

CANADA.

in reference to a police force which the Government are now establishing for the protection of the city, which I have extracted from one of the organs of the party.

2. The difficulty of adopting measures of repression adequate to the emergency, at all times, when popular excitement runs high, great in a community constituted as this is, is grievously enhanced in the present instance by the attempt which has been made in certain quarters to make the Indemnity Bill a pretext for stirring a war of races. Had this malignant design been entertained only by persons within the province, it might have proved comparatively innoxious, but when English writers situated at a distance from the scene of strife and danger, seek by passionate appeals to rouse national antipathies among those of their fellow countrymen, whom British Legislation has united politically with a large population of different origin, it is only charity to hope that they have been unwittingly betrayed into a course of proceeding of which they do not justly appreciate the fearful consequences.

3. That more than one-third of the inhabitants of United Canada are of French descent, it is true. It is also true, that the Constitution of the province gives them the same rights and privileges as their brethren of British blood. But as they are numerically weaker, and as Lord Sydenham's representation scheme was notoriously not framed on their interest, it is obvious that wherever the British are as one among themselves, they have a preponderating weight in the councils of the province.

4. In the very teeth, however, of these facts, it has been contended on both sides of the Atlantic, that measures supported by three-fourths of the representatives of the people recently chosen under an electoral system most popular in its character have been carried in defiance of the wishes of the whole British population of the province, and the most outrageous assaults on constituted authority have been justified on this plea.

5. Conscious as I have ever been of its fallacy, I have, nevertheless, thought it better to endure any amount of personal indignity, than to have recourse to measures from which the design of pitting race against race could be inferred. So effectual have been the precautions taken on this head, that no retaliation has been exercised even by political adversaries upon the persons who have been recently guilty of acts of incendiarism in this city, or upon those who are regarded as their instigators. I have waited patiently until the British population of Upper Canada should have had the necessary time to pronounce in favour of law, order, and constitutional government. This it is now doing, with much unanimity and determination, and I trust that the effect will be salutary even on the most violent and misguided of the populace of Montreal. If measures of greater severity should unfortunately become necessary, at least they will not have been resorted to until all milder methods have been exhausted, and until it shall have been made apparent, that the question does not lie between race and race, but between the supporters of constitutional Government, and its implacable foes.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

The Right Hon. Earl Grey,
&c. &c. &c.

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EXTRACT from a Canadian Newspaper.

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THE new paper which has been started in this city, entitled the "Moniteur Canadien," in the French language, congratulates the city and its inhabitants on the formation of a new police force, horse and foot, and thinks that this force of some one hundred men on foot, and fifty on horseback, will keep down what it is pleased to call the "Party Tory." Now, we beg to inform the "Moniteur Canadien," that men of British birth and blood, as the whole experience of history shows, are not the men to be coerced into anything; they will listen to the arguments of reason, but not to those of hard knocks; those who have at any time tried the conclusion of blows with the Anglo-Saxon race have, we rather think, come off second-best; if they have not, we shall thank our opponents to give us the instances, day and date. The truth of the matter is, that the British population of Montreal, supported, as it knows itself to be, by the rest of the country, does not care one straw for the Ministers, their partizan police, or any other force they may bring. Four thousand men of British blood and sinews, well armed and well ammunitioned, are not to be put down by a police force, and we can only say, from our experience in these matters, that to send a force of mounted police on undisciplined and hard-mouthed horses, into the midst of a mob, such as is that of Montreal, the most