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CATHOLIC CALENDAR MARCH, 1883.

THURSDAY, 1—Ferial. FRIDAY, 2—Five Wounds of our Lord. SATURDAY, 3—Ferial. SUNDAY, 4—Fourth Sunday in Lent.

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS

It has become necessary once more to call the attention of our subscribers to the large number of subscriptions which remain unpaid after repeated appeals for prompt settlement.

FORSTER'S ATTACK ON PARNELL

Poor "Bookah!" Forster was foaming with rage last evening in the House of Commons, when he made it the hour of his revenge against Parnell, who ousted him out of the office of Chief Secretary of Ireland.

Forster, after trying to fasten all the blame and disgrace of the crime upon Parnell, and endeavoring to hold him responsible in a way angry and foul diatribe, cried out with all his sanctimonious might, "until Parnell expressed his regret and repentance for the murders I cannot communicate with him."

object of withdrawing from him the esteem and support of the Irish nation. Parnell has no repentance to express for their commission, and Foster was inspired by an unholily hatred and by a discreditable spirit of revenge when he dared to ask the responsible leader of the Irish people in the House of Commons to prostrate himself in the presence of Ireland's oppressors, and to beg pardon.

PARNELL DENOUNCES FORSTER.

FORSTER, the Government, the Opposition, and the British press were in a state of uncontrollable amazement when Parnell declined to heed or answer the furious attack of the ex-Secretary upon his character and the fair name of Ireland. They beheld in his eloquent silence a victory of the oppressed over the oppressor, of innocence over guilt.

MR. MOWAT'S ADMINISTRATION IN ONTARIO.

Ontario is by far the model province of the Dominion; it is prosperous and rich, and has been made such by the progressive and economical policy of the Mowat Government. It has the only Government on this continent or elsewhere that has, at the expiration of ten years service, presented smaller estimates of expenditure than the estimates for the first year it was in power.

It will thus be seen that although the policy of this Reform Government was one of economy, still it was not one of parsimony. The difference between Ontario and Quebec is that the rulers of the former do not feather their own or their friends' nests at the expense of the province, as is but too commonly done here.

of technology. In addition to all this they have made grants to the dairymen's association, the fruit growers and agricultural societies; they have provided for the payment of witnesses in criminal cases, have furnished the courts with shorthand writers, and have liberally assisted hospitals and charities throughout the Province, and after all they have five millions in hand.

This is a record of which the Government may well feel proud and which, at the general elections to be held on Tuesday, should command the support of all the electors in Ontario who can appreciate a judicious, honest and economical administration. There is nothing to gain by a change of parties in power; there is no guarantee that the Opposition will do any better, if as well, while there is every reason to believe that the Ministerialists will continue in their work of enriching the Province and perpetuating a regime of honesty and prosperity.

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

The "Catholic Directory for 1883," issued by Messrs. D. & J. Sadler & Co., contains some very interesting statistics in relation to the Catholic Church in the United States. The evidence of facts shows that during the past few decades the Church has acquired a growth and strength which are quite marvellous.

THE PROVINCIAL ESTIMATES AND "BETTER TERMS"

The Provincial Treasury is completely drained and the financial condition of the Province is becoming more and more shaky. Mr. Wurtelle in his Budget speech endeavored to lull the Legislature into a sense of security by showing that there was for the past year a surplus of \$340,936.30.

four dioceses, and in other cases just add round numbers ranging from ten to twenty-five thousand to the old standard number of population. This mode of computation proves that this question of population has not been treated with all due exactness and accuracy.

CAREY, THE INFORMER AND SPY.

As the painful sensation and surprise, caused by the treacherous somewhat of Councillor Carey from the prisoner's dock to the informer's stand, gradually subside, the public mind becomes more impressed with the conviction that this man's evidence is as disgraceful to the Government as it is damaging to the prisoners charged with conspiracy to murder.

As a friend to Ireland has been elected by an English constituency to the British House of Commons. Mr. John Morley, the well known editor and political writer of the London Pall Mall Gazette, has been elected by a majority of 2,000, for Newcastle-on-Tyne in the place of Mr. A. W. Dilke.

state of our finances, the Government has made no attempt to remedy it by economy or by curtailing expenses, but on the contrary, has actually authorized the Treasurer to present a demand for an increase over last year. It proposes by the estimates to increase the expenses of the Administration during the next financial year to the amount of \$37,671 over and above the expenses of 1882.

In the matter of subsidies from the Federal Government to the local Administrations, this Province is not equally treated. The amount due Ontario and Quebec was calculated on the basis of the census of 1861, and for the other Provinces according to the last census.

Mr. Mercier proposed that the Federal authorities should subsidize the Province, according to the census of 1881, instead of 1861, and that the grant of 80 cents per head of the population be raised to one dollar.

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THE PHOENIX PARK TRAGEDY AND ITS CONSEQUENCES.

The Phoenix Park tragedy was a crime, the magnitude and infamy of which are not to be judged so much by the atrocity and foulness of the assassination itself as by its dire consequences to the country in which it was committed. The crime of a few wretches was unjustly made the crime of a whole people, who not only deplored but abhorred it, and who protested in the press, on the platform and in Parliament against being charged with or held responsible for the murder.

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