

Should Support Sir Oliver Mowat.

Rev. Dr. Grant of Queen's College, in giving reasons why the people should support the Mowat Government, says: "One more may be added. There can be no doubt that Sir Oliver Mowat stands now for the fair treatment of minorities, and that is the only way to make possible a united Canadian people. Some Protestants seem to be scared now, and they will be ashamed of themselves by-and-by. We Protestants used to be fearless. We used to say that truth was great and would prevail; that truth needed only a fair field and no favor; but now some of us seem afraid of the rustling of a leaf. It is fancied that one Roman Catholic in a cabinet can bind half a dozen Protestants, and that a feeble minority can deprive us of our liberties if they get their share of a number of paltry offices. The forms that this scare takes are so extreme that it is impossible for the thing to last any time. For instance, there is not a more typical Protestant in Canada than the Hon. Mr. Gibson. He is straight from first to last, incorruptible, every inch a man, capable, diligent, and an honor to his city. Yet some good men are opposing him because they think him a slave to Rome. They might as well think him the King of the Cannibal Islands. I know the force of prejudice and passion, but it is difficult to believe that many of the intelligent people of Ontario will be carried off their feet by this scare. There are bigots on both sides, but the great mass of our people do not intend to sow dragons' teeth, and the great mass of Protestants have no intention of fighting God's cause with the devil's weapons.

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