

French Canadian race and the Catholic religion. They were reminded that I held prominent rank in a society condemned by the Church, and that I was on this account unworthy of Roman Catholic support. I learned that, while this description of attack was being used among the French electors, in the Protestant sections of the County, I was denounced as priest-ridden, as the intimate personal ally and friend of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Montreal, and as a member of a society of Lay Jesuits whose object was to hand over the Protestants of the Province to the tender mercies of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy. The electors were assured, on the authority of a gentleman who professed to know, that my office in Montreal literally swarmed with Roman Catholic priests, and that, therefore, no sound Protestant could vote for me.

The following day I had the pleasure of being met by Mr. Huntington at a meeting at St. Andrews. In the course of my speech, I complained of the tactics which were being pursued in the county, in appealing to the religious rather than the political sentiment of the people, illustrating my complaint by the facts I have just mentioned. And it was in reply to this part of my address, that Mr. Huntington made the speech which has since caused so much discussion. At the time it seemed nothing more than a clever attempt, in an intensely Protestant, and hitherto Conservative constituency, to secure an electoral triumph by rousing the Protestant sentiment of the people against one, against whom the Catholic sentiment had already been so successfully raised in another place; and those who listened to it certainly attached no greater importance