

It was untrue to say that the Opposition in the Dominion House had not made any protest on behalf of Ontario in connection with

#### THE RAILWAY SUBSIDIES.

When the first subsidies were proposed they did not object, because Ontario got her fair share; but in 1884, when, out of over nine million dollars of subsidies, Ontario got only \$772,000, Mr. Blake did protest, and put his protest in the form a resolution, claiming that Ontario should receive as good treatment as Quebec. (Cheers.) Referring to the question of

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raised at the recent elections, Mr. Ross said that Mr. Meredith had never repudiated the pamphlet issued to the Irish electors during the elections of 1883 nor the pamphlet entitled "The Mowat-Lynch Concordat," issued during the recent elections.

Mr. MEREDITH gave an emphatic denial to the statement that he had anything to do with the preparation of either of these pamphlets or had been a party to the circulation of them.

Hon. A. S. HARDY—What reason was there for raising the question of religious equality in your address?

Mr. MEREDITH—Statements had been

made in the public press with regard to the position of the Government and to the influence of a certain church in connection with public matters. I asserted in my address, and I assert now that no church or sect, no bishop or priest, whether Catholic or Protestant has a right

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and demand the carrying out of any policy in the country. And I defy any one to say that this is not founded upon broad constitutional principles. (Cheers.)

Hon. A. S. HARDY—Then you believed that statement that this Church was ruling the Government.

Mr. MEREDITH—The hon. gentleman has no business—I am not here to be catechised by him. (Derisive cheers.) But I will say that I laid down the grounds upon which, according to my views the affairs of the Province should be conducted. We have seen documents emanating from the Palace indicating that the Archbishop was anxious for the return of the Government to power.

Hon. O. MOWAT—As all good men were.

After some remarks from Mr. Creighton the House went into Committee of Supply.

The House adjourned at 11 p.m.

#### NOTICES OF MOTION.

Mr. McMahon—Bill to amend the Municipal Act.

Mr. Biggar—Bill to amend the Assessment Act.

Mr. Gibson (Hamilton)—Bill to amend the law relating to exemptions from seizure under executions.

Mr. Clarke (Wellington) -- Resolution—That in the opinion of this House it is desirable that one copy of the statutes of this Province shall be annually supplied to each reeve and deputy-reeve of the various municipal counties in the Province of Ontario under the provisions of the revised statutes of Ontario, 1887, C. Q. S., 3.

Mr. Graham—On Monday next, inquiry of Ministry—Whether it is the intention of the Government to reduce the rate of interest on drainage debentures held by them against the several municipalities of the Province, and if so, to what extent.

Mr. Clancy—Order of the House, for a return showing the number of students attending the Agricultural College without the payment of entrance and tuition fees during the year 1886, and the names of such students and the counties from which they have been sent.

Mr. Clarke (Wellington)—Inquiry of Ministry—Whether the regulation regarding the reading of the Bible in the High and Public schools of the Province, which provides that the portions of Scripture used shall be taken from the selections authorised for that purpose by the Department of Education, is still in force; or whether such readings may be selected by the teacher, under the direction of the trustees, from the authorised version of the Bible.

Mr. Nairn—Bill for the prevention of frauds and perjuries concerning the sale of horses and cattle.