

three hypotheses you adopt, whether you say that these honourable gentlemen (the Government) were, as in my first hypothesis, crazy; or in my second, bought; or in my third, sold. Possibly there may have been a little of all three.

15. On the eve of the election in the Province of Quebec the following pledge was demanded from candidates for the House of Commons by Bishops of the Catholic Church—

“The Laurier-Greenway settlement of the Manitoba Catholic School Act having been judged to be unacceptable on the authority of the Bishops, I solemnly pledge myself, on my faith and on my honour, without restriction whatever, if I am elected member, against the settlement, or against any other which shall not have been accepted by the same religious authority, according to the terms of the constitution of Manitoba, and the judgment of Her Majesty’s Privy Council.

“As a devoted son of the Catholic Church, I pledge myself to absolutely prohibit all who act for me in the present electoral campaign, whether on the hustings or in conversation with the voters, to utter one word in favour of the Laurier-Greenway settlement, because it has not been accepted by religious authority. Therefore I have signed this pledge to the satisfaction of Monseigneur the Bishop of —, in the presence of Rev. — and Rev. —, who have signed with me.”

16. *Memorial from Canadian Liberals to Rome.*

“TO HIS HOLINESS, LEO XIII.

“MOST HOLY FATHER—

“We, the undersigned, members of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, and representing