

## APPENDIX.

The late D'Arcy McGee's opinion of the *Toronto Freeman*, and its editor, Mr. J. G. Moylan.

## "THE TORONTO FREEMAN."

## A CIRCULAR LETTER FROM MR. M'GEE, M. P. P.

"MY DEAR SIR :—As I was instrumental in enlisting the support of several friends in your neighbourhood for the *Toronto Freeman*, I take this means of informing you of facts which have lately transpired, in reference to that newspaper, and which, in the interests of public justice, you are at liberty to communicate to any one you please, on my authority.

"When the types and subscription list of the *Catholic Citizen* were purchased, in 1858, it was in order to suppress that most objectionable paper, which had used the cloak of religion for all the commonest purposes of partizan warfare. The funds by which this purchase was made were, in part, contributed by some personal friends of mine, and the prospectus of the new paper, the *Freeman*, was drafted by a Committee, of which I was one. When question arose as to the Editor, I suggested the name of Mr. J. G. Moylan, Teacher, of Guelph, and at my suggestion he was sent for. When the arrangements for transferring the *bonus* to the new Editor and Publisher were far enough advanced for action, it was proposed to bind the Editor under some penalty, to adhere faithfully to the non-partizan clause, and other conditions of the Prospectus; but I resisted any such stipulation being imposed, because I contended that with the example of the late *Citizen* before his eyes, our best guarantee for the new Editor's independence would be found in his own interest.

"At two subsequent periods, I again interposed, as you know, to obtain aid for the journal, without which I was assured it could not possibly go on; once when Mr. Mallon, the original partner of Mr. Moylan, was bought out, and his share transferred to the latter gentleman, and again under the threatened criminal prosecution of the Orange Grand Master, Mr. Hillyard Cameron.

"I refer to these facts, simply and solely to show that I had some right to ask from the *Freeman* the insertion of any letter of reasonable length, written over my own signature, and for every sentence of which I, and not the Editor, would be necessarily responsible. During the past two months, once before and once since the general election, I made such a request. In the former case, my letter to Mr. Macarow, of Kingston, was withheld three weeks under one pretext or another, and more recently, a temperate and measured