

of Catholics with the old Tory party, has been brought to a dead lock (being only saved by the casting vote of the Speaker) and will be speedily overthrown.

It may be said, and will be said, that the Administration recently formed here, contains but two Catholic members, and that all the principal departments are held by Protestants. This is true. The ruse is a wily one, but will deceive nobody. Rome knows when to grasp and when to shroud her policy, under the disguise of moderation and forbearance. Mr. Johnston's Administration rests upon eight Catholic votes, and while that is the case the Archbishop is master of the situation, and can dictate his own terms at any moment. Mr. Johnston, and I wish to speak of him with all personal respect, holds his present position mainly by the defence of burglars — by stooping to countenance just such people as Mr. Ryerson tells us are equally the enemies of England and of Common School Education.

I have felt it my duty, fellow countrymen, to be thus plain and explicit. Those who think as I do, will, I trust, be prepared to act with me, irrespective of old party names, or of former differences of opinion.

A Committee has been formed here, composed of gentlemen who are disposed to labour in this cause. A correspondence will be opened with Protestants in all the counties, and in the adjoining Provinces. The Committee will be at once announced, and the co-operation of Protestant clergymen, and other influential persons, will, I apprehend, be cheerfully rendered. The over-ruling hand of Providence can alone crown our labours with success. Having discharged my duty to my countrymen with fearlessness and fidelity, I confidently rely upon their sagacity and public spirit, reverently believing that He who has preserved to this land, so far, the blessings of civil and religious liberty, will not desert his own cause, or permit the Protestant interests and feelings of Nova Scotia to be trampled under foot.

I have the honor to be,
Fellow Countrymen,
Your very obedient servant,
JOSEPH HOWE.

HALIFAX, 2d March, 1857.