

Ribbonism and Jesuitry, they are united in Orange Associations. It is quite the fashion to run down the Orangemen now-a-days. They are a most unpleasant obstacle to time servers. They love the truth, and most unfortunately will speak it. They are loyal, and therefore out of the line of preferment; and they are Protestant, which, since Protestantism is at a discount with our rulers, throws a great many rich situations into Romanist hands.

The Protestants are not intermingled with the Romanists in Canada, as they are here. The Romanists live in districts by themselves. They are, as we said, a little inclined to "annexation" to France, and therefore they must be petted. When the Prince of Wales visited Quebec, the first place he was brought to visit was the Roman Catholic Cathedral. He was received by prelates, priests, sub-deacons, and acolytes. A cloud of incense floated round him, and new draperies of the proper colour were hung round the high altar, in honour of the Prince who had passed a season at Rome, and been blessed in a very significant manner by the Pontiff. From the Cathedral the Prince visited Laval College, and here, too, he was received with all the Church honours usually paid to a Catholic Prince. Then came visits to Convents and Nunneries, and the Roman Catholic families of the district were called upon to send up their prettiest and most engaging specimens of girlhood to make an attractive show before the Heir Apparent. Who knows what might be done by a sidelong glance? The Church is forgiving to venial errors wrought for her advantage. At St. Haycinthe the display was carried somewhat further. One hundred and eighty priests in grand procession, clad in soutan and surplices and stole, with mitres and strange head gear, escorted the Prince. That was a public demonstration that impressed the Romanists with a belief that the Prince was "one of the right sort;" and in all these shows the Duke of Newcastle had never a word to say.

The ground of the banner of the house of Nassau is orange. When William III. raised such a banner as Garibaldi is raising now against the same sort of despotism, the flag he marched under was orange. That is a prohibited colour now. You may wear green, or mauve, or Magenta, or Solferino, but if you sport a

necktie with a streak of orange you are the worst traitors. The Orangemen of Kingston, living together, and in the habit of forming processions under the old flag which guided the army by whose prowess Albert Edward is heir to a Crown, wished to meet in their old way. Then came a thunderbolt from the Duke of Newcastle, of Crimean celebrity. How could the Prince, who had been delighted by the soft attentions of enthusiastic *religieuses*, and who still bore the smell of Papal incense about him, possibly enter a town where even an orange lily bloomed? Be it remembered, Orangeism is not forbidden in Canada. The Government relies upon the Orangemen for the maintenance of British connection. Processions of Orangemen are as usual there as those of "Foresters," "Oddfellows," and "Trades" are here. But the Prince had been "earwigged," and the Duke of Newcastle has been "instructed," and so the Prince abjured even the sight of the flag which gave him a throne. We do not say the Orangemen were wise. They might have known from the company round the Prince what was expected of them. They might have known that at present it is quite unfashionable to adhere to old customs and old principles. It would have been good taste, perhaps, to have let the Prince pass on his way as a Know-nothingarian. If he forgot all his family owed to their flag, they could hardly be pardoned if they reminded him of it. Still, we want to know why the Prince was brought to Romish Cathedrals, Convents and Nunneries? Why was he escorted by a body of priests wherever he moved in the Lower Province? Why was he most ostentatiously handed over to the keeping of the Jesuit confraternity, and surrounded with their banners, crosses, and thuribila in public, if the sight of an Orange flag be an abomination in the sight of that most impartial guide of youth, the Duke of Newcastle?"

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#### SLAVE TRADE.

Half a century has elapsed since the atrocious traffic was abolished by Great Britain and by other nations, and still it continues to a fearful extent. An appeal has lately been made to the British Government by the