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## CHRONICLES OF AN CAR TIMER

The Days of Thirty-Seven-A Canadian -A Little Known Document Resur- direct and control the affairs of Men who Headed the Rebellion of 1837-8, and Residing in Toronto.

Chicago, April 13, 1904.

Editor Catholic Register:

During all my years in Canada I never saw any reference made to the pronunciament of the Reform leaders of Upper Canada in the year 1837, and having a copy of it in my possession, I think the publication of it will throw light on past condi-tions and show the inhabitants of the country at the present time the grievances under which their predecessors labored and why many of them risked the loss of their lives and property in their endeavor to have them redressed. Although not any of the names of the five Corkonians appear among the signers they were not inactive in advancing the cause of reform. Robert Baldwin went to London to lay the condition of things then prevailing in the country before the Privy Council but he failed to make any impression on that august body.
Upper and Lower Canada had then

their own parliaments and the union of the two provinces had not yet been consummated. William Lyon Mc-Kenzie was then the foremost of the Reform leaders and was sustained by such influential men as Marshall S. Bidwell, the Speaker of the House, Dr. Ralph, Dr. Morrison and many other men of character and promin-

They formulated a list of grievances and bill of rights as follows: The declaration of the Reformers of the City of Toronto to their fellow-

Reformers in Upper Canada: The time has arrived, after nearly half century's forbearance, under increasing and aggravated misrule, when the duty we owe our country and posterity requires from us the assertion of our rights and the redress of our wrongs.

Government is founded on the is instituted good of the people; when, therefore, any government long and systematicceases to answer the great ends of its foundation, the people have a national right, given by the Creator, to seek after and establish such anstitutions as will yield the greatest quantity of happiness to the greatest

Our forebearance heretofore has only been rewarded with an aggravation of our grievances; and our past inattention to our rights has been ungenerously and unjustly urged as evidence of the surrender of them. We have now to choose, on the one hand between submission to the same blighting policy as hath desolated Ireland; and on the other hand, the patriotic achievements of cheap, honest and responsible government.

The right was conceded to the preconstitution for themselves; and the others now peopling this portion of America, are entitled to the same liberty without the shedding of blood; more they do not ask; less they ought not to have. But, while the revolution of the former has liberties; and a Court of Chancery loyalists, with their descendants and been rewarded with a consecutive suddenly adopted by a subservient prosperity unexampled in the history parliament, against the long cherishof the world, the loyal valor of the ed expectation of the people against latter alone remains amid the blight of misgovernment, to tell them what they might have been, as the not less valiant sons of American inde-

Sir Francis Head has too truly porbeen ever against the spirit of the

Constitutional Act, subjected in the

ferences and interdictions of a suc-

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cession of colonial ministers in England, who have never visited the country, and can never possibly beome acquainted with the state of 2 rties or the conduct of public funcaries, except through official rels in the province, which are Declaration of Independence - A ne sary to disclose official delin

sary to disclose official delin-Lengthy Document Proclaiming the Political Grievances under which A painful experience has proved how impracticable it is for such a such the People of that Period Labored cession of strangers beneficially rected by the Writer—Some of the being an impracticable system, felt to be intolerable by those for whose good it was professedly intended, it ought to be abolished and the domestic institutions of the province improved and administered by local authorities as to render the people happy and contented. has been banefully furthered by a Lieutenant-Governor sent among us as an uniformed, unsophisticated stranger, who, like Sir Francis, has not a single feeling in common with the people, and whose hopes and respon bilities began and ended in Downing street. And this painful domination is further cherished by a Legislative Assembly, not elected by, and therefore irresponsible to the people, for whom they legislate, but appointed by the ever-changing colonial minister, for life, from pensioners on the bounty

and needy expectants.

Under this mockery of law and government we have been insulted, injured and reduced to the brink of ruin. The due influence and purity of our institutions have utterly been destroyed. Our governors have been the mere instruments for effecting domination from Downing street; legislative councillors have been initiated into executive compliance, as in the case of the late Chief Justice Powell, Mr. Baby and others; the executive council has been stripped of every shadow of responsibility and of every shade of duty; the freedom and purity of elections have been lately received under Sir Francis B. Head, a final and irretrievable blow, our revenue has been and is still decreasing to such an extent as to render heavy additional taxation indispensable for the payment of the interest on our public debt, incurred a system of improvement and profligate expenditure; our public lands, although a chief source of wealth to a new country, have been sold at a low valuation to speculating companies in London, and resold settlers at very advanced prices, to the serious impoverishment of the country; the ministers of religion have been corrupted by a prostitu-tion of the casual and territorial revenue to salary and influ our clergy reserves, instead of being devoted to the purposes of general education, though so much needed and loudly demanded, have been in part sold, to the amount of \$300,000, paid into the military chest, and sent to England; numerous rectories have been established, against the almost unanimous wishes of the people, with certain exclusive ecclesiastical spiritual rights and privileges according to the established Church of England, to destruction of equal religious rights; public salaries, pensions and sinecures have been augmented in number and amount, notwithstanding sent United States at the close of the improvement of our revenue and a successful revolution to form a country, and the parnament has, unconstitution for themselves and the der the name of arrangement with retrenchments made in past years by

