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FOR GOD, THE COUNTRY AND THE CONSTITUTION.

We are face to face with a crisis of unexampled severity and of imperious exigency, a crisis to test men's hearts and try their very souls. We have reached a turning point in our history whose determination will decide forever the failure or the success of our political experiment as a Confederacy of self-governing Provinces on this great half continent of North America.

They longed for peace, for a peace lasting and conclusive. Unprincipled agitators had striven to rend the country in twain, to set Protestant against Catholic, and Upper against Lower Canada. No man more eagerly, vigorously and decisively protested against this species of political warfare, than the present Premier of the Dominion, the Right Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald.

supporters of neither should be compelled to contribute to the support of the other. Any interference with the management or control of the Public schools by Separate school supporters is opposed to the principle upon which our Provincial system of education was founded and is not to be permitted.

Schools of Ontario and Quebec are guaranteed to the minority in each province by the British North America Act. The Protestant schools of Quebec rest upon precisely the same authority as the Roman Catholic schools in Ontario.

truth indeed are false friends of freedom. They too that launch, screened by her shield, a brand's shaft, some private mark their aim. And they that make her sacred cross their goal.

every creed, of every condition. Let us, in this crisis, endeavor to amalgamate the Catholic, the Episcopalian, the Presbyterian, the Methodist, the Baptist and the Quaker, into the Canadian, and forgetting every suggestion of prejudice, and even the remembrance of individual wrongs, let us call upon Canadians of every description to combine in a noble struggle for the natural and inherent rights of our now threatened country.

of French origin be amalgamated in the Canadian. We appeal to you Canadians, be ye of Irish origin, to let your ballots, on the 28th, fall thick and fast, as the very snowflakes in this wintry season, in condemnation of the Mail and of Mr. Meredith.

These views then are the result of serious deliberation, close observation, and solid good sense. They come from one who may justly claim to be no tool of power, no flatterer of greatness. "They come," may without presumption dare, in the words of a great statesman already particularized, "to come from one who desires honest distinctions, and emoluments little, and who expects them not at all,—who has no contempt for failure and no fear of obloquy,—who shies