

so that they evoked the gentle rebuke of the Grand Old Man (when, be it remembered, however, he was in power) in the matter of volunteering advice in Imperial affairs, when they so eagerly offered to lend a hand, or rather voice, in righting Ireland's wrong. What a change! Let Quebec do what it may for or against any interest, what business has any other Province to whisper an opinion? Some sensitive minds thought our legislators were impertinent in what they did in relation to Ireland's wrongs, when they passed resolutions giving their judgment or the want of it regarding said wrongs. They now think it wise, even in home affairs, to keep their judgment to themselves, and thus not hurt the feelings of any loyal subject by affecting even the appearance of immodesty and intrusiveness. Perhaps they apprehend that "speech is silver whilst silence is gold," and gold always is a matter to which men entrusted with the interests of the country must not be blind. Let all loyal citizens rejoice that we have in the various provinces good and faithful servants, who for the future mean to mind their own business and refrain from framing ornamental resolutions on the Irish Question or even the Jesuits' Estates Bill.

If this policy of non-interference is becoming in those related to law surely it is so in those professing the Gospel. Are we not told that if a man smite you on one cheek you are to turn to him the other also? As regards Roman Catholics we always believed this as far as doctrine was concerned. We must in matters of faith rely for victory on purely moral and spiritual agencies. We, however, thought when they interfered with our civil rights we must resist them by legal and even more forceful means if need be, in order to do what duty to our country demands. Were we wrong in inferring that civil welfare demanded "a fair field and no favor" for any class in the community, religious or national; that all citizens should be equal in the eyes of the law, whether individually or corporately considered; and that we were loyal to country when seeking to destroy all the civil inequalities established in the past, and to prevent the formation of any such in the future? It seems we were. Non-resistance is preached more or less undisguisedly with reference to Romish politics, and not only preached but practised by our rulers with saintly fidelity. And to this preaching and practice all loyal men it is said, in the circumstances, will answer—Amen.

The soundness of such loyalty is very suspicious when one reflects that, carry it but a little way and it cuts a man loose from all civil obligations.

It is alleged that the \$400,000 will induce the Jesuits to quit all further claims upon our resources. Does not the cherishing the hope