

root and branch? That the tradebill is insufficient, unjust, improper, unconstitutional, may be all true, but that does not prove that the union ought to be adopted, but only that the trade bill ought to be altered and amended.

One sentence in Mr. S's speech deserves a particular remark. Speaking of the fancied advantages which the united provinces would derive from the union, he enumerated, amongst others, that of the probable endowment of English colleges, and added, "their exertions and influence might be productive of the most beneficial effects in *advancing the cause of our holy religion.*" This looks very much like the cloven foot of missionary crusading: the lurking wish, if not the intention, of the union-party to put down the Roman Catholic faith in these provinces, may fairly be inferred from this sentence. Who set you up, Mr. Sherwood, as a judge of what is or is not a holy religion? Are there *unholy* religions in your creed? It is CHRISTIANITY I consider as a *holy religion*, not Catholicism, or Protestantism, or Presbyterianism, or Methodism, or Quakerism, or any other of the *isms* and *schisms* into which Christianity is split and divided. Beware how you touch that string: the feelings and suspicions of the French Canadians have already been roused by the insidious and undermining clause in the union bill, to vest the appointment of their clergy in the Governor instead of in their own bishop; and when they see one of the greatest and ablest advocates of the union, the speaker of the common's house of Upper Canada, sounding the missionary tocsin announcing that it is one of the objects of the union to advance the cause of what he calls his *holy religion*, in opposition to that which they have been taught to consider as *holy* and venerable, and ancient, and CATHOLIC, must they not look upon the unionists, as a kind of propagandists, not only aiming at making proselytes, but at subverting, or at least undermining, all but their own sectarian mode of worship?

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ADVERSARIUS and PRINEAS on the subject of the Montreal general hospital shall receive attention next week.

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