

tion and moral training subservient to sectarian and political party purposes :—

"And be it enacted, That the *University Endowment Board* shall have power and authority, and are hereby required to regulate for each Grammar School respectively, the course of study to be followed in such School and THE BOOKS used therein, and shall report the same to THE GOVERNOR."

Let our readers think of the moral and political disasters which await us if we calmly tolerate such a priestly outrage against our liberties. It is here not only suggested but claimed as a peculiar right that our public schools shall be made sectarian. Are the people of Canada prepared for the iron yoke of ecclesiastical domination—the reign of Puseyitic error and intolerance in our Common Schools, Academies, and University? If not, let them be vigilant in choosing, instructing and watching over their public servants, both in the Municipal Councils and in Parliament. The day of trial will soon come: let them be prepared to act with energy and wisdom.—(See the following article, and if you have one spark of patriotism employ every lawful means to bring the criminals to justice.)

The Amendment to the Common School Act, Or Priestly Burglars putting in the wedge.

An act was passed at the last session of the Provincial Legislature to amend the Common School Act, and it has amended it with a vengeance. If the people of Canada are not thoroughly emasculated and debased they will, at the next Election, sweep every man out of the Assembly who dared to commit such an outrage against the liberties of the people. This Bill literally *disfranchises every City and Town in Canada, as to the election of its School Trustees, and enables a junto to turn every Common School into an engine of sectarianism!* We shall refer to its effects upon this City alone by way of example. Toronto has 15 School Districts, the householders in which elected annually 3 Trustees to each School—in all 45 Trustees, in whom were vested the management of the funds and the general regulation of the Schools. The High Church party found that, under such a popular election of Trustees they had no chance of turning the Schools into nurseries of Puseyism, and they found that they could not obtain a sectarian division of the School fund. Under these circumstances they have therefore resorted to a *legislative trick*, and, as to the control and management of the Schools, have disfranchised, as we have said, every City and Town in the Province. The Councils of Cities, and Boards of Police in Towns are now the electoral body, and are required to commit the management of all the Schools, within their respective jurisdictions, to a Board of seven persons chosen by the Corporations—of which the Mayor or President of Police is *ex officio* Chairman.—They hold the property, build the school-houses, fix the salaries, regulate expenses, fix the salary and duty of a Superintendent, and have generally all the powers of Common School Trustees in Townships. Besides this, the Board which has all the power, as if to add insult to wrong, appoints *committees of three "for the special management of the affairs of each School!"*—an irresponsible and powerless body to be a shield to the prime movers in this plot against our liberties. Instead of having 45 officers chosen by and responsible to the householders, there