

ledging the right of the Romish Hierarchy to determine who our civil rulers shall be and what course they are to pursue. Each candidate vies with the other in giving the Bishop or Priest a handsome sum of money on the eve of an election. Of course this is done from religious motives and for charitable purposes. In every speech made special pains are taken by the candidate to convince the people that he has the approval of the Church in prosecuting the campaign. If anyone ventures to remonstrate with these subservient politicians and suggest that we are too much under the control of the ecclesiastical power he is assured that "It is true they have a good deal of power." If they are asked why not act independently of the Church he is told "you know they will be after us." If any Frenchman has liberal tendencies or any sympathy with civil institutions free from the control of the Church, his hopes for a position in the civil service are very shadowy. If he has succeeded in getting into the civil service, he is ill at ease. The hawkish eye of the Church is upon him and the arms of the Church moves the civil machinery. If inadvertently he incurs the displeasure of the Church in the method in which he manages a Brass Band, by some mysterious process he is removed to another place where he will be harmless.

This is Quebec now. It is completely under the control of the ecclesiastical power. The civil service as administered in Quebec by the Dominion Government is controlled by this power. The Hierarchy rules Legislative Council, Legislative Assembly, City, Town and Township Councils. Quebec has a powerful State Church, the Roman Catholic Church. In passing we may say the same of Ontario. Here too we have a State Church and strange to say, it is the same Church, the Roman Catholic Church. It receives money out of the Provincial Treasury for the support of its separate schools. These schools are sectarian schools. They are appendages of the Church. No other denomination has similar privileges extended to it.

What, then is the future of Quebec? So long as it remains as it now is abjectly at the feet of the Pope its destiny will be that of all Papal countries. There will be splendid churches and convents well equipped with swarms of priests and nuns, attended by devout semipagan worshippers who see visions, tell beads, make pilgrimages to shrines and send Peter's pence to Rome. This is going to be the future of Quebec if she retains her mediæval customs and thoughts. She will crush the hopes of our promising young Dominion. She