

of "a physical contest," is utterly unwarranted in the face of the history of the past, to which you yourself make such generous reference. The position of the Protestant minority in Quebec is one surrounded by some difficulty; but, as yet, there is nothing to indicate that it is one of danger. Their true interest, I venture to think, is to keep a strict watchfulness over their own rights, to be ever ready to maintain them, if they should be attacked, and to preserve towards the religious majority a position of absolute neutrality, in so far as the religious disputes of that majority are concerned. They should observe this course in the interest of good government. If the Roman Catholic Church is intolerant of dissent among its own membership from any of its pretensions however extreme and to our minds presumptuous, every appeal such as that addressed by you can but increase the influence of those pretensions and render more powerless any resistance to them. With an abstinence from interference in those disputes, and continuing our alliances on political grounds alone, the Protestants of the Province will best maintain their own rights, and most certainly minister to the best interests of the state.

I am, Sir Alexander,

Yours very truly,

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