

Act lays the axe at the root of every grant, and at the intention and wish of every benefactor that has bequeathed aught to benefit the Church. It matters not how sacred the trust, how devoted to the particular church, the sweeping clause carries them off as if they were the merest gossamer. It deprives every one who has given means for the support of religion, of the right to dispose of these means as he may see meet. The intentions of the donors of all the other funds are studiously set aside, and the conditions attaching to their gifts, dealt with as cavalierly as the rights of private benefactors. As for the Church of Scotland, the scope of the said Acts is to rob and ruin her without mercy."

Such being the acknowledged fact, what are we here presented with but religious persecution, a persecution which, if it were raised against Christians in Turkey, Persia, or other Mahomedan country, half the world would hear of it, and Courts and Cabinets be employed to put it down. And this persecution is not confined to Ontario, but extends over the length and breadth of the whole seven Provinces of British America under their respective Legislatures. Nor is it limited to the Church *as a whole*—it extends to congregations, to families, to individuals. Tradesmen are injured in their trades by unionists, labouring men have their work stopped, ministers are traduced and undermined.

Time does not permit me to instance the sufferings of all our ministers exposed to the storm of persecution. Everywhere from the Atlantic to Huron are the faithful persecuted by the faithless. But to tell the thousand base actions told me everywhere in my visit, of the union ministers to injure their faithful brethren and attain their ends, would fill a volume.

Looking then at the whole "Union" movement, what does it present but the embodiment of villany, priestcraft, and tyranny. Look first at the Kirk planted in Canada to be a blessing to our people, covering the land with her churches, and well supported and endowed. Look next at her traitor sons, tempted by her very riches to lay violent hands on her and rob the people of their inheritance. Behold them trampling under foot every solemn engagement, including their ordination vows, and the testament of the commutants of the Temporalities' Fund; behold them doubling their stipends by the base transaction, and bribing aliens to join them, their *true* basis and bond of union being *the seizure and division of spoil*? Beho'd them deceiving the Church at Home by assuring it that the "Union" had the unanimous support of the people! Behold them deceiving the people, while securing their names for "Union," by assuring them *they would still be the Church of Scotland*! Behold them swindling the people out of vast sums of money for their schemes—especially for Queen's College—all *professedly for the Church of Scotland*; yet the moment they got what they wanted wheeling round on the Sliding Pond, and car-