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ONE BRAVE CANADIAN.

COMPARING the position occupied by the religious bodies in Ontario in regard to Romanism with their professions, one cannot but feel that there is a great deal of mere bluster and a very trifling degree of earnest principle. The pulpits of the sects ring out Protestant cries with wearisome iteration, while the very men who are shouting them are, in many cases, quietly aiding and abetting the Papacy in making encroachments upon our civil and religious liberties. It would be better for the cause of religion to close a number of so-called churches where the pulpits call out "No Popery," while the votes of preacher and people are cast in such a way as to increase and consolidate the Papal power in the Province.

We note with high pleasure and with pride that one Canadian has declared that this prevalent truckling to the Papacy, so far as he is affected, shall cease. We recall as we read his challenge the noble words of Byron:

"Of the three hundred, grant but three,
To make a new Thermopylae!"

The Revd. D. J. Macdonnell, B.D., of Toronto, invites every son of St. Andrew to sign a petition to the Queen, calling her attention to the wrongs inflicted in Canada by the tyrannous powers of the Papal authorities. We trust every son of St. George and every son of St. Patrick will also sign. He has also declared that unless the Corporation of Toronto collects income tax from Archbishop Lynch, *he will not pay his tax*—whatever be the result. Surely it is our duty to stand at the back of this one brave man as a solid phalanx to encourage and support him in this contest? The Roman Archbishop lives in a "Palace," he so calls his residence, it is clear that this palace could not be kept going for less than from \$3,000 to \$5,000 a year, yet the lordly occupant is base enough to declare that he has no taxable income! Of course the Corporation assessors accept this falsehood, it is the fashion to pass over Roman incomes and make Protestant ones make up the amount. Mr. Macdonnell will, we trust, stand firm; we have seen a similar conflict successful, although the

individuals who conquered were made to suffer. But he need have no fear. We shall have the utmost delight in pleading for material help, if he needs it, in maintaining this brave stand for Protestant rights against the impudent frauds of the agents of the Italian Church. Mr. Macdonnell should be at once assured of the vigorous support of all classes of *honest* citizens, Romanists included. Repudiation of municipal powers of taxation by Roman priests may be effective in the semi-civilized lands where the Papacy best flourishes, but in Ontario, in Toronto, such insolence should be shut down upon with severity. Let Dr. Lynch either pay his taxes as other citizens do, *or be made to*. We again say, what he and his seem to need telling in very blunt words, *words suggestive say of a Bailiff's distress warrant for a tax bill*, "The Pope is not king of Canada." If Dr. Lynch can keep up his "Palace" without any income, as he claims, he should take out a patent for the trick, it would bring him millions. But while men living in small cottages are compelled to pay on the income necessary for these humble residences, it is a downright swindle for Dr. Lynch to escape paying any tax on the plea that he has no income such as his "Palace" requires for its maintenance. The *Globe*, the chief organ of Fenianism in Ontario, defends the Archbishop for refusing to pay a municipal tax, which our clergy and all other ministers are liable for over a fixed amount.

CHURCH SCHOOL FOR BOYS.

NO scheme ever bore distincter signs of Satanic suggestion than the system of education which ignores religion. Its very popularity is one of the conclusive proofs of its evil origin. The general acceptance and approval of secular schools arises from their claims resting upon an appeal to the meanest of passions, the greed after unearned money, secured by the shirking of parental responsibility for the education of children. Were parents to be assessed for the cost of their own children's education at State schools, and deprived of the right to compel childless neighbours to bear part of their family expenses, there would be at once a most active interest taken in education. But so long as the costs of education for their children are abstracted by the fingers of the State out of their neighbours' pockets, the generality of parents, although christians in name, care not the value of a straw, whether their offspring are trained as heathens, or christians. Cupidity in all its baseness is the true secret of public school popularity. The spectacle presented by the system of State schools in a christian community is enough to justify the scorn of the Chinese writer, who poured out his measureless contempt upon christianity because of the conduct of christians. We have in Canada many thousands of citizens to whom a State Church is, they say, a thing of shame. But these persons hand over to the State the work of training their children in such wise as to cause those young ones to grow up with a marked

bias, produced by the hand of the State, a bias not towards some phase of doctrine, but against christianity in any known form. The State has even cast out the Bible from its schools at the bidding of the Roman Catholic rulers, and substituted for God's Word, a hotch potch jumble of disconnected texts, so carefully gathered as to exclude all passages distasteful to Popery, and all passages favorable to the claims and doctrines of the English Church. Yet although the State thus actively tampers with the only positive religious element in the system of its schools, and suppresses wholesale all real religious teaching, yet the dissenters who are so furious against a State Church, complacently accept the State as the teacher of their children! *The State does the job cheaply, so conscience weighs nothing in the scales with the pocket.*

Greed is eating out the manly pride of the people; they are willing to be paupers in position if saved the cost of personal independence. A system of State clothing and State feeding would find endless supporters. The acceptance of coats and boots from a State charity store or food from a State eating house, is not one jot less offensive to manliness in citizenship than the reception of help towards another family item of expense, from the hands of that pauperizing agency—the State. The community has the right, we claim, to see that it is protected from a class of illiterate citizens. So it has the right also to demand that its annals shall not be stained by records of sickness and death from starvation. But to preserve a few from the risk of illness or collapse from lack of food, would be a poor excuse for founding a State eating house. It would be, however, quite as good an excuse as undertaking to educate every child, in order to prevent a few from being raised up illiterate. This, indeed, is the hollowest of cries, because as a matter of fact the children who alone really need State interference to secure education are now wholly neglected! Another matter of fact is this—that crime amongst children has enormously increased since the State schools were founded.

The young are smart we allow, but elementary morality seems unknown in the State schools.

The teachers absolute ignorance of history, of Church history in particular, was sadly demonstrated in this paper by an old and prominent State teacher actually telling us in black and white, over his own name, that the Church of England was created at the Reformation! Pitiful and pitiable ignorance. Yet Churchmen send their children to schools where such Cock and Bull stories pass for history, and where the vilest slanders of the Church are retailed on the basis of such crass illiteracy, by the officers of the State, whom Churchmen are taxed to support.

An endeavor is being made to give Churchmen of religious principle and of honorable spirit, the privilege of having their sons educated as becomes the children of the Church, and of citizens who scorn to eat pauper bread. It is a bitter complaint that there is so little patriotism amongst Canadians. No wonder,