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HON. ALEXANDER MACKENZIE has warmly endorsed the candidature of Mr. Duncan McIntyre in South Renfrew.

THE EDITOR OF 'THE POST' takes this, the earliest opportunity, to return his sincere thanks to the host of friends, many previously unknown to him, who contributed in kind thoughtful ways to relieve the tedium of his recent painful illness.

The French Chamber entrusted to a Commission some time ago the duty of enquiring into the question of the separation of Church and State in France. A report which, it is said, is approved by a majority of the Commission has been printed.

EX-MAYOR MORRIS, of St. Gabriel, who was yesterday elected an alderman for the new ward, has the distinction of being the youngest member of the City Council. He is a clear-headed young business man, and will, no doubt, make an excellent representative.

PROF. TYNDALE has been making himself ridiculous again by his venomous attacks on Mr. Gladstone. Having abolished God from the universe, this brilliant son of an Orange North of Ireland Peeler doubtless imagines he can make short work of a mere leader of men.

THE Democratic Convention at Cleveland, Ohio, the other day made a very decided bid for Irish support. This may be good tactics, but we prefer to wait further developments.

THERE is nothing just like a sensible, loyal wife, and no one will be more ready to confirm this statement than ex-Alderman McCabe, of boodle horse railway fame. The alderman escaped conviction on the ground of insanity, and was placed by the court in charge of his wife until further orders; a friend being bondsman to the extent of \$20,000.

THE question of the establishment of formal diplomatic relations between England and the Vatican is at the present moment attracting a good deal of attention. The Bishop of Salford has stated that the Government are disposed to come to an arrangement, and would at once take such a step if they believed that it would receive the sanction of the public.

Mgr. Persico's duty is, he says, to find that the Church has been misrepresented and disgraced by the conduct and language of not a few of its priests in Ireland. We feel sure that Mgr. Persico will be inspired by a higher power than the mendacious anti-Catholic organ of the Orange ascendancy party and their sympathizers.

TORY legislation for Ireland is now a laughing stock. What between the Crimes Bill and the Land Bill, they have succeeded in utterly paralysing all law. With all the engines of coercion the landlords find themselves so fixed that if they proceed one way they are sure to lose, if the other way, that they cannot win.

SOME of our western contemporaries are finding food for comment in 'the frightfully unsanitary condition of Montreal, as shown by a comparison of the mortality returns of this city for the month of June last with those of other leading cities of Canada.' The Toronto News observes:

The deaths from all causes out of a population of 200,000 were 716, as compared with 157 for Toronto, with about 120,000 inhabitants, and 145 out of the 75,000 population of Quebec.

THE Sons of England, a recently established secret society, has made great progress in Canadian cities of late; it has become quite a formidable rival of Orangeism among the Protestant youth of our cities and seems to have a practical purpose of boodle at bottom.

IN 'The Present Position of European Politics,' a work of great ability which has just been published, and which is understood to have been written by an ex-Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, there occurs the following passage, which will be interesting to Catholics, especially at the present juncture:

A NEW BLOOM
It would seem that the ecclesiastical institutions of England have undergone an extraordinary change of late. This change comes from within the Established Church and is the direct act of the Church as a self-acting body.

WHEREUPON a writer in the Catholic Times (English) observes:—'Horace says: "Dulce est desipere in loco." So think the English bishops, as it would seem. It is difficult, certainly, to take the Church of England seriously, but if words still have meaning with Anglican Bishops as with humbler folk, how can they reconcile such jubilee talk with the respect due to their 'Supreme Head and Governess,' the Queen?'

MEMORATION of Her Gracious Majesty's coronation the Bishops of the State Establishment do not hesitate in full convocation to turn her oath to 'loathing and contempt,' (1) by publicly belying her most sacred pledges, (2) by formally denying the essential character of the Institution which she and they have sworn to defend.

LAPRAIRIE

Nomination of candidates for the Quebec Legislature took place at Laprairie on Saturday. Mr. Goyette was chosen by the Liberals and Mr. Brisson by the Conservatives.

