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To the Editor of the *Intelligencer*.

"The Warden and County Councilmen of the County of Hastings," and the Rev. "H. Brettargh, Priest," of Trenton.

MR. EDITOR.—The Rev. "H. Brettargh, Priest," seems to be a wonderful man judging from his former antagonism with the *Trenton Courier*, as well as his communication in the *INTELLIGENCER*, and the *Canadian Freeman*, as also his being refused admission to the columns of the *Daily Ontario*; it is evident that he is determined to run a muck against somebody.

"*Priest Brettargh*," from his stand point would far make us believe that he is not altogether opposed to the Council's grant of \$250, and one might think so, but for the strong manner in which he makes his quotations, in italics, of what was stated by Mr. White and myself, he then states, "but while applauding the act without any very strong admiration for the motives, Catholics cannot but take exception to some of the circumstances of the vote. When Mr. Cross very logically, I think, enquired whether the Roman Catholics had been refused children from the Asylum, (adding very justly) if they were taxed for its support, they ought to be at liberty to take some of them."

"*Priest Brettargh*," states, "adding very justly," which shows plainly that he believes Roman Catholics have a right to "take some of" Miss Macpherson's boys and girls. What says the *True Witness* about Catholic orphans. Hear him: "But as a Protestant herself, Miss Eye is not suited to take charge of Catholic

orphans." No doubt "*Priest Brettargh*" would also add "very justly" As Protestants he looks on us as "*Heretics*," and consequently not fit to take charge of "*Catholic orphans*." I hold what is just for Romanists, is also just for Protestants.

As to "Taxes," I would inform him I am aware that Roman Catholics pay taxes as well as Protestants, but I am also aware that as Protestants we pay largely towards the expenses incurred by Government in forwarding immigrants from Quebec to all places westward in Canada, and we never ask are they Roman Catholics or Protestants; and the following extract from the *Canadian Freeman*, written by "*Priest Brettargh*," shows quite conclusively that he has no objection to use Protestant funds for the purposes of "*Father Nugent's*" immigration movements. He states: "It will require £7 to £8 sterling to bring out a young boy or girl from one of those industrial schools into this country. Thus one hundred boys represent £700 or £800 sterling. This is an expense which at first sight would appear to imperil the enterprise on any very extended scale, but the difficulty is not insuperable. Let the Government guarantee this sum to the Industrial Schools," and trusts "the Government and the country will soon become alive to the importance of this enterprise," started by "*Father Nugent*."

Again, was not "*Father Nugent's*" lecture in Belleville a means of raising money from Protestants for his laudable work? Did not his friends push the tickets for that lecture into nearly all the Protestant establishments in the town? Let "*Priest Brettargh*" be consistent, and if he asked his Church take Protestant money, give us a fair share of the Catholic orphans brought