

Let them stew under priestly rule: we shall mind our own business and leave them alone. That answer takes for granted what is not true, that the priests of Quebec will leave the other provinces alone. They are not doing that, but intriguing and working to establish the Quebec system in every part of the Dominion. From behind their entrenchments in Quebec they carry on the campaign to subjugate the rest of Canada. It is no army of drones that fills the field, and that army is marshalled and directed by the keenest and most daring intellects among us. More dangerous to the common good than its numbers, its discipline, its resources, is the fact that this army is animated, from the lowest to the highest, by the belief that they are the chosen of God, that they are infinitely superior to their fellows who are not of their faith; that they are set apart from them by an unction bestowed by God, communicated to them by their priests in baptism, first communion, and confirmation.

CLERICALISM.

We are so accustomed to seeing the desire to attain power set forth in individuals that we lose sight of its also being the animating spirit in societies—that a body of men may strive as earnestly and sacrifice more to become absolute in control than a Napoleon. When the clergymen of the Church of Rome ceased to be content with attending to their spiritual duties and sought to be a force in the governing of nations does not signify, for it is enough to know that the change took place, and that the priests became a factor in shaping the political policies of the countries in which they dwelt. The name church implies a religious organization, and people dwelling in communities where Catholics are few, regard the Church of Rome as a purely religious body and resent as unbelievable that where it has the power it is more of a political organization; that where conditions suit, the religious feature is used to gain support and give force to the political. An individual tyrant can be dealt with, but what is to be done with a society, comprising tens of thousands of priests sworn to work for the extension of the rule of their society? Men