

# XAMINER EXTRA.

don, in future, "all semblance of connection between Church and State" in the Province, only on condition of the payment of £500,000 or £600,000 to present stipendiaries; or, in other words, to parties which, heretofore, in violation of law, and in opposition to well known public opinion, have plundered their fellow citizens already of from £250,000 to £350,000 currency of public funds, to build up their respective sectarian schemes! This is a most iniquitous proposition. Let them rather refund what they have stolen from us.

If there be any appreciation of right and justice in Parliament—any of the spirit of true Patriotism—its members will never sanction such a scheme as the Bill now before the House suggests.

Were we inclined to make any commutation with incumbents, we should propose some such arrangement as this, in order to an equitable riddance of this curse. Let all natives of Canada, or stipendiaries under 50 years of age, be allowed their stipends for seven years, or until death;—all others from 50 to 60 years of age ten years salary or until death; and all over 60 years of age payment during life; all Rectors to be excluded. Or, if the House deem it absolutely unavoidable to pension the incumbents for life, besides allowing them the £300,000 or £350,000 already paid into their hands, it would be infinitely better to get rid of the evil by transferring at once the whole amount of the investment to the Municipalities, and to give to the individual incumbents Government security for the payment of their annual salaries. The commutation with any religious denomination for all payments *en bloc* would, as we have before remarked, be a virtual giving up of all for which the Voluntaries of Upper Canada have so long contended—viz., perfect civil equality for all denominations.

The legal robbery of the Protestant population of Canada, by the Church of England and her minor ally the Church of Scotland, for nearly thirty years;—the consent given by the High Church leaders to place the Romanist Priesthood as pensioners for many years on the same Protestant fund;—and the plea set up, while thus bidding defiance both to the laws of God and man, that the aim of all this was to subserve the interests of the religion of Christ!—form such a display of hypocrisy, violence, and high-handed injustice, that we only wonder that it has been endured by our population with so much patience.

With a zeal and perseverance worthy of a better cause, and a craftiness and unscrupulousness worthy of the agents of the prince of darkness, have the leaders of the Church and State party pursued after these State Emoluments like a blood-hound after its prey. Even

"of your bill, providing for the confiscation of the Clergy Reserves, and I declare, without hesitation, that it is the most atrocious specimen of oppressive legislation, that has appeared since the days of the French Convention." After several hits of a similar character, and the ordinary threats about the confiscation of Roman Catholic Endowments, this old chieftain among clerico-political criminals—professes a kind of holy resignation to his fate and that of his fellow-conspirators in "the Church"! He says—"but gloomy, and I venture to say, fearful as the consequences are likely to be should this measure of religious spoliation become law, we do not despair, nor allow ourselves to dread the result."

The pious man does not despair of getting along with another £350,000 from the public chest by way of commutation for the stipends of the Reserve incumbents: he does not dread the result of getting possession of this at once to invest in landed estate to endow "THE Church" in perpetuity. The £200,000 already received, together with the Rectories (obtained by fraud) and numerous other possessions obtained from the State, he thinks, with that addition, may sustain the sinking spirits of the Clergy—these holy men (?)—in view of the spiritual wants of our large population! "Labor not for the meat that perisheth," says Christ: "Labor for it above all things," says the Bishop. "Seek first the Kingdom of God and its righteousness," says Christ: "Seek first an endowment from the Kingdoms of this World," says Bishop Strachan and his allies.

We learn that about twenty-five of the clergy of the Church of England have gone to Quebec to try their hand at doing a kind of pious lobbying among the members of the Assembly during the present struggle. Like black wolves in fear of losing their prey, they are out in full pursuit. We hope they will meet with a snitable reception. They have presented a general claim to an average income of £200 per annum for the past: that is, they present back claims for all who have had only £150 or £175!!! Like men inured to crime, "they refuse to be ashamed." After robbing the Protestants of Upper Canada of \$1,000,000, they claim compensation, because they deem this amount insufficient! We hope the House will have some respect for its own character and dignity, as well as for the rights of the people generally, by repudiating their claims to one farthing of the funds, giving whatever may be granted as a mere gratuity to the paupers, for the sake of peace.

## The Wesleyans and the Reserves.

Some time ago we intimated that some modifications in the workings of the Wesleyan

ty of expressing our opinion upon the Clergy Reserves.

*Resolved, 1st.* That it having been represented by a member in the House of Parliament that the Wesleyan Methodist Church is willing to fraternize with the Churches of England and Scotland on the Clergy Reserve question; we declare that no person has been authorized to represent our Church on this question in the House, and utterly repudiate the assertion that our Church is in favour of a division of the Clergy Reserve fund among the various religious denominations of the Province.

2nd. That we call upon the authorities of our Church to refuse any participation in the present pending settlement of the Clergy Reserve question, by which the sum said to be paid to the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Upper Canada is to be secured to it for a number of years, pledging ourselves that any apparent loss sustained by such a refunding shall be more than made up by our personal contributions.

3rd. That we advocate and contend for, as we have done for many years, a complete, entire and final Scheme of Secularization, as the only one which will settle this long agitated question,—“according to the well-understood wishes of the people;” and this must embrace all the proceeds of the Clergy Reserve lands, whether already realized and funded, or to be realized.

The foregoing Resolutions, moved by John Beatty, Jr., Esq. M. D., of Cobourg, and seconded by John Mathewson, Esq., of Montreal, were unanimously adopted.

(Signed,) JOHN P. ROBLIN,  
Chairman.  
M. LAVELL, M. D., Sec'y.

*Resolved,* That a copy of the foregoing Resolution and proceedings be transmitted to Attorney General Drummond.

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