

Protestants of the United States to organize in defence of their Common School system, which, however distasteful to the Roman Catholic Priesthood, has challenged the admiration of the world.

I have said that the Catholics in all the British Provinces are acting upon one system, and are rousing, every where, a Protestant spirit, that is manifested by political organizations for self-defence. The Reverend Egerton Ryerson is the Superintendent of Education in Canada. Read what he says in a public letter, dated "Education Office, Toronto, 23rd Dec. 1856 :—

"My last remark is that the same spirit which assails, misrepresents and calumniates our public school system, is equally hostile and calumnious against everything British, from the throne down to the school municipality. You cannot open the journals in which the letters of Bishop Charbonnel and Mr. Bruyere find an echo, without seeing them largely devoted to selections and articles assailing the British Government as the most unjust and execrable in existence, both in its foreign diplomacy and domestic administration, and the British nation as the most heartless and unprincipled on the face of the globe. Were I to insert only those passages of this kind that I have marked, the reader would be surprised and shocked at the concentration of enmity which is cherished and inculcated by these journals against the Government, character, institutions, and prosperity of the mother country. Their hostility to our system of public instruction is only one aspect or phase of a crusade against everything that places Great Britain at the head of modern civilization, and makes her the asylum and guardian of liberty for the oppressed of all nations, and developes her national mind and resources beyond those of any other country in Europe."

So then it is apparent, that, in Canada, the implacable enemies of the British Government are equally the enemies of Common Schools. Let the Protestants of Nova Scotia "mark, learn, and inwardly digest" this passage, and then ask themselves if those who defeated the Education Bill of the last session, are not the same persons, who "thanked God," at the close of the year, "for the humiliation of England."

In New Brunswick, where the Protestant spirit has been roused, the Government, formed last year by a combination

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