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A voice.—No.

MR. MCCARTHY.—That ought to satisfy the ambition of most men ; but I am not quite satisfied yet.

A voice.—Go on.

MR. MCCARTHY.—We will go on ? (Great cheering.) And what do you say about Separate Schools ? I have read Mr. Mowat's utterances almost as carefully as I ought to read another book. I study them, because I know he is a careful, cautious, canny politician. I say not a word against him. You know this is all a scheme. I am Sir John Macdonald's tool. I am going through this country for the purpose of getting Mr. Mowat out of power. I am not to injure Sir John Macdonald, but if possible to destroy the little Premier. So bear in mind anything I say in that connection must be taken *cum grano*. I notice Mr. Mowat has paid particular attention to the Separate School question. He says : "At one time we were not giving the Catholics justice. At another time it is 'No Popery,' and now 'No Popery and No French.' " He says :—"I fall back on the administrative acts of my Government and challenge any attack on my administration of the public affairs of this Province." The Equal Rights Association are not dealing with that. We leave that to the Opposition. We are dealing with certain great principles, and I may state that we are going to hew to the line, and are not particular where the chips fall. (Applause.) And so, although Mr. Mowat has not had anything to do with the Jesuits Estates' Act, and had nothing to do with the drawing of the Act—of which he was foully accused—and had nothing to do with Mr. Mercier, we shall continue. I notice he is rather ashamed of Mr. Mercier at present, and even the *Globe* is thinking that Mr. Mercier is going a little too far. It rather threatens him if he does so and so. And Mr. Mowat, too, is getting ashamed of his companionship.

But when all is said and done, Mr. Mowat is paying the most marked attention to the feeling about Separate Schools. That is a tribute to the agitation we have raised, and if nothing comes of it it will be because Mr. Mowat is so circumstanced that he cannot help himself. Give him a fair fling and I would not be at all surprised if the two clauses which were inserted in the Act in 1877 and 1879, I believe, and which are so much in dispute come out of the Act very shortly. Mr. Mowat has recently submitted to the Courts a case, and he wants the Courts to tell the public what his Act of Parliament means. (Laughter.) Don't laugh at that because it is the very greatest compliment Mr.