



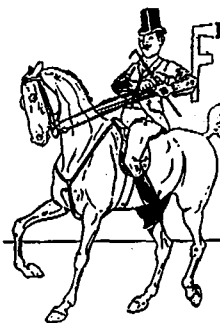
THE CATS-PAW OF ROME.

"All we want is to live quietly here where our forefathers lived. And we ask you to protect us; and we ask that if the Seminary or the Council of Oka or anybody else tries to tear down our houses or put us off our land, that you would protect us just as you would protect people who are white, and people who are Roman Catholics."—*Reply of the Oka Indians to the Dominion Government.*

AN INDIAN JOKE.

WHITE TRAPPER (*surrounded by hostile Indians, defiantly*)—"Come one, come all!"

INDIAN HUMORIST (*retiring to the rear*)—"Go-one-go-Mohawk."



FROM THE NIAGARA FARMER.

MR. GRIP, SIR,—I didn't turn out in very great numbers to hear Wiman, Longley and Smith at Chawtawqua the other day, bein a sight too busy with my harvest operations, and besides as I had read in the *Empire* the sort of chaps they were, and how they wanted to annex us to the United States. I don't know as I would of gone even if I hadn't been so crowded with work. But my naber,

John Fairley—a decent good chap is John, and has a fine head on his shoulders, though he is only a farmer like myself—he was there and heerd all the speeches and what is more remembered em. John is as good as a

daily paper for reportin things, and he has been tellin me what they had to say that day. He says Longley is a daisy of a speaker, and one of the comin men of Canada, and I judge he is. John told me how Longley made short work of the sneakin liars who call him an annexationist, and proved he wasn't and never had been in favor of any such thing. But I spose this won't make no difference, they'll go on lyin as before. They are paid to do it is my opinion. The facts and figures Wiman give that day, and which was backed up by the speeches of Longley and Professor Smith was simply paralizin. John told me the hull story, and now I want to know why us farmers don't rise up and get our rights? This Kinley Bill is goin to smash us flat as a fish, and no mistake, so John A. will have to hustle and get us free trade with the States, which we can get easy enough if we go about it right. I always voted for Sir John, and I believe he'll do it. He aint a fool to stand by and see the farmers ruined, cause that means good-by to the Conservative party. But if he don't stir his stumps' pretty soon I'm done with him. I've worked for the party long enough, and now I think I'll do a little turn for myself and my good wife and the girls and boys up to our house.

Yours, MR. GRIP,

WM. WIFFLETREE.