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### PUBLISHER'S NOTICE.

The next issue of the CATHOLIC SHELD will appear on the 20th of March or thereabouts, and will be a double (March and April) number. As it will be the last of Vol. I, and the present Publisher's responsibility will end therewith, he has decided not to receive new subscriptions after date. Prompt payment is expected of all subscribers to Vol. I.

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## EVENTS OF THE MