

action, an attempt should be made to arrest that current of sentiment by appeals to the religious feelings of the people. With all respect for the high position which you occupy in the public mind, I venture to think that the Protestant Conservatives of Quebec will require some greater evidence that their rights are in danger, than your manifesto presents, before they will consent to close their eyes to the political issues which divide political parties, in the interests of that one of those parties with which they have no political sympathy.

The Protestant minority in the Province of Quebec have had no reason up to this time to doubt the liberality and fairness of the majority in all matters affecting their interests. The guarantees which you secured for them at the time of Confederation remain to this day intact. No suggestion has ever been made looking to their abrogation. No request made by Protestants has ever been refused. A mere handful in the Legislature, although nearly three times as many as, by the strict division of Roman Catholic and Protestant, they could secure, they had the most absolute and entire control over every interest specially belonging to them and subject to the action of the Legislature. Their position certainly cannot be benefitted by any attempt at political organization based upon religious opinions such as you suggest. With the family quarrels of the majority, they have nothing to do, and their best interest will be secured by preserving that position of neutrality which has hitherto marked their conduct. The large divisions among the Roman Catholic population are to them proof enough that political activity is as great among that population as among Protes-