

people and Protestant taxpayers as well, whether they desire it or not, to support the Separate Schools, which are as much a part of her ecclesiastical organization as the confessional; that she has no right to draw money from the public chest for the seventy so-called Public Schools in Prescott and Russell, in which she is teaching an alien language that she has no right to be specially represented in our Cabinets, or to occupy an exceptional status in her relations with our Governments; and, above all, that she has no right to impose her ideas of education upon the administrators of our Public Schools."

But a crushing answer has been given to the *Mail* by **Rev. Dr. Caven**, Principal of Knox College, **Rev. Dr. Dewart**, editor of the *Christian Guardian*, **Rev. Dr. Cochrane**, of Brantford, and **Mr. W. H. C. Kerr**. All these gentlemen have published letters fully and completely vindicating the Mowat Government and Hon. G. W. Ross, Minister of Education, who were accused of having "pandered to the Church of Rome."

Despite, however, of refutations and rebukes, the *Mail* continues its crusade against Catholic institutions. In its issue of December 2nd, 1886, it follows up the attacks on the Separate Schools in the following style:—

"Why does the Church not give Catholics better schools? Why does she obtain a law from Mr. Mowat virtually compelling them to keep away from the Public Schools and to support the Separate School, which is confessedly **an inferior institution**? Above all, why does she train them to **herd together as a separate and distinct people**, and why does she from time to time humiliate them in the sight of all men by **disposing of them to the party, Reform or Tory, which offers her the highest price**? If she desires that they should be respected by their Protestant neighbours she should allow them to accumulate a little self-respect. If they labour under any social or political disadvantage, Canadian institutions are not responsible for it; and neither she nor any Government which she controls can be permitted to pass an unequal law as an artificial means of overcoming it." * * * * *

"The truth is the Roman Catholic Church has obtained this extraordinary privilege from Mr. Mowat simply to strengthen her in the work of tampering with our school system, which, as we have seen, is being carried on all along the line. We do not blame her; from her point of view she is performing a sacred duty. But what is to be said of the Cabinet which has provided her with the opportunity? And what is to be thought of the Protestant clergy, who, as a body, are sitting idly by whilst she is **poisoning the wells of popular education**?"

The foregoing gives a perfectly fair illustration of the attitude assumed by the Tory party towards Catholics and Catholic institutions. Nothing more villainous, more calculated to wreck the religious, social, and material welfare of the country could be conceived or attempted. It calls for the strongest condemnation from all right-thinking men, whatever their faith may be. **It is the last despairing cry of a discredited and discreditable faction, who think to escape the just punishment of their crime against the people by plunging the country into a religious war that could only end in anarchy and ruin!**

It is the duty of Protestants, as well as Catholics, to unite and prevent the disasters threatened by men who, if they cannot attain power in this country, are determined to create strife and ill-feeling