

by agitation, who feel that agitation would open a career for youthful energy and talent, which their age, their habits of purely private business, and, in many cases, their early education would wholly preclude their entering on; the other, the professed politicians, who intending sales would only deal in commodities which are saleable. A little Orange or other Protestant influence, which can be easily thrown into the balance of a contested election, has its price in the market, and is an excellent thing in its way when nothing more advantageous offers.

Far different from this would be the deep move for civil and religious liberty, which would knit together every man woman and child of the Anglo Saxon race, in Lower Canada, in one bond of union, and mingle their voices in one loud fervent and continuous appeal to the Protestants of Great Britain, from the Roman Catholic thralldom, in which they have too long groaned.

No man, who knows the English people, can doubt that this appeal would be successful. Their belief in the progress of liberal institutions would disappear like a wreath of smoke before the knowledge that their Protestant brethren were being persecuted to the death for their common faith, and that the protection of their troops, and the sanction of their name was granted to their executioners. The Minister never lived, and is not yet born, who dare resist the demand. England would send forth from her heart of hearts, one cry for the revision of the Union Act, and the reconsideration of a constitution for Canada. The men who tell the Protestants of Lower Canada to doubt this, "have an axe to grind," they dread an agitation amongst their brethren, which would expose their imbecility, or prove profitless to their pockets.

Some suggest that a Protestant agitation from Lower Canada would induce Britain to sever connection with the colony. But who can believe it seriously?

What Minister in the World would propose to give the St. Lawrence to France or America, for that's what the suggestion amounts to? Who for a moment would suppose that the English, of all nations upon earth, would give up even the bare prestige of possessing half a continent? Above all, who can believe that the Protestants of England,—who went nearly frantic some years ago about two bible readers in Tuscany, and are now busy with the boy Mortara—would give up the Colonies that tens of thousands of loyal Englishmen might be exterminated, merely for asking their brethren "at home" for that protection to which they are entitled by all laws, divine and human, and more especially by the statute law of England?