

lion of 1837 followed; and the Colony was almost lost to the Empire.—
STATESMEN SHOULD LEARN WISDOM FROM THESE MELANCHOLY FACTS.

The Rectories embrace about 25,000 acres of the choicest lands in the province besides Town and Park Lots of great value. We give one fact only in evidence of their value. The Rector of London, *by permission of THE PRESENT PARLIAMENT at its last session!* actually sold the one half of his Rectory in town lots at public auction, and derived from the sale of it upwards of £7000 C'y!!—i. e., \$28,000 of the public property were literally given over to Bishop Strachan through Parson Cronyn of London, the present incumbent of that Rectory, by a sheer oversight and blunder of our Representatives,—under what stipulation, if any, we know not. This fact is sufficient of itself to open the eyes of the people, and to arouse every upright mind to exert all possible and moral means to arrest the progress of this base and iniquitous design to thrust a State Church with all its demoralizing influences, upon the people of this rising Colony.—Let the country therefore sustain the hands of their friends in power, in demanding redress of this mighty wrong, by getting up petitions from every locality, numerous, signed, and *let the demand be made that THE RECTORIES BE ENTIRELY ABOLISHED;—that their proceeds when sold be applied to Educational or other general purposes; and that, THE CLERGY OF THE ENGLISH CHURCH, as far as support from the civil government is concerned, be put upon the same footing with the Ministers of all other denominations*—that is, let all be left as they ought to be to the support of their respective churches or congregations. The adoption of this wise and most equitable principle, will not only allay the present hostile spirit between the favored and proscribed denominations, but it will promote the purity and usefulness of the churches themselves, and will relieve the administration from the embarrassment invariably consequent upon the meeting of Sectarian demands upon the revenue of the country. It will remove the root of the evil.

THE FRIENDS OF REFORM NOW DEMAND FULL JUSTICE AT THE HANDS OF
THEIR FRIENDS IN POWER—upon this
QUESTION OF QUESTIONS.

THE TWENTY-FIVE YEARS WAR FOR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY
MUST NOW BE BROUGHT TO A CLOSE

BY AN HONORABLE PEACE.

The Executive wants to know what is public opinion *now* upon those questions.

A meeting of the friends of religious equality should, therefore, be held in every township in the Province; the whole should be laid out in divisions; a Secretary and Treasurer should be appointed; a committee of active, intelligent men should be chosen to visit every settler with petitions, to both Houses of Parliament, for signature; names obtained should all be returned to the Secretary on a given day; the number of names should then be counted, and the whole should be appended to one *written* petition, having five or six names on the same sheet, to form either a Township petition, or part of a large-petition from the County, Riding, or District.

If you want justice, only ask for it.

P. S.—Printed forms of Petitions may be had gratuitously at the Examiner Office.