

be done no more. The tie between Dominion and Provincial party has been finally broken. An Opposition here to have a chance of success must be a Provincial Opposition. In that character it may work its way to victory. Nothing can be weaker than the moral position of Mr. Mowat, a professing Liberal and an old opponent of Separate Schools, purchasing the support of a reactionary priesthood by a flagrant sacrifice of Liberal principle. Old stagers may be content to remain in such a ship, but the younger men will be repelled. Hope will come to the Opposition and bring strength with it. The men whom it so much needs will be called out, and they will not, as soon as they show ability, be drafted off to Ottawa. To govern us while he keeps himself in power by the Roman Catholic vote is what the Grit leader undertakes. There are surely men enough in Ontario resolved not to be so governed to make a decent following for his opponent.

It is pleasant when you have said what seemed paradoxical to be proved right. Many of our readers must have thought that we were guilty of paradox in saying that Mr. Mowat was the Sir John Macdonald of Ontario, that the real affinity was between the positions of those two men, and that Sir John never very heartily desired that "Mowat should go," but was well content with an arrangement under which he and Mr. Mowat used the Catholic vote by turns, while all was kept quiet in the British and Protestant Province. But our diagnosis has proved true. Not only did Ottawa knife Mr. Meredith. *Le Monde*, Sir Hector Langevin's recognised organ, openly hailed the success of Mr. Mowat as a victory for Sir John Macdonald's Government. And now Sir John himself, with Archbishop Cleary at his side, exults over the renewal by the people of Ontario of their confidence in Mr. Mowat. What says Ontario Toryism; what say the managers of its organ, who for months past have been furiously abusing Mr. Mowat and holding him up as totally unworthy of public confidence? What, we may also ask, say the Liberals who have voted for Mr. Mowat and Archbishop Cleary? Are not those Liberals,