

PREFACE.

UPWARDS of three years have passed since Donald Morrison, the Canadian outlaw, was imprisoned in St. Vincent de Paul Penitentiary for the slaying of "Jack" Warren, at Megantic, in 1888. That it was justifiable homicide, no unprejudiced person, conversant with the evidence adduced at the trial, will deny. And the almost universal sympathy expressed for the accused before and after said trial, will attest to the truth of our statement.

It was, therefore, not strange that a general feeling of disgust and indignation was experienced when it became known that the outlawed Scotchman had been sentenced to 18 years of penal servitude ! And why ? Simply because he had a sufficient regard for the "first law of Nature" to defend his life against the unscrupulous alien who had sworn to shoot him on sight !

In proportion, however, as Morrison's troubles accumulated, popular sympathy also