

owners of property, is a revelation for which we were not altogether prepared. These amendments must be repealed, and the Separate School law, if it cannot be wholly abolished, restored to its original form, before we can boast that Ontario is a free country."

October 13th, 1886, *The Mail* published an inflammatory editorial to rouse the fears of the Protestants of Ontario on account of the settlement of French Canadians in Ontario. It wound up with these words:—

"*Le Cultivateur*, a Quebec paper which devotes special attention to the subject boasts that in twenty years there will be half a million French Canadians in Northern Ontario, and that, as a consequence, "the balance of power will be safe. This is probably an exaggerated estimate, but it is well that the English inhabitants of Ontario should know what is contemplated. Should the Church introduce the tithe system in the French districts in Eastern and Northern Ontario—and, as was stated the other day, she has always maintained that she is entitled by law to take tithes from Roman Catholics in Upper Canada—her position in this Province will be greatly strengthened, and **we shall experience in our own persons the peculiar process, vulgarly known as 'freeze-out,' which is depopulating the English settlements in Quebec.** The wonderful fecundity and cohesiveness of the French Canadian race and its **entire subjection to the Church, whose bottle-holding is always judicious, make Jean Baptiste a formidable competitor for the soil of a new country.**"

The course pursued by *The Mail* to excite the people of Ontario against the French Canadians is well illustrated in the annexed extract. The constant effort throughout was to implant the idea that the English Protestants of Quebec were being oppressed and driven out of the Province:—

"The fact is the English minority has been compelled by the very nature of the agitation set on foot in Quebec to coalesce for the preservation of its existence. They know right well that the ferocious onslaughts made upon the *Orangistes* and in reality intended for the whole English-speaking population of Quebec and Ontario, and that the impeachment of the Dominion Cabinet for having allowed the law to take its course in the case of Riel is nothing more or less than **an uprising on the part of French Canadian nativism and intolerance against the supremacy of British institutions.**"

Said Mr. Dalton McCarthy in his efforts to fire the hearts of the electors of Haldimand:—

"Therefore, it is now for the English Province of Ontario—and you, the members of Haldimand, are the representatives of that Province in this election—to speak out plainly, clearly and decisively and by your vote at the coming election say while you have no wish to fight with the Frenchmen; while you desire that every man in Canada, regardless of nationality, shall have fair play—you will not submit to seeing this great Dominion turned into a French province—you do not want to see this country governed by the French, simply because the law was not meted out equitably to one of their people."

Speaking on behalf of Mr. Merritt, the Tory candidate in Haldimand, Mr. Boulton said:—

"In Quebec the Protestants are under the iron heel of Roman Catholic priestly oppression, and the material prosperity of the Province is being seriously retarded. The public funds are being used to endow the Church, to pay for religious celebrations, and to foot the bills for the installation of Cardinals. The English-speaking

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