again : that there are in that city
still persons who believe that the pro
fession of the Catholic faith should be bession of the Catholic faith should be
bar to the appointment to ofice of
person otherwise fully competent fulfill the duties of the position.
It was a good omen that durin. ecent municipal elections the religious
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France has created a most intense sen-
sation amounting to consternation, by

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 few towns: and where it was brought
forward, it generally received its
quietus. This was the case in Lon don, Brantford, and Sarnia, and in is
an evidence of the general good sense the Protestant majority in our Pr
vince. But it would appear th there is as yet a certain faction i
Kingston that remains half a century or a whole century, behind this age or
toleration.
So important a place does the relig. ious question occupy in the Kingston
election that Sir Oliver Mowat on ap pearing before his audience thought it
necessary to begin his speech by re. Lerring to it. He told the peeple
Kingston that the Hon. Mr. Harty h which ha
dorsation dorsation. He has been faithful in
other capacities, and Mr. Mowat knows that he w
Governm
character universal praise, but one objection is
raised in Kingston to his election as
representative of the city in the Pro.
vincial Legisistature-that he is a Roman Catholic
The H cesor in office of Mr. Harty, was a
Catholic, and it is admitted that he
did his duty to the country faithfully mitted by political opponents and
friends alike, to have been among the ablest, th
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$\qquad$ appeal to their gratitude, for we know
that such people are incapable of feel ng so honorable and generous a sent
ment. The Catholics of Canada ar not here on mere tolerance, and we ar
disposed to insist upon it that we shal country : and we feel ourselves quit
able to hold our rights in the face of al MeCarthyites, and P. P. Aists who have the last few years.
Sir Oliver Mowat acknowledges that
the Catholics of Ontario do not enjoy the amount of Government patronag
to which they would be entitled ac population. We have always bee
aware that such is the case, but $w$
have not hitherto considered it nece have not hatherto considered eoice on thi
sary to raise a whining voin
account, because it has not been mad
clear to us that the Catholicic body are

herd of ofice-seekers, or that the injus | tice done to it is at present very glar. |  |
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| ing. If, however, we were convinced |  |
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| that the religion of our fellow.Catholics |  |
| si |  |
| ca |  | were made a disqualification for office,

we would not hesitate to raise our
voice against either Provincial or
Federal Government that would per eetrate such an injustice.
The Toronto Mail of Saturday pro Cesses to be highly indignant becau
Sir Ofiver Mowat "defended the Li eral candidate against a suppose
attack upon his religion," and add 'This is the first time the religiou lest." It then expresses the hope tha the question of religious convicti
will not be brought up agin It is, certainly the religious issue, for there is n $n$ more than the Mail to excite religious
discord- If it the question it is becouse it has found the work profitless both to its own inter desired to favor ; and even in the pres ent case it lets the cat out of the Catho
for it virtually admits that the Tor it virtually admits that considerabl
lic vote of Kingston is soi ligious cry will probably be the dis
comititure of Mr. Hartys opponents.
We the case, but if this should happen, it will
be highly creiditable to the respectable
and liberal Protestant of that city who
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sall this have marked their disap and liberal Protestants of that city who
shall thus have marked theer disap.
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who a alte who are already badiy disappointed a
the result of the elections of last Jure
France has created a most intense se
sation amonuting to consternation,
his unexpected resignation of the Pr
idency. He appears to have been in
sidency. He appears to have been in-
duted to take this step owing to the de-
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