



EDITORIAL NOTES.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY approaches and with it bright anticipations of a grand celebration. Extensive preparations are being made by the various societies and we expect to witness an exceptionally grand commemoration of Ireland's Patron Saint on Monday next. As at Christmas, Easter and other occasions friends like to send cards, gifts, or tokens of attachment to those who are absent, so on St. Patrick's Day many of our readers may desire to forward to absent relatives or acquaintances some fitting memento of the day we celebrate. Thus, while away from the scenes of enjoyment, these friends may, to a degree, participate in the spirit of the occasion. Never before, in the history of Canada, was there a finer and more suitable St. Patrick's Day Souvenir than that which the TRUE WITNESS presents this year. Already we have stated that the issue is limited. It was a most costly venture, and being the first of its kind, the management decided not to risk too much in publishing an oversupply. But, considering the rate at which orders are coming in, we advise all who are anxious to have copies to secure them at their earliest convenience. We are perfectly aware that before the celebration is over we will be without a single copy left. Therefore we repeat our advice to the public—"first come, first served."

WE LEARN, with pleasure, that our friend Rev. Rabbi Veld, has been appointed chaplain, for the Hebrew section, in the St. Vincent de Paul Penitentiary and the Montreal prison. It is the first time that such an appointment has been made in Canada. Several, however, exist in England. Rabbi Veld is a man of deep learning, fine intellect and remarkable eloquence; he is, moreover, a student of all the great questions of the day, and on more than one occasion, both in public and in private, has given expression to some very high tributes to our Church and to the hierarchy and clergy of Rome. We heartily congratulate him on his appointment.

DALTON MCCARTHY argues that there should be no interference with Provincial legislation, for there should be no coercion of the province, because the Dominion has jurisdiction. What about the coercion of the minority in that Province simply because the majority has the power? It is no injustice for a big fellow of twenty to hammer the life out of a little boy of ten; but it would be undue interference were the father of the little boy to come to his rescue and save the child. This is McCarthyism or rather Daltonian logic.

DALTON claims that the passage of the School act, by the Manitoba legislature, proves that Manitoba is unanimously in favor of it. If so, how does he account for the petition of the minority? Does

the fact of the Dominion Government imposing a protective tariff prove that there are none in the country who are opposed to the same? Does the fact of the Ontario Government enacting a law show that Ontario is unanimously in favor of that law? If so there is no need of an Opposition in either House, since the act of a Government, according to Mr. McCarthy, is *ipso facto* unanimously approved of by the whole population. The man is certainly taking leave of whatever common sense he ever possessed.

HERE is another characteristic statement. Mr. McCarthy argues that "there are so few Catholics in Manitoba that the injustice would be very small." This is the man who attempted to criticise Catholic philosophy as expounded by the Jesuits, when he advocated the opposite cause—the interference of the Dominion

wrestle with that gentleman upon a fair field of argument! With all his renown as lawyer, his cunning as a pleader, we feel that, in the words of O'Connell, we could "drive a coach and four" through the fragile fabric of his arguments. It is mysterious to us how, in all the House of Commons, no person has collared and logically downed him long ago.

THE Right Reverend Charles Gordon, S.J., is Bishop of Jamaica. He is the only Jesuit Bishop in the Western Hemisphere. It is a rare thing for a Jesuit to become a Bishop. Members of the Order never accept any honors of the class unless in obedience to a direct command from the Pope. It appears that all the priests in Jamaica, with one exception, are Jesuits, consequently the Holy Father deemed it expedient to appoint a member of the Order to the See. Bishop Gordon has been recently in New

her fortune; she was sufficiently talented and attractive to secure a couple of years musical instruction in Paris; she came back, probably filled with the idea that she would be hailed as *prima donna*, a second Albani; she did not calculate upon the obstacles that even the greatest artists and singers have to surmount; she did not bound into a long-cherished fame as she had expected; she had not the patience to wait for success; so she probably devised this means of securing notoriety—when the fame did not come. And this venture is not only a failure, but it effaces all chances of the long-dreamed of triumphs.

IT IS REPORTED from Rome, that the Pope is preparing an encyclical letter denouncing the anti-Semitic agitation in Europe. Cardinal Schoenborn came to Rome some weeks ago to speak with His Holiness concerning Jew-baiting in Austria. It is evident that the aged, but ever youthful, Pontiff, has sympathies that are not limited to the children of one race or of one creed only; in the fullest sense of the word is Leo XIII. Catholic, truly universal. His eye seems to take in every object upon the horizon of the present, and his judgment is unerring in its suggestions to action.

THE annual meeting of the Banque du Peuple, which took place on Monday, the fourth, and a report of which will be found in this issue, was most satisfactory to the shareholders. The net earnings of nine and a quarter per cent. are shown, which enabled the bank to pay seven per cent. dividend and carry the sum of \$30,280 to profit and loss, bringing that item up to \$42,857. In consideration of the uncertain state of trade the bank acted wisely in carrying the surplus earnings to profit and loss instead of the reserve, which now stands at fifty per cent. of the capital. Despite the wave of commercial depression that has swept over the markets of the world, the Banque du Peuple has held its own and has come out of the year in a most flourishing condition. Great credit is due to Mr. Bousquet for his able management of affairs. We can also congratulate the bank on having finally settled down in the magnificent new building. It is one of the very finest structures in Montreal.

A LEARNED Protestant professor and author has recently discovered that Julian the Apostate was a Jesuit. This is something wonderful. The discoveries of Guileo, Torrencelli, Newton, and even Ignatius Donnelly—each in his own sphere—fade before this exceptionally important one. Before long some learned ramsacker of history will find documentary evidence to prove that David was a Jesuit; otherwise there is no explanation of the fact that he slew the giant of the Phillistines with a pebble from his sling. In fact Moses must have been a Jesuit; was it not he who brought about the plagues? and was he not the law-giver of Israel?

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with the Provincial action of Quebec. How small, sir, must an injustice be in order that it may be considered just? What is your standard? How many individuals must unjustly suffer before the act causing them to suffer can be regarded as unjust? Must there be ten thousand, or five thousand, or one thousand, or five hundred, or one hundred unjustly treated people in order to constitute an act of injustice? If there should be only one individual who suffers, is the act less unjust, less tyrannical, less unconstitutional? Come now, Dalton—with your legal erudition, since you have no philosophy—how extensive must a robbery be in order that it may be considered a crime? How many men is it necessary to kill in order to be guilty of murder? The sage advocate has dug the pit with his own hands. When he states that "the injustice would be very small," he says plainly that an injustice, however limited in its effects, exists and has been perpetrated. Now, is Mr. Dalton McCarthy prepared to admit that he takes a fee and pleads the cause of an injustice—be it ever so infinitesimal? How we would like to have one good

York. The island of Jamaica forms part of the ecclesiastical province of New York, as far as the Jesuit Order is concerned.

NOT A FEW have been plying us with questions regarding a recently announced change of religion, and public renunciation of the Catholic Faith, which took place in Ottawa. There is no secret about the matter. Miss Agnes Duhamel is the niece of the good and beloved Archbishop of Ottawa. There is no mystery about the affair; the course taken by the girl in no way affects those with whom she is related; she is long since of age, and has long been mistress of her own actions. Moreover, for all who know that young lady, there is nothing surprising in the fact of her changing her religion. That she partook of Communion in a Protestant church is not wonderful, seeing that such communion does not demand a previous confession, nor does it include any of the restrictions which the Church of Rome imposes upon all who approach her altars. The fact of the matter is, that Miss Duhamel was under the impression that her voice was