

THE TRUE WITNESS

PRINTED AND PUBLISHED BY The Post Printing & Publishing Co.

761 CRAIG ST., Montreal, Canada.

Subscription per annum \$1.50

TO ADVERTISERS.

A limited number of advertisements of approved character will be inserted in THE TRUE WITNESS

The large and increasing circulation of THE TRUE WITNESS makes it the best advertising medium in Canada.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.

Subscribers in the country should always give the name of their Post Office.

Remittances can be safely made by Registered Letter Post Office Order.

Parties wishing to become subscribers can do so through any respectable news agent.

The Post Printing & Publishing Co.

NO DISCOUNT FROM THE REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION PRICE OF \$1.50 PER ANNUM

WEDNESDAY APRIL 22, 1885

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

We have sent out a large number of bills to subscribers in arrears, and up to date the returns have not been as large as they should be.

The first bill of expenses in connection with the North-West troubles has been made, and a message from the Governor-General to the House recommends an appropriation of \$700,000 to go towards defraying the expenses of the expedition up to date.

MR. PARNELL questioned the Government concerning the violent interference of the police and soldiers at the now famous Mall reception to the Prince of Wales.

CABLE despatches dealing with Irish topics and events are exceedingly unreliable.

than a dozen persons received injuries, which were slight, and that the damage to property is small.

A DESPATCH has been received from Calgary contradicting the report of the massacre at Frog Lake, in which it was alleged that some fourteen people lost their lives.

THERE is a vacancy in the position of Registrar of Quebec city and district, and rumor is busy with the name of Hon. Mr. Lynch in connection with this place of prominence and trust.

THE Dublin Freeman reports an interesting case of a bogus outrage which was ventilated at the Mayo assizes, and which serves to throw light on the mode of manufacturing crime to discredit the individual and the country.

THE ignorance of the geography of the Dominion is again prominently displayed by the English press in their discussion on the half-breed rising in the North-West.

LA MINERVE ON THE ROYAL VISIT TO IRELAND.

Le Minerve, the leading Conservative organ among our French contemporaries, has an article on the visit of the Prince of Wales to Ireland, which is remarkable for its correct appreciation and its faithful portraiture of the situation.

"Something else is needed besides gaudy demonstrations. We attach much less importance to the heated proceedings at Mallow, notwithstanding their apparent gravity, than to the action of the Municipal Council of the Irish metropolis, which officially snubbed the Prince of Wales.

RIEL'S MANIFESTO AND A PEACE POLICY.

A manifesto, which is peaceful in tone, has been issued by Riel. It recites the grievances of the half-breeds and other settlers in the North-West, and points out the many steps which have been taken since 1870 up to the present year, to get the authorities at Ottawa to give a little time and attention to the settlement of their claims.

HUCKSTERING ODDIOUS CALUMNIES.

Our attention has been called, by a number of indignant readers of the Montreal Times, to an article which appeared in the columns of that paper in the early part of the week.

"Francois Xavier Beaudry, dying at Montreal, Canada, leaves fifteen hundred thousand dollars to the Sulpician Order of Roman monks, and leaves to his widow one thousand dollars a year as long as she lives.

The credit of that production is not due to the Times, but simply the credit of reproduction. But the crime of the reproducer of such villainy is as great as that of its originator.

"We publish the above not because we agree with it either in its expressions or the deductions that are to be drawn from it, but as indicating what it was possible for the outside non-religious and non-Catholic world to conclude as the meaning of the pomp and ceremonies accorded to the remains of the man whom the majority of our people believe to be, in his life, the wickedest man in Montreal.

The Times' excuses for the publication of the article are on a par with the elucubration itself. We are told it was published to show what it was possible for the outside non-religious world to conclude as the meaning of the pomp and ceremonies accorded to the remains of F. X. Beaudry.

Finally, instead of rebuking the slanderous writer and giving him a vigorous castigation, which it should have done if it were honestly and fairly inclined, the Times merely states that it leaves to the writer the responsibility of the "reflections" (reflections are good) upon the friars and monks and the history of the Church at large.

The public have refused to accept these flimsy and hypocritical excuses as a reason or a justification for the publication of such vile atrocities, and it is only to voice their feeling of indignation that we allude to the matter at all.

THE CHINESE RESTRICTION BILL.

The Dominion Government has taken a middle course between total prohibition and free admission of Chinese immigrants into the country. Chinese immigration will simply be restricted and regulated.

ing a free refuge for the Chinese would seriously interfere with our immigration prospects in the civilized countries of Europe.

The authorities will have some difficulty to watch the Chinese that come by railway or across the border from the dominions of Uncle Sam.

USEFUL LEGISLATION OBSTRUCTED.

If anything is calculated not only to bring discredit on a political party as well as to injure the status of the House of Commons in the estimation of the people of the Dominion, it is the line of conduct pursued by the Opposition on Tuesday evening last.

THE FEDERAL FRANCHISE.

Canada has as many different sorts of franchise as it has provincial legislatures. There is no similarity and no union in the mode of obtaining a general expression of the popular will.

five hundred dollars worth of property; in another, the possession of only three hundred dollars worth is sufficient to give him the right to vote, and so on; in some, if the citizen happens to earn a cent less than \$300, he is disfranchised.

The first object and principle of the bill is to make the franchise uniform throughout the Dominion for the purposes of federal representation. To this principle of uniformity there can be no objection.

THE LOCAL HOUSE AND THE REBELLION.

The revolt of the half-breeds in the North-West has been formally brought under the notice of the Provincial Legislature of Quebec. At last evening's session ex-speaker Turcotte introduced a series of resolutions regarding various aspects of the critical situation in which both the country and government unfortunately find themselves.

By that resolution the insurgents would be lifted over the heads of the Federal authorities and it would become the duty of the latter to sue for peace.