

NEW BRUNSWICK SCHOOL LAW.

Who that has watched their conduct in the late Session with reference to the New Brunswick School Law can be satisfied with their double dealing, their shuffling, their vacillating. Contrast their miserable subterfuges to save their salaries with the manly, straightforward course of Messrs. Blake and Mackenzie, Messrs. Dorion and Holton. Have you observed the mean, cowardly, truckling tergiversations of that Catholic *par excellence*—(dis) Hon. Hector L. Langevin, C. B. (*Crapaud Bleu*)—who evidently much prefers his office and pickings to his honour and the desire to see simple justice done to his co-religionists of New Brunswick? For my own part I am neither surprised nor disappointed at the result, for it is quite consistent with all their antecedents. Did they act otherwise it would be just cause for wonder. Surely the people's eyes must at last open to their treachery—surely this last measure of injustice will fill their cup of iniquity to overflowing.

CAUSES OF INFERIORITY.

I think that any one who carefully reads the foregoing tables must be convinced that Irish Catholics occupy an inferior and degraded position in Canada, and that after a perusal of my review of these tables he cannot fail to ascribe it to Conservative supremacy in the management of public affairs. Some may despair and say:—"We are in a hopeless minority, and how can we better ourselves?" This is an entire mistake, we are not in a hopeless minority, and we can better ourselves; and by our own unaided effort elevate ourselves to an equality with the proudest. We are not in the helpless condition here that we were in the land of our nativity. The constitution, won for us by the struggles of the Liberal party, provides every man with a shield broad and tough enough to protect him against all assaults; with a weapon quite ample to redress all his grievances, quite adequate for the punishment of any aggression on his rights. That shield is the *elective franchise*—that weapon is his VOTE—a shield more effectual than the wild justice of revenge, a weapon more powerful than the stiletto of the assassin. All required to insure success is to make a wise, discreet and judicious use of it.

POSITION OF IRISH CATHOLICS UNDER LIBERAL GOVERNMENTS.

I remember the time here in Canada when it was no dishonour to be an Irish Catholic, when our political standing was second to no other class of the people, when it was no crime to love our fatherland, no scoff to wish her children happy, no offence to