

are the only Protestants whom our Government has as yet sacrificed and we do not propose to sacrifice any others. We desire on the contrary to continue to accord justice to all; we found that it was not just that the Protestant Chaplains of Prisons and Asylums should have a smaller stipend than that granted to Catholic Chaplains, therefore we put an end to the injustice which the Tory Governments had long continued to commit in that respect; we considered that we should keep faith with Protestants as with Catholics, and for that purpose the National Government returned to his Lordship, Bishop Bond, that distinguished man whom all respect and to his associates, for the purpose of founding a Protestant Asylum, the Leduc Farm, which had been promised but which was never given to them by our Tory predecessors.

That property was originally valued at \$10,000, and we paid over that sum as we had been authorized so to do by the Legislature; but now that my friend and late colleague, Mr. McShane, has succeeded in obtaining \$18,000 for it, we propose to hand over the difference to His Lordship, Bishop Bond, and his associates, and thus cooperate with them in the philanthropical work which they wish to carry out.

And if up to this, circumstances have prevented Protestants from occupying a satisfactory position in the Government, I may be allowed to say that those circumstances have changed and we will soon be enabled to render in this respect full justice to the English people of the Province, as we have already done in other respects each time that the occasion offered.

THE IRISH CATHOLICS.

A recent and regrettable incident, which entailed upon me the loss of a colleague whom I much esteem and who still remains my friend, despite all that may be said, may have caused my Irish Catholic fellow citizens to fear that their rights might be sacrificed in the future. This feeling is easily understood, but not warranted. I am the friend of the Irish Catholics, and always ready in the future as in the past to see that their rights shall be respected.

I defended them in the Legislature, when M. Taillon, in his subserviency to Sir John, was betraying them; I gave them their share of ministerial favors, while the Tories systematically ignored them; I was the first to grant them a