

"THE MAIL" ON THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

Tory attempts to Create a War of Race and Religion.

PERHAPS the most dangerous and reckless proceeding ever undertaken by a political party is that inaugurated by *The Toronto Mail* and followed up by *Hon. Thomas White, Mr. Dalton McCarthy, Mr. Alfred Baultsee* and others during the Haldimand election contest. In order to *distract public attention from the true issues of the campaign* these gentlemen endeavored to excite *a war of race and religion* by appealing to the presumed prejudices of their Protestant hearers.

There was no cause for these *indecent and incendiary attacks* on the faith and nationality of large classes of the Canadian people, except that the Tories hoped by them to win enough Protestant votes to offset their losses in other directions. Their conduct is without excuse, as it is without parallel. Should they succeed, for *The Mail* continues its seditious course, *nothing but misery and ruin must be the result.*

Herewith are given a number of extracts to show the diabolical character of this new Tory crusade, which is being conducted with the approval of Sir John Macdonald, and which must, if not sternly rebuked, bring disaster on the material and social interests of *Protestants as well as Catholics.*

It is necessary for a clear understanding of this subject to point out that the outrageous attacks on Catholics and the Catholic Church were not begun till after the Tories became convinced that they had lost their hold on the Catholic people, French and Irish, through their **tyrannical treatment of the Half-breeds and their hostility to Home Rule.** These causes of defection from the Tory party were purely secular. The Catholic Church had nothing to do with them. The only Catholic ecclesiastics who raised their voices in the dispute were Bishop Gravel and Father Dowd, of Montreal, and both his Lordship and his Reverence took strong ground on the Tory side, and condemned the Riel agitation. *Hon. Mr. Bowell* showed his appreciation of Father Dowd's action by calling upon him and **thanking him.**

It will thus be seen that the onslaught of *The Mail*, under Sir John Macdonald's inspiration, on the Catholic Church and people was *purely gratuitous*, and conceived with the sole object of securing a further lease of power for the Tory party by raising *a war of race and religion.* By taking this course it was