it, and its operations fearfully extended into the past, so as to jeo-pardise every title and transaction from the beginning of the province to the present time. A law has been passed enabling magistrates, appointtrayed our country "as standing in ed during pleasure, at the representathe flourishing continent of North tion of a grand jury selected by the sheriff, holding office during pleasure, drooping branches"; but the laws of nature do not, and those of man out their previous knowledge or conought not, longer to exhibit this in- sent, upon all their rateable property, vidious and humiliating comparison, to build and support workhouses for The affairs of this country have the refuge of the paupers invited by Sir Francis from the parishes of Great Britain; thus unjustly and most injurious manner to the inter- wickedly laying the foundation of a system which must result in taxation, pestilence and famine. Public loans have been authorized by improvident legislation to nearly eight millions of dollars, the surest way to make the people poor and dependent; the parliament subservient to Sir

liberties; and a Court of Chancery,

Francis B. Head's blighting administration, has, by an unconstitutional act, sanctioned by him, protonged their duration after the demise of crown, thereby evading their present responsibility to the people, depriving them of the exercise of their elective franchises on the present occasion, and extending the time to their unjust, unconstitutional, and ruinous legislation with Sir Francis B. Head; our best and most worthy citizens have been dismissed from the bench of justice, from the military and other stations of honor and usefulness, for exercising their rights as free men in attending public meetings for the regeneration of our condition as instanced in the cases of Dr. Baldwin (father of Hon. Robert Baldwin), Messrs. Sheppard, Johnson, Small Ridout and others; those of our fellow subjects who go to England to report our deplorable condition are

denied a hearing by a partial, un-

just and oppressive government, while

wrongs are cordially and graciously received, and enlisted in the cause

of our further wrongs and misgov-

plundered and misapplied without re-dress, and unavailable securities make up the late defalcation of Mr.

P. Robinson, the Commissioner of Public Lands, to the amount of \$80,-

000. Interdicts are continually sent by the Colonial Minister to the Governor, and by the Governor to

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and render futile their legislation, and by electing as a judiciary, vio-which ought to be free and unshad-lent and notorious partisans of his ed, these instructions, if favorable arbitrary power. mies of our country, are rigidly observed; if favorable to public liberty, they are, in case of Earl Ripon's dispatch, utterly contemned, even to the passage of the ever-to-be-remembered and detestable, everlasting, salary officers who interfered with citizens bill. Lord Glenely has sanctioned of Montreal, in the midst of an elecin the King's name, all violations of tion of their representatives, and truth and of the constitution by Sir F. B. Head, and both thanked and titled him for conduct which, under any civilized government, would be

the ground for impeachment. of the crown; officially, dependents, The British Government, by them-and needy expectants. The British Government, by them-selves, and through the Legislative merit appears to be their subservien-Council of their appointment, have refused their assent to laws the most wholesome and necessary for the public good, among which we may enumerate the intestate estate equal distribution bill; the bill to sell the clergy reserves for educational purposes; the bill to remove the corrunt gulations by the passing of grievous the corrunt gulations by the passing of grievous control of their subserviency to any and every administration, we may say with our brother colonists of old, "he has sent hither swarms of new officers to harass the people and eat out their subserviency to any and every administration, we may say with our brother colonists of old, "he has sent hither swarms of new officers to harass the people and eat out their subserviency." clergy reserves for educational purposes; the bill to remove the corrupt influences of the executive in the choosing of juries, and to secure a fair, free trial by jury; the several bills to encourage emigration from foreign parts; the bill to secure the internal affairs and regulations, by the passing of grievous and tyranical enactments, for taxing us heavily, without our consent; for prohibiting us to purchase many articles of the first importance at the cheapest European and Ameritance at the cheapest European and Am foreign parts; the bill to secure the independency of the assembly; the bill to amend the law of libel; the bill to appoint commissioners to meet others, the bill to treat on matters of trade and other to extend the blessings of education to the humbler classes in every township and to appropriate annual hals of the House of Peers that ly a sum of money for the purpose; the bill to dispose of the school lands in aid of education; several bills of in aid of education; several bills of voters by establishing the vote by ballot; the bill to secure the independence of the bill to the better regulation of elections of members of the Assembly; and to provide that the canadian "precedent of the secure the independence of the same of the canadian "precedent of the secure the formation and a finite province, to the secure the independence of the secure the libration of the canadian "precedent of the secure the follows seed the solutions of the secure the independence of the secure the independence of the secure the bill to secure the independence of the secure the libration of the canadian "precedent of the secure the independence of the secure the independence of the secure the independence of the secure the bill to secure the independence of the secure the bills of the secure the independence of the secure the bills to secure the independence of the the administration of justice, and diminish unnecessary costs; the bill

