

## THE INDIANS AND THE REBELLION.

Mr. Cameron makes an elaborate attempt, by summing up all that he had said in the preceding portions of his speech, to prove that the Indians were driven to rebel in March, 1885, by the harsh and cruel measures of the Government, and of officials towards them. As has already been proved by every species of evidence worthy of acceptance by reasonable men, this alleged cruelty of treatment had no existence. As everybody knows, the Indians did not rebel; but a very small number of them joined in the insurrection. It is untrue that the instructors who were killed at Frog Lake, were men who oppressed the Indians. Mr. Cameron, the young man who was present, and who escaped with his life, after rendering good service in saving the lives of the women, declares with much emphasis, that he was intimate with the late Mr. Quinn, the Indian Department agent, there; that he never saw him, or knew of him ill-treating an Indian; and that Delany, the other man who was killed, was, as a rule, beloved by the Indians. The Deputy of the Superintendent General of Indian affairs, also says that when he was through that country in 1885 Mr. Delany was spoken of as a man who always treated the Indians well and kindly. As respects Payne, it may be said that he was killed on the Stoney Reserve in the discharge of his duty. It was brought out in evidence that an Indian shot him because he refused to give up to him some Government stores, over which he was placed in charge. Payne was married to a Stoney chief's daughter.

Mr. Cameron makes use of Lieutenant-Governor Dewdney's report as against the Lieutenant-Governor himself, in a way that is most unjustifiable. He says:

The First Minister of this Dominion has over and over again declared in Parliament that Governor Dewdney was the best official in the whole North-west to deal with the Indians. I take issue with the First Minister on that question. I say he is the most dangerous and worst official that ever this incompetent and reckless Government appointed to fulfil any position of trust in the North-west territories. But let us see what Governor Dewdney says of the Indians of the