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THE CATHOLIC MEETING.

To THE WORLD: In regard to the report of the Globe this morning of the meeting held last night at Albert Hall, headed "Indignant Catholics," and in which it states that it "was called by circulars, sent to Catholics in all parts of the city, regarding political, and it was therefore thoroughly representative," I have to say that it was nothing of the kind, and so far as I can learn, not one single Catholic conservative received an invitation to be present. The Hon. Frank Smith and O'Donohoe were there, I learn, as uninvited guests.

This meeting was evidently conducted and carried out to affect the Catholic vote outside Toronto, but I am much mistaken if when the real facts are known it will not bring down an avalanche of indignation on the heads of its promoters.

The worthy chairman who presided met with a serious accident at Niagara four years ago, picking up a heavy iron, and although his physicians advise absolute quiet for the next four years, he finds it most difficult to remain quiescent when his country is imperilled. He has, however, made himself rather conspicuous of late at public meetings, forgetting the fact that his absence—had he been present—would have been more discreet. The other gentlemen named, it is almost unnecessary to say, are of the grim persuasion.

I have lived in Toronto 45 years and in all that time a more contemptible trick to hoodwink the Catholic body has not been attempted.

Let us just remind those gentlemen—and they know it well—that the only live question before the electors to-day is free trade and protection, and that notwithstanding the feeble efforts of the opposition, Sir John Macdonald will sweep this country on the 20th instant by a majority that will astonish his most sanguine supporters.

The people of this country have experienced the good effects of the N.T. long enough to fully appreciate it, and to their credit be it said, life-long reformers, disgusted with the grim regime, and preferring country to party, are daily flocking to the national standard.

I would ask our free trade friends to account for the marked era of success and prosperity which set in after the accession of Sir John's party to power in 1873 on any other grounds than the wise measures introduced by his government.

In conclusion I would say, let there be no more pandering to the religious prejudices of the people; there is nothing at the present day (and long may it remain so) to prevent Catholics and Protestants fighting shoulder to shoulder for the common good of this our adopted country.

Toronto, June 15. E. O'KEEFE.

THE POLITICAL ISSUE OF THE GENERAL ELECTIONS.

To THE WORLD: Next in importance to parliamentary reform at the present moment comes the question of

PROVINCIAL RIGHTS.

I mean, now, legislative rights. Under the British North America act each provincial legislature has the "exclusive" right to make laws relating to the property and subjects. The classification of subjects has been loosely done and consequently there is a good deal of doubt as to where the line in some places between provincial and Dominion jurisdiction. Some provincial judges have in the past shown a fondness for declaring provincial statutes unconstitutional, and the precedent for doing the same thing has rendered the judgments of the supreme court of the Dominion provisional and brought upon some of its judges a severe censure from the judicial committee of the privy council.

But the danger from this source is trifling compared with the danger that now threatens provincial independence from another quarter. In 1885 Sir John Macdonald defined the limits of the power of disallowance vested in the Dominion government, and his definition has ever since been respected by successive ministers of justice. For the first time in the history of the Dominion the power of disallowance was exercised for what in 1885 would have been regarded as an insufficient reason when his own government last year disallowed the act passed in 1881 by the Ontario Legislature to protect the public interest in rivers and streams. If our provincial legislatures cannot deal with the regulation of floatable streams they cannot assume to deal absolutely with any of the matters which the British North America Act purports to place under their exclusive control. Our school and municipal systems are left entirely at the mercy of the Dominion government, and indeed Sir John Macdonald has more than once during the present campaign avowed his intention to legislate our liquor-licensing system out of existence.

The disallowance of the Manitoba Southern railway charter by the Dominion government brings up another phase of the same question. What is a provincial legislature good for if it cannot authorize capitalists to build with their own money a railway from one point to another within a province? The question of the Canada Pacific monopoly is merely an incident of a far graver question—how far it is expedient to allow thirteen ministers at Ottawa, selected for other purposes altogether, to thwart the will and do the bidding of a legislature made up of men elected to deal with the matters in question!

I am not now discussing either the evils of railway monopoly or the merits of the streams bill, though it would be no difficult task to show that the latter is a decided boon to all slide owners on streams not controlled by slide or boom corporations. Even if the disallowed acts had been utterly objectionable the proper course for Sir John Macdonald would have been to allow them to go into operation as he allowed the Goodhue will act and the *ex post facto* clauses of the Grand Junction railway act during his first term of office. As it is he has set a precedent so dangerous that those who believe in confederation may well dread the result. The Ontario legislature has re-enacted the streams bill word for word. It is again disallowed and will be again enacted and it becomes a question how long such a contest can last.

The readiest way to settle the controversy is to vote for Mr. Blake, which in this case is equivalent to declaring that the streams bill must be allowed to become law and that no further attempt must be made to curtail the well understood rights and powers of provincial legislatures.

WILLIAM HOUSTON.

THE PARLIAM TELERGRAM.

To THE WORLD: Your contemporary, the Telegram, has frequently declared in its hypocritical issue that it was an independent paper, conducted on a purely independent standpoint. Such meaning that it did not belong to any party, whether secular or religious, but, sir, I disclaim and denounce the factious assertion, and announce that the editorials will soon arrive at my opinion. I had the pleasure on the one hand, and on the other to submit to that paper a letter on the political crisis (or rather approaching one) for publication, which contained a commendable opinion of the "national policy," and as my epistle failed to appear in its

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