allow free competition in bank-

and for insisting that the persons may be appealed to in vain, if the Wright, Robert McKoy and conducting the government should be demands of the suitor be not also Elliott I know nothing of

representatives. He has endeavored to prevent the people of this province and its advancement in wealth; for that purpose obstructing the laws for the naturalization of foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migration hither, and raising the condition of new appropriations of the public lands, large tracts of which he has bestowed upon unworthy persons, his favorites, while deserving settlers from Germany and other countries have been used cruelly

He has rendered the administration of justice liable to suspicion and distrust by obstructing laws for tablishing a fair trial by jury; by refusing to exclude the chief criminal judge from political business;

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the views and policy of the ene- He has sent a standing army into with marks of approbation, military officers who interfered with citizens brought the troops to coerce them, who shot several persons dead wan-

tonly, in the public streets.

Considering the great number lucrative employments held

people; the bill for the relief of 1837 will ever after be cited in the 9. E. B. Gilbert; sembling the fatal measures that severed the United States from Great

wholesome control over the revenue, est principles of enlightened policy paper was suppressed.

gerous to the maintenance of colon- start the rebellion. Montgomery, I ial dominion, that the people can ne- think, was an Irish Protestant, Mr. ver safely intrust the powers of Tims I have but an indistinct recolgovernment to any supreme authority lection of. J. H. Price was a Tonot residing among themselves. In every stage of these proceedings we have petitioned for redress in tion. I think he was English. John most humble terms; our repeated pe-titions have been answered only by repeated injuries. Nor have we been wanting in attention to our British brethren. We have warned them from time to time, of attempts by

rantable jurisdiction over us; we have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settle-\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

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ment here, we have appealed to CANNON-FITZPATRICK WEDDING their native justice and magnanimity; and we have conjured them by the ties of a common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which would inevitably interrupt our connection and correspondence. They, too, have been deaf to the voice of justice and consanguinity.

we, therefore, the Reformers of the city of Toronto, sympathizing with our fellow-citizens here and throughout the North-American colonies, who desire to obtain cheap, honest and responsible government, the want of which has been the source of all their present grievances, as its con-tinuance would lead to their utter ruin and desolation, are of the opin-

First, that the warmest thanks and admiration are due from the reforms of Upper Canada, to the Hon. Louis Joseph Papineau, Esq., Speaker of the House of Assembly of Lower Canada, and to his compatriots in and out of the legislature, for their past uniform, manly, and noble independence in favor of civil and religious liberty; and for their present devoted, honorable and patriotic opjust and reasonable wishes.

To render this co-operation the more effectual, we earnestly recommend to our fellow-citizens that they exert lowed the bride to the altar.

be held at places convenient for the and that the Canadian "precedent of Robert McKoy; 8. Thomas Elliott; some Russian lace over purple sating

to amend the charter of King's Col- Britain, have their origin in princi- ness and professional men of Toronege University, so as to remove its ples, and derive their support from to. I can only describe a few of A reception was held at the home partial and arbitrary system of gov- reasonings which form a prodicious them. Dr. Morrison, the chairman, of the bride to which about 200 were ernment and education; and the bill contrast to the whole grounds; and was a professional gentleman, and invited. The presents were many the only defence of the policy during I believe the father of Joseph Morri- and valuable, testing to the popularlatter years, and so justly and so son and Angus Morrison, afterwards.
The King of England has forbidden wisely sanctioned by the Imperial prominent in politics, Joseph having son and Angus Morrison, afterwards ity of the bride. his government to pass laws of imme- Parliament in advocating the affairs filled a position in a Reform govtions, and appointed elections to be from discreditable to the character of ters. John Elliott, I have no recol- William Kitchen I never heard of responsible for their official con- supported by personal interests, and Gilbert, if I am not mistaken, was duct to the country, through its party views, and political fears a lumber merchant, whose lumber engregentatives among those whose end he seeks; yard was on Bay street, between while all men perceiving that many Adelaide and Richmond streets, and persons have found themselves at li- whose son, during my time in Chicaberty to hold a course toward an go, has been acting mayor and sheriff at Montgomery's, and this made important, but remote, province, and is now president of a bank here. which their constituents never would He is an attorney by profession, but suffer to be pursued towards the does not practice law. John Montmost unconsiderable borough of the gomery was the tavern-keeper at United Kingdom, an impression will whose place, three miles north of Toinevitably be propagated, most dan- ronto, the Reformers assembled to

