things calls loudly for the active interference of the Orange body. If we ever hope to possess the influence in the country our numbers justly entitle us to, it can only be by union among ourselves, and I trust to see the day when the Grand Lodge will appreciate this fact and make it an offence punishable by expulsion for any member, from the Grand Master down, to resist or oppose the policy of the Orange body in Parliamentary elections."

(Cheers.) He hoped that gentlemen opposite were becoming more and more satisfied with the proofs. They were, as he had promised, getting spicier.

Political Ostracism of Catholics

On page 20 of this Grand Lodge report was contained a resolution, moved by a Bro. Bennett, and seconded by a Bro. Hoey, by which the Grand Lodge

"Resolved,—That our humble petition be presented to the Grand Lodge of British America, praying that the Constitution of our Association be so amended as to prevent members of our Association voting at any Municipal or Parliamentary election for any person or persons belonging to or in sympathy with the Roman Catholic League, and in the event of their so voting, that they be expelled from our Order."

Not political, indeed! say hon. gentlemen