

tants. If indeed there was a minority of the Roman Catholics, struggling manfully for some principle—say for the complete separation of church and state in the Province, against the majority, and if they appealed to Protestants to support them in their struggle, I can quite understand that the appeal would be a difficult one to resist. But there is no such party. The liberals with whom you invite an alliance have never presented since confederation, any issue which entitled them to our support because of it. And if it be urged that at least they are opposed to the interference of the clergy in politics, I answer that their opposition is, by your own admission, insincere, that they have shown themselves quite ready to reap the benefit of such interference, and that the interference of the clergy is only condemned by them, when it is exercised in the interest of their opponents.

The time may come in the Province of Quebec, although I venture to predict that if it should ever come it will not, judging by the past, be during the reign of the Conservative party, when Protestant interests may be put in jeopardy. If that day ever comes, I am sure that it will not be necessary for you to “once more enter the arena of political strife to “protect those interests” which you are “so responsible for creating.” The Protestants of this Province will in such an event be found to be a unit, and, having the constitutional safeguards which you provided in the Act of Confederation at their backs, will have no difficulty in maintaining the rights thus accorded to them. But the suggestion of such a coming struggle, above all the most unhappy suggestion that the struggle may assume the character