

than in 1867, that Pius IX., in whose name the Jesuit reigned at Rome, conferred the honour of saintship upon Peter Arbués, the bloody Spanish Inquisitor, because he had met his death by an avenging hand in his path of religious murder. Ask the Jesuit himself, whether he has changed. You will not get a straightforward answer: but you will get one which will probably satisfy your mind. Apart from any consequences to ourselves, what right have Canadians, as men or as Protestant Christians, to furnish the Jesuit with funds and a legal status for his machinations against humanity and Protestant Christendom? Sir John Macdonald's levity shows that like other politicians of his stamp, however astute, he is liable to loss of touch with common sentiment. He evidently finds it impossible to believe that people seriously and inflexibly object to being made partakers in a dark and deadly conspiracy against liberty, light and the progress of mankind.

For two centuries the Church of Rome in alliance with reactionary despotism struggled to extirpate Protestantism with fire and sword, by open war and midnight massacre, by the rack and stake of the Inquisition, the arts of the Jesuit and the dagger of his pupil the assassin; and in the attempt she made a hell of Christendom, decimated whole communities, and half-wrecked civilization. Nor has she now renounced her methods; on the contrary she has proclaimed them anew in the Encyclical, consecrated them afresh by the canonization of an Inquisitor, and stands ready to apply them again to-morrow if she had the power. In no case has she willingly conceded the smallest measure of liberty to those whom she styles heretics, and in countries such as Spain where she retains her influence Protestantism can hardly be said to enjoy full toleration at this hour. Protestant communities which had narrowly escaped destruction at her hands bound the arms of her liegemen, who were also her political emissaries, with the manacle of political disability sometimes too tightly and sometimes too long. But those manacles began to be loosened as soon as the fires of the Inquisition had ceased to burn, and they were