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## Editorial.

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### SHOULD PASTORS MEDDLE WITH POLITICS.

HE question, "Should Priests meddle with Politics?" is being debated keenly in the Province of Quebec, and has been settled in <sup>the</sup> usual style of the Church of Rome—the style in which were wont to be given the responses of the ancient oracles. The time is on us Protestants, or fast coming on us, when the question "Should Pastors meddle with Politics?" must be answered after a definite and practical fashion. Step by step, we rejoice to acknowledge, Christianity is working its way up from the Church and breaking through the crust of worldliness and some large measure of wickedness that has for these years constituted the soil of Canadian politics, and causing its influence to be felt at the polls and in the halls of legislation. This we trust is the beginning of a social revolution that will not be allowed to cease till all the needy, and unprincipled adventurers that usually infest our Parliaments are weeded out, and till our rulers as a body can claim to be regarded as an assembly of Christian gentlemen. On our attaining, more or less completely, this result, depends, we are convinced, our stability, peace, and progress.

Have ministers of religion, it is often asked, anything to do in accomplishing this desirable object: or, in other words, Have ministers anything to do with our politics? This is one of these questions to which an affirmative or negative answer may be given according