

MGR. TACHE'S MANIFESTO

On the Situation in the North-West.

RIEL AND THE HALF-BREDS.

The Rebellion and its Causes.

RESPONSIBILITY OF THE GOVERNMENT.

An Exhaustive Review of Affairs

We shall soon see the end of 1885. This year has been replete with events throughout the Dominion of Canada, and especially in the Canadian North-West.

I am no party man and I have not the slightest wish to flatter or depreciate any one; but I love my country and desire to contribute as much as I can to its prosperity and happiness; and for the fulfillment of this duty I know that, if there is a time to be silent, there is also a time to speak, and it is with the view of promoting good that I now raise my voice.

Once decided to speak, every one will readily agree that it is the truth that must be told, the bare truth, void of all tergiversation or evasion.

The truth, as it appears to me, is what I will affirm. I desire that to obtain the object in view I shall have to clash with unexpecting, perhaps provoke anger. I accept beforehand the unpleasant responsibility, but on the condition that the consequences will weigh only on myself personally.

EVILS AND DANGERS ATTENDING THE REBELLION.

During the past nine months our country has experienced shocks, misfortunes, disasters, which have been violently re-echoed all over, and said to say, this country so dear to us was exposed to dangers, which, although not surmised by the greater number, were not the less real and dreadful.

I am, moreover, convinced that what has occurred may be repeated with an increase of all its dangers in the past.

On the strength of this conclusion, I earnestly beseech all serious men who have at heart the happiness and prosperity of our dear Canada, to reflect on the causes which have occasioned our misfortunes.

VARIOUS CAUSES OF THE TROUBLE.

Minds, too superficial, alas! or too interested to take a serious and impartial view of our difficulties, consider that they have accomplished their duties as citizens by exclaiming: "This is the cause of all the harm, it was he who did all, he has paid for it, the country is safe now."

This explanation is so unreasonable, that if it were accepted, we might expect new disturbances in the near future.

The reef on which a vessel strikes is not the only cause of the wreck. The mode of construction, the violence of the storm, the lack of numbers, or the inability of the crew, the ignorance or the negligence of the pilots, in a word, the aggregation of circumstances attending the navigation has a part in causing what is attributed to the reef.

They did not comprehend the situation, because they knew little or nothing of what they needed to know. The ambiguities, the modifications, the contradictions, etc., found in the statutes, are evidence as to what I affirm. One of the greatest mistakes on the part of the authorities was to act in accordance with the prejudice of entire provinces by approaching the North-West

with mistrust, towards all those to be found there, or who were acquainted with the country. It was supposed they were coming to an ordinary land, whilst on the contrary it was completely unknown.

PUBLIC OFFICIALS.

The first cause of our difficulties naturally combines with a second one. I have just suggested the idea of men in office. No doubt it is but justice to say that many of these men were qualified for the functions more or less important, to which they were appointed; but, alas! this is not so in all cases.

THE SETTLERS.

Another cause of our difficulties came from the discontent of the new settlers themselves. The Government Colonization societies and others have published pamphlets more or less exact on the country and its advantages.

On the other hand, I wish to be rightly understood. If there are settlers who acted a vile part in the whole affair, they form the exception. The greater number of those who complained had reason to complain.

THE METIS.

In treating of the North-West troubles, the Metis are those first thought of, and that with the result of exciting ill-feeling in some quarters, and the liveliest sympathies in others.

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THE BEST COUGH CURE.

The best remedy for Cough and all Throat and Lung troubles, is one that loosens and dislodges the tough mucous, clears the bronchial tubes, and allays irritation. This is what Hagar's Peppermint Balm does in every case.

WHAT WILL THE WORLD SAY?

An American Tale of Real Life.

BY RHODA E. WHITE. CHAPTER VII.

Angelina was much disturbed by reports that came to her from time to time from Washington of the anticipated marriage of Courtney and Miss Crawford.

"What a villain," said Angelina, throwing the vile letter into the fire. "I wish that I were a man, and the wretch should be found out and punished."

"Oh, dear! oh, dear!" said Marie. "Mon Dieu, mon Dieu preserve us! They will drive you mad! I do not think Mr. Daniel has a right to make you so unhappy; and, indeed, Miss Angelina, I can't believe as you do, that he is quite as good as he might be."

"I forgive no one who doubts my husband's goodness to me," Angelina replied. "Pity me, indeed! Why should the wife of Daniel Courtney hear, I pity you!"

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"Go to Paris," said Angelina. "I may forgive you to-morrow; I cannot to-night." Marie knew that she must obey. When Angelina was left alone she paced the room, wringing her hands.

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said Ralf, laughing boisterously, and repeating, to annoy his comrade: "Good job—money down—yearly payments till she dies—ha, ha, ha!"

"It was more prudent," said Mrs. Harper. "Not if she knew he was married." "Yes; even so, it was more prudent."

"If he doubted my love for him, and doubted my fidelity to him, I would lose my love for him, and I would hate him as much as I had loved him before."

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up a year and a half, by a husband, and not see another gentleman." "She must be one woman of a hundred," said Daniel, "to be my wife."

"Under her circumstances I would." "Well, I think since you did not allow her to take her lawful place as your wife, you should have left her some freedom of discretionary powers; that is, if you trusted her."

"Keane," said Daniel, "she is a young French girl of whom I know nothing except what I learned during a disagreeable trial of my pretended husband for bigamy, and I own to you, though she has made me love her more and more ever since, I have not had that perfect faith in her I would like to have in my wife."

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one. "She is of high birth it may be, and need not be rich," said another. "Mr. Daniel will take no one under a princess," said the housemaids, and they went on supposing all that would come home with her, of fine clothes and jewels, and boxes of satins and shawls."

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