

looked, while quietly gaining ground. It would be almost amusing, were it not blended with painful experiences at the present time, and sad presages for the future, to trace the innocent acquiescence of those old worthies, the Tories, of conscience matters for peace and office sake. There was a time when the native Indian taken under their shield, depended on their favor, and looked to them for cultivation. These first occupied their soil as promulgators of Protestantism, but in time the reserved seats at the Parish Churches were vacated, the schools deserted, and indifference unaccountable, succeeded previous warmth. Speaking of this to one of the descendants of those fortunate beings who had inherited position, he exclaimed with mingled terror and respect, and veneration, "Oh, we must let them alone; we must not think of getting up schools for them; we must do nothing with them." They belong to the Catholics. But the dissenting part of society arousing to a sense of injustice, have long ere this began to enquire in a firmer tone, and with a decisive determination to partake in and sustain the claim to equal privileges, whose are the Catholics, and in what is their much lauded power vested?

A great accession of Irish immigrants, gradually, and at length, flooded the territory. Loud complaints of suffering in the cause of unjust mother England, carried conviction to our hearts, and awakened the sympathies of every Nova Scotian. There was room enough and place for all who chose to take it, and of course it was taken, but the effect was yet to be seen, and a change of policy soon became perceptible.

A great and bitter cry against ecclesiastical monopoly arose. It was taken up, and reverberated on all sides. It was lifted aloft; it knew not where to fall; it hesitated, but at length it touched the right quarter, and, at the same time, the wrong one. Too much was attempted; it was hindered, and nothing was accomplished.

There were two ways of destroying ecclesiastical monopoly. An unity of Dissenters or a powerful majority, headed by an able agent and spokesman. By one step Papal power could come forward openly and level its shrinking opponent. No wonder, then, that Protestant union was scouted, aspersed and reviled, and that every supporter of such a scheme was marked for opprobrium. Dissenters, to whom this Episcopacy presented an aspect of intolerance, willingly acceded to the scheme for its submission, without reflecting on the consequences, or by whom