

scribed by divine right; or that about religious truths only opinions not certainties can exist, and that therefore all religious sects are to be tolerated, let him be anathematized. Whoever says that Christ our Saviour and Sovereign has conferred upon the Church the power to direct only by advice and persuasion those who turn aside, not to compel them by orders, by coercion and by external verdicts and statutory punishments, let him be anathematized." Father Chiniquy, in a letter written not long ago to Archbishop Lynch of Toronto, reminds him of the decree of the Council of Lateran, held A. D. 1215. It says:—"We excommunicate and anathematize every heresy that exalts itself against the holy orthodox and Catholic faith, condemning all heretics, by whatever name they may be known, for though their faces differ they are tied together by their tails. Such as are condemned are to be delivered over to the existing secular powers to receive due punishment." In another part it says:—"If any temporal lord refuses to clear his territory of heretics, and remain contumacious a whole year, the fact shall be signified to the supreme Pontiff, who shall declare his vassals released from their allegiance from that time, and will bestow his territory on Catholics, to be occupied by them on the condition of

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and preserving the said territory in the faith. Catholics who shall assume the cross for the extermination of the heretics shall enjoy the same indulgence and be protected by the same privileges as are granted to those who go to the help of the Holy Land. We decree, further, that all who may have dealings with heretics, and especially such as receive, defend and encourage them, shall be excommunicated. He shall not be eligible to any public office. He shall not be admitted as a witness. He shall neither have power to bequeath his property by will nor succeed to an inheritance." Chiniquy quotes to the same effect from Thomas Aquinas, and says:—"I could give you thousands of other infallible documents to show the savage, anti-social, anti-Christian and bloody laws of your Church in all ages against the heretics." Knowing these to be the teachings of the Church of Rome, can you be surprised at the murder of our brother Hackett in Montreal, and that justice cannot be found there to remove those blood stains from their streets; that Father Chiniquy was only lately brutally assaulted there for preaching the Gospel in its purity, and that no punishment was inflicted upon his intolerant and brutal savage Romish assailants? Can you wonder that in like manner our brethren were attacked in Newfoundland, shot down while returning in peaceful procession from church, and false witnesses and false statements made to prove that they were the aggressors? Men shudder at the

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and weep to hear of the sufferings inflicted by them upon defenceless men and innocent women and children, but the perpetrators have for the most part been trained in the bloody school of Rome, and have been led to believe that the end sanctifies the means. I have hitherto pointed out the nature of our antagonism to the Church of Rome, but must now remind you that it is not confined to that church or people. The disloyal and rebellious Protestant has no part or lot

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