

OTTAWA, 25th November, 1879.

*My Orphans, Countrymen,
and People of Canada.*

There are these two questions which may be advanced by you, viz.: 1. Is not the persecution against me more the result of family discord than of religious bigotry and sectarian malice?

The 2. question is, had not the persecution commenced before the Priestly visit to my poor wife in February, 1876, and were there not a few Protestants, —the Clerk Magistrate's Court, the bailiff Moore and Brooks,—mixed up in the persecution? Now, as to the last named (Brooks) I will say only this, that he, seeing me buffeted by persecution, took advantage thereof and (briefly) "made his hay when the sun shined."

1. The persecution was not inaugurated till immediately after the Priestly intrusion in February, 1876. And it was then commenced by Thomas Daly revoking his letter or agreement as contained in his letter of credit to Mr. David MacLaren, merchant. And Daly is not only a Roman Catholic but a pillar of that church in Wakefield.

2. Soon after that, another devotee of the Roman Catholic Church, B. Matthews, refused to pay me a balance due me by him for a good sawing machine, which he purchased (and has now) from me, nor has he paid me yet, nor will he.

3. It was after the Priestly intrusion that my