CONSTITUTION.

JAS.

At an influential meeting of Protestants, held in Montreal, on the 22nd of December, 1875, the following resolution was unanimously carried:—

"That the increasingly aggressive spirit of the Romish hierarchy in this Province, as shown, not only in influencing the Government and Legislature, but in other ways affecting civil and religious rights and liberties in this Dominion, as well as in the persecution of those who have left the Church of Rome, renders it necessary for Protestants and others to unite to resist these encroachments, and to extend aid and sympathy to those suffering for conscience' sake.

"Resolved, therefore, that this meeting, in dependence upon the Divine blessing, now forms itself into an Association for the purpose of securing such objects by the employment of all legal and constitutional means."