

# THE TORY MANIFESTO IN 1883.

## "FACTS FOR IRISH ELECTORS."

PROOF OF ITS AUTHENTICITY.

### *Affidavit of the Author.*

The following is a copy of the affidavit of M. W. Kirwan, setting forth that the pamphlet called "Facts for Irish Electors" was prepared and revised by W. R. Meredith, Sir John Macdonald and others, prior to the General Election of 1883, wherein an earnest appeal was made to the Irish Catholic Electors to support Conservative candidates on account of the liberality of the leader of the Opposition, and alleging that they should oppose the Mowat Government on account of their ultra-Protestant leaning.

### *Affidavit of M. W. Kirwan.*

"I, the undersigned M. W. Kirwan, of the City of Quebec, and presently in the City of Montreal, solemnly affirm as follows:—

"I am a journalist.

"When in the City of Toronto in the year 1882, I was shown a letter from Sir John Macdonald, Prime Minister of Canada, addressed to a prominent Conservative friend of mine, urging the desirability of securing my services as a writer of campaign literature for the Conservative party during the approaching Ontario Provincial Elections.

"The letter was an autograph one.

"I was accordingly engaged by H. H. Smith, of Peterborough, the organizer of the Conservative party for Ontario.

"My salary was to be \$100 a month. The understanding was that I should assist the Conservative party by special appeals to the Irish Catholic Electors.

"Sir John Macdonald and Mr. Meredith, the leader of the Opposition in the Ontario Legislature, were aware of the agreement.

"I accordingly began to write an appeal to the Irish Catholics of Ontario.