

change from a system under which they suffer to one under which the Dominion does not suffer?

Moreover the right of disavowal is at the mercy of party interests and is subject to pressure of political passions, which are always unjust, because they are petty and narrow, in a colony. In England, the exercise of this power is above all small and contemptible considerations and follows the slow, but dignified ordeal of European questions.

I may add that any question of religion, race or education, affecting or which might affect the rights of the French or Catholic minority, will be decided with more justice in London, even by a Tory Ministry, than at Ottawa, by an Orange Ministry.

One would be inclined to think that the Tories, who pretend to entertain the greatest respect for the Imperial authorities, would have gladly hailed this resolutions, which is in reality the greatest proof of esteem and confidence in the Imperial Government. The opposite has occurred: the very men who have been ever proclaiming their loyalty from the house top, in season and out of season, made it a crime on our part that we gave this mark of confidence to the Government of the Queen. We can from this form an opinion of the value of the much vaunted loyalty of these gentlemen. When it may serve the interests of their party, they swear by the authority of Her Majesty's Government, as they did in the matter of the New-Brunswick school question; but when their party interests are in any way opposed thereto, they do not hesitate in the least to throw the Queen overboard and to represent her Ministers as fanatics, unjust, dangerous men, at whose hands French Canadians and Catholics need expect no justice, in fine, men who only seek for a propitious occasion to dispoil us of our politic liberties, conquered at the point of the sword. It was the same men, or rather the adherents of the same party, who, in 1849, under pretext of loyalty, made an attempt on the life of Lord Elgin, burned down the Parliament House and signed a manifesto in favor of the annexation of Canada to the United States.

PROVINCIAL SUBSIDY

The most important of the resolutions of the Conference is that which refers the readjustment of provincial subsidies. It is also the part which has provoked