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of the debate in this part of the new world. In terms of excesses of language, nothing is lacking, and one finds in the mouths, or under the pens of the zealous dissidents of Cape Breton, every one of the same catalogue of insults borrowed from the Bible in the time of Cromwell. To them, the Catholic Church is now and more the Apocalyptic Beast. Their Catholic enemies are the Amalakitae, others the Ammonites, the sons of Belial, of the Tynans, of Gog and Magog. It takes a while to realize that these people are very serious. At first, you could think that they are putting on a play based on a novel by Walter Scott. However the Macbriars and the Kettledmmle are none the wiser for they have probably not read The Puritans of Scotland and when they use in this nineteenth century the language and the sentiments of the past with an absolute sincerity of conviction. The clothes worn by these zealous successors of the Covenanters reveal the sullen and pedantic virtue of their models. Long black or brown suits, poorly tailored, enormous hats under which they disappear, pale and long faces, a sullen demeanour, a language of the most austere type; they have all that and revel in it. This sort of uniform is perfectly suited to happy souls whose favourite credo is to damn everybody and, for fear of forgetting anybody, by including themselves just a little with the lot.

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the clergy is like in Nova Scotia through the relationship I had the honour to establish with the Reverend Father Quinan, the venerable pastor of Sydney. His is the very model of an apostolic life. (Reverend James Quinan. born in Halifax, studied at St. Mary's College and the Petit Seminaire. in Quebec, where he was ordained to the priesthood on 12 March 1853. Pastor of Svdnev in October 1853. He was one of six priests from the same family in three generations. Father Donald F. MacAdam. his successor in Svdnev, echoed Gobineau's opinion of Fr. Vac Shack C #1 For Service ' VACUUM SALES & SERVICE • Parts & Accessories • Most Makes & Models 15% DISCOUNT FOR SENIORS 213 Charlotte St. Sydney, N. S. OFFICIAL WARRANTY DEPOT FOR RLTER QUEEN *?? '??..>sa-.. /Kmnmmmm &TRISTAR 562-5562 TTTTZX CO-OP Building Supplies V W'WP STATION ST.. PORT HAWKESBURY ?? 625-2600'i STATION ST., PORT HAWKESBURY - 625-2600' KING'S ROAD, SYDNEY - 539-6410 Paints and Stains I COOP PATIO DECKS Manufacturers of Quality HARBOUR HOMES MM) Pointing the Way to Better Living We've been building quality into our homes for more than 32 years. Over 40 Home Plans to Choose from You've'Got Experience on Your Side OIMI/IPTC