

HON. OLIVER MOWAT'S OPINION OF THE "NO-POPERY" CRY.

I have endeavored to carry into public life what I understand to be the essential principles of sound Protestantism. * * * I am bound to give, and, let me add, I do habitually give, respectful attention and all needed consideration to every suggestion or request respectfully made from any respectable quarter. Conservative or Liberal, poor or rich, unlearned or learned, Roman Catholic or Protestant.

* With respect to Roman Catholics, I have endeavored to show to our mixed community, that an earnest, fair-minded Protestant Premier may be true to his Protestantism, and yet be entitled to the reasonable confidence of thinking Roman Catholics. Under the present Government Protestantism is not in danger, whatever it might be if this Government were succeeded by a Government satisfactory to Sir John Macdonald and his party, who for thirty years or more have been leaning on Catholic support, and now in Ontario adopt the role of insulting Roman Catholics, and endeavoring to excite against them the Protestant feeling of the Country. Let no Reformer allow himself to be deceived.