> A PERFECT their legislature to extend unwar-

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devoted, honorable and patriotic op-position to the attempt of the Brit-med with chiffon ruffles, yoke of cobish Government to violate their con- web embroidered medallions, a full stitution, without their consent, and white flowing bertha of beauti-subvert the powers and privileges of ful rose point lace, puff sleeves with their local parliament, and overawe undersleeves of the same exquisite them by coercive measures, into a lace, finished with a broad satin disgraceful abandonment of their ceinture and surmounted by a tulle ust and reasonable wishes. ... veil completed the costume. The Second, that the Réformers of Up-weil was fastened with orange blosper Canada are called upon by every tie of feeling, interest and duty to make common cause with their fellow-citizens of Lower Canada, whose successful coercion would, doubtless, white satin bow and long streamers. in time be visited upon us, and the There were five bridesmaids in atredress of whose grievances would be tendance, the Misses Alice, Mary and the best guarantee for the redress of Margaret Fitzpatrick, sisters of the bride, Miss Cannon and Miss Aggie

themselves to organize political as- wore soft white silk colienne over

10. John Mont-, trimmed with purple and yellow chif-Quakers, Mennonists and Tunkers; the support of such oppressive proceed-bill to amend the present obnoxious ings so often as the commons of any courts of request laws, by allowing colony may withhold supplies, how the people to choose the commission-ers, and to have a trial by jury, if required; and the bills to improve "those proceedings, so closely re-may withhold supplies, how laws a trial by jury, if required; and the bills to improve "those proceedings, so closely re-may withhold supplies, how laws a trial by jury, if required; and the bills to improve "those proceedings, so closely re-may withhold supplies, how laws a trial by jury, if required; and the bills to improve "those proceed-thill to amend the present obnoxious ings so often as the commons of any James Hunter; 17. John Armstrong, finished with a high bengaline belt. 18. William Kitchen; 19. Wm. L. She carried a bouquet of violets and Mackenzie.

> Those gentlemen were mostly busi- Mrs. Cannon wore black satin over white trimmed with rich white lace.

diate and pressing importance unless suspended in their operation till easy to imagine that the inhabitants assent should be obtained; and of either the American or the Eurohis assent should be obtained; and of either the American or the Euro-Mr. Reynolds I do not recollect, nor when so suspended he has utterly ne- pean branches of the empire should sons, I believe, were Irish of Scotch strong, but there was a foundry man glected to attend to them. He has contemplate so strange a contrast descent. At any rate, they called mamed Armstrong in Toronto in those interfered with the freedom of elec- without drawing inferences there- themselves Irish. Both were barris- days, a man of extensive business. tions, and appointed elections to be held at places dangerous, inconvenient, and unsafe for the people to assemble at, for the purpose of fati-guing them into his measures, we mete to six hundred thousand intrough the agency of pretended representatives; and has, through his presentatives; and has, through his represented in parliament, and to six the legislature, and injurious to the legislature, and injurious Legislative Council, prevented pro- millions of our fellow-citizens near- that time, pastor of old St. Paul's prominent men in the movement vision being made for quiet and er home, and making themselves church. He differed from Bishop Mc- James Leslie is another name that peaceable elections, as in the case heard by their representatives. The Donnell in political matters; he fapeaceable elections, as in the case neard by their representatives. The of the late elections at Beverley. The has dissolved the late House of Assembly for opposing with manly firmness Sir F. B. Head's invasion justice, the most worthy feelings of the respective and the sound the sound the peace of the case of the ca the rights of the people to a national generosity, and the sound- the Reform organ after MacKenzie's publisher and proprietor of the "Ex-Edward aminer" newspaper founded by Sir Thomas Francis Hincks, when the latter went into the government.

The revolt was to have been begun on Thursday, Dec. 7, 1837, but Dr. Rolph, who was prominent as a leader, changed the date for Col. Lount to muster his men two days earlier misunderstanding that was fatal.

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