OTTAWA COUNTY

It is with great pleasure that we learn of the unanimous nomination of Mr. Charles Devlin, of Aylmer, by the National Liberals of Ottawa county as their candidate for the Quebec Legislature.

SOUTH RENFREW

By the lamented death of Mr. Peter Campbell, who so well and ably represented the South Riding of Renfrew in the House of Commons, the electors of that constituency are again called upon to elect a man to represent them.

STATE COLONIZATION

Cardinal Manning has written an article in Murray's Magazine advocating state colonization as a means for relieving poverty and distress in England. The facts of the distress are plain enough. Within the past fifteen years there has been an increase of forty thousand in the number of indoor paupers in England and Wales.

THAT SPECIAL TAX

A very influential deputation waited upon the Provincial Ministers yesterday on a very important matter. Representatives of the leading English and French Canadian banks interrogated the Prime Minister on the question of the special tax inflicted by the former Tory Government on commercial corporations.

that if the ridings to be preserved from becoming a mere cypher in the wretched row of cypers that string along the Ministerial benches at Ottawa, the people must make a determined, vigorous, victorious effort on their own behalf and on behalf of a free parliament and reform government.

A COWARDLY ATTACK

The entirely unwarranted attack on the Hon. Mr. McShane by Le Monde and La Presse, two French-Canadian Tory organs, is only what could be expected from such a source. The pretended cause of the attack is the allegation that the Minister of Agriculture and Public Works is distributing unfairly the patronage at his disposal by giving most of it to his English-speaking friends.

Le Courrier du Canada and other Tory organs have been making malicious personal thrusts at the Minister of Public Works of late, by avowing that he is about to be asked to retire from the Cabinet. The assertion is a silly one, the wish being father to the thought.

The Catholic Times, of Liverpool, approves the project, and says:—'If such a project could be successfully carried out there could assuredly be no difference of opinion as to its utility to the State and the individual. That it is capable of realization should Government take it resolutely in hand is the opinion of a number of eminent men who have of late devoted themselves to the study of the subject.

The entering of so many suits was unnecessary at the time, and a hardship to the corporations, as was then pointed out by the Hon. Mr. Mercier, in Opposition, but his protests were unheeded and over \$100,000 costs were made in the courts.

for food stores to be provided during the early stages of the settlement, would be essential, and the Government is asked to provide the necessary funds by way of loan. To meet this debt the emigrant colonists will be required to undertake to repay by annual instalments the cost of their settlement with interest. With the view, no doubt, of insuring the discharge of their obligations on the part of those who are to receive assistance, it is proposed that the Colonial Governments shall nominate experienced colonists to act for a time as resident superintendents of settlements, and shall establish in each settlement a post office and money receiving house for the reception of payments, with power to enforce payments due, if necessary.

THE COTE ST. PAUL RAILWAY ACCIDENT

The verdict of the Coroner's jury in the case of the lamentable accident is a matter for congratulation on the part of our contemporary, the Witness, and it is worth while, perhaps, to enquire why. The whole of the evidence went to show that all the necessary signals were given by the men employed on the train; that the notice which the railway company are required by law to place at such crossings was conspicuously posted; that the whistle of the locomotive had been redoubled, and, in short, that every condition prescribed by the law had been complied with.

THE FOUNDLING EVIL
Our pious contemporary The Witness made a great plunge last night on the founding question, printing a whole page of matter on the subject, the substance of which appeared weeks ago in The Post. Our pious contemporary, as usual exaggerates, as any sensible reader would at once see. Throughout the whole article not an opportunity was lost to have a fling at the poor Sisters, who, even by its own showing, are doing noble work in spite of the great disadvantages they are under and the ridiculous small amount of money granted them by the Government for the maintenance of foundlings.

THE Provincial Government have now taken the matter into consideration. The Hon. Mr. McShane informed a representative of The Post some days ago that it was the Prime Minister's and his intention to take immediate steps to put a stop to a state of things which has been a disgrace to our common humanity.