

made by the Macdonald-Dorion Government, and the remaining six were antecedent to 1854. Of these four, two are Irish Catholics. In fact, of five appointments in this district, made by the Liberal party, three were Catholics—Messrs. O’Gara and Devine and the late Dr. Riel. To the second part of my subject (Legislation) properly belongs an explanation of the anomalous position of the City of Ottawa—the minority ruling the majority, aye, with a rod of iron too—a thing unprecedented on this continent.

THE NORTHERN DISTRICT.

Let us now turn to the Northern District, in which Catholics form at least five-eighths of the population. Do we find any improvement? Table V. eloquently, though silently, answers that question. We find that of 92 appointments, 20 are held by Catholics. Of these, ten are held by Irish Catholics, not one of which is *first-class*. Of the three appointments made in this district by the Liberal Government of 1863, two are Irish Catholics (Messrs. McCord and Lynch.)

It may be considered that I have given unusual prominence to the first Territorial Division, and that I am unnecessarily prolix and exhaustive in dealing with it. I have done so for four reasons: (1.) because I am more intimately acquainted with the entire locality than any other portion of the Dominion, and can therefore speak from personal knowledge; (2.) because it is, if I may so express it, the home, the stronghold of Conservatism in Canada; (3.) because of the population, a greater proportion are Irish Catholics than of an equal number in any other part of the Dominion; and (4.) because the Southern District has a greater proportion of Catholics than any other section of Ontario.

It will be observed that of the twenty-one legislators sent by this Division to the Local and Federal Parliaments, *one only is a Catholic*, although there are about 91 Catholics to 83 Protestants. Of these 21 legislators, *one only is a Reformer*. Ottawa city and Prescott County elected their last *liberal representatives* in 1851. Neither Carleton, Russell, Argenteuil nor Pontiac has ever disgraced itself by so injudicious a choice, and Renfrew and Ottawa counties oscillate between the two—the latter has not chosen a liberal member since 1858. The Protestant element in the municipal council of the City of Ottawa has, since 1855—a year memorable in our local annals for the ascendancy of the minority over the majority—been exclusively Conservative. Therefore it is no exaggeration to call the first territorial Division *the home*, the stronghold of Conservatism.

Here can we look at Conservatism in its normal condition. Here we can examine it in its native dignity. Here, undisturbed by extraneous causes, uninfluenced by external pressure, unswayed