

has for the last eight years, been entrenched behind an Act of the Imperial Parliament, from which the people of Canada, as they value their most sacred liberties, are imperatively called to dislodge him. The inhabitants of this country, we are assured, will never rest, now that public opinion reaches the Executive, until *Liberty—true Liberty—equal and impartial Liberty—shall be guaranteed* to every one:—until the rights of all, to every civil advantage, privilege and immunity shall, without respect to his religious opinions, be fully recognized and established.

A brief reference to the value and malappropriation of this fund we deem highly important at the present time. About 1,250,000 acres of the lands have already been publicly sold, but how much has been given away and wasted under the reign of the irresponsibles, none can tell.—About £400,000 C'y has been realized from sales and funded, yielding an annual revenue at the present time of from £12,000 to £15,000.—Before the passing of the Imperial Act in 1840 the entire proceeds appear to have been spent by the Government arbitrarily in nursing Episcopalianism, and bribing the more clamorous and unprincipled sectarian complainants. Since the passing of that Act £7,700 is guaranteed annually to the Episcopalian Sect, and £1,580 to the Residuary Presbyterians, to the entire exclusion of all other religious denominations (until those sums be made good from the funds) altho' they embrace perhaps nine-tenths of the whole of our population!

The monstrous iniquity of this measure cannot well be imagined or reckoned.—Some estimate of the cruel injustice of it may be formed however, from the following fact.—The Reserve Act provides that the surplus revenues, after paying the favoured sects, shall be appropriated to any of the proscribed sects at the pleasure of the Governor in Council on application being made for a share by petition. In January 1848 the Government Gazette announced, for the first time since the enactment of the law in 1840, that a surplus of £1745 had then accrued at the end of 7½ years to be apportioned to applicants who may have applied on or before the 1st July following. Let us attempt to gauge this act of treason against the people of this colony:—

From July 1840 to July 1848,	The Episcopalian Ministers received	£7700 x 8 =	£61,600
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£74,240

That is, the two privileged bodies received about \$300,000 in 8 years.

Now let us examine the share accruing to the politically proscribed denominations, were they to ask and receive it, viz.:—The Free Church—the British Wesleyans—the Baptists—the United Presbyterians—the Episcopal Methodists—the Congregationalists—the Primitive Methodists—the New Connexion Methodists—the Bible Christians—the Lutherans—the Christians—the Quakers,—all Protestants, besides the Roman Catholics. None of these, with one or two exceptions, have received a shilling of this fund since the act passed; but were all to bow at the door of the Provincial Treasury and make supplication for a share the average to each would be £15 11s 7½d per annum! or £124 12s 10½d or the 8 years!; or reckoning it £125, or \$500, every two of the pro-

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