

orange o'er the green." (Laughter.) But in lieu of poetry he had still some prose.

### "Two Smoking Firebrands."

He could not but confess his indebtedness to the *Patriot*, from whose columns he must still continue to quote. On the 27th August, 1873, this newspaper, in another of its leading articles, said:—

"We have not to be convinced in the month of August, 1873, that the Grit or Radical party, as a whole, are not only traitors to our great Empire in general, but to our own happy Dominion in particular.

Let every one remember that an Orangeman is sworn to belong to no society or body of men that are enemies to Her Majesty and our glorious Constitution, and in reality the Orange Institution is more opposed to the Grit and Radical faction than to political Popery. The rebellion of 1837-38, the rewarding of the rebels in 1848, in paying them their losses when our people placed the same rebels in power; the suppressing of all institutions they regarded as loyal, or tending to loyalty in Canada; their hatred and persecution of the Orange Institution, and their recent insults which they have offered to Her Majesty's representatives in Canada, show most clearly that the Grit faction in 1873 are as vile rebels in heart as the same fact on were in 1837.

It is well that our brethren everywhere should know these things and govern themselves accordingly; and beware of the two smoking firebrands—the Grits and their allies, the Papists."

(Hear, hear.) That was, he said, a fair sample of the intolerant and dangerous appeals made to the rank and file of Orangemen through the instrumentality of their secret lodges, and by the wire-pulling and contrivings of gentlemen opposite and their leaders at Ottawa, managed through the Grand Lodges and the officials of these Grand Lodges, and in this way it was that for political purposes, the entire mass of the Orangemen in this Province, with few exceptions, were made to be the back-bone of the Conservative party.

### How Orangemen regard Catholics as allies.

Here, for example, was a resolution passed at a meeting of the District Lodge of Toronto, representing as it was said twenty-five subordinate lodges, by which it was unanimously resolved:—

"That it is the wish of this District Lodge that all Orangemen having votes in East Toronto for member of Parliament for the Dominion will support Mr. Emerson Coatsworth, and thereby defeat John O'Donohoe."

This resolution would be found in the Toronto *Mail* of 29th January, 1874, and the meeting was held on the evening of the day preceding. A general election for the House of Commons was then pending, and Mr. Coatsworth was the Tory candidate for East Toronto, and Mr. O'Donohoe, a Roman Catholic, the nominee of the Reform, or, as the Orange organs like to call them, the Grit party. (Cheers.) In the earlier part of this

same month of January, and as a direction to Orangemen everywhere within its jurisdiction, and even beyond, this same District Lodge of Toronto unanimously adopted another resolution in these terms:—

"We the members of the Loyal Orange District Lodge of Toronto call upon our brother Orangemen of Ontario to use all legitimate means to secure the return of the Conservative candidates now seeking election for the Dominion Parliament, and defeating the Grit Republicans."

He (Mr. Fraser) pointed out to the House that the elections for the House of Commons from Ontario took place in that month of January, 1874, that the House might see the bearing of these proofs on the question of whether or not the Orange body was a political association. In the same year, but in the month of February, the *Patriot* announced that "the Grand Lodge would so amend the constitution that any Orangeman voting for a candidate who is either directly or indirectly connected with the Catholic League will be expelled." No doubt, he (Mr. Fraser) said, the proposed amendment was intended to be a cheerful but mildly vigorous and effectual restraint upon the liberty of any Orangeman who might think of exercising his franchise in favour of Mr. O'Donohoe, or himself (Mr. Fraser), or any other Roman Catholic. (Hear, hear.) For in the same column of the *Patriot* and as a sort of postscript, was a paragraph saying:—

"That it was a matter of very general regret that the man McCaw should be permitted to sit in the Grand Lodge—that no man who has dirtied his colours with Papists and rebels should be permitted to find his way into an assemblage of loyal men."

He (Mr. Fraser) had not the pleasure of knowing Mr. McCaw, but from the reference made to him, he (Mr. Fraser) did not doubt but that he was one of the "rare birds" who occasionally find their way into the Order, but who, on evincing any opposition to Tory candidates, or Tory leaders, have their places in the lodges made too warm for them.

### A Good Grit must be a bad Orangeman.

As a last newspaper quotation, he had one clipped from the Owen Sound *Times*. He wondered if any one in the House had heard of that paper before. (Laughter.) The hon. member from North Grey could, no doubt, vouch for its accuracy and truthfulness. (Renewed laughter.) Well, in the Owen Sound *Times* of December, 1875, the curious could read a half-column or so devoted to the proceedings of the December meeting of Loyal Orange Lodge No. 203. A Dr. Washington, who addressed this lodge meeting, is there reported to have said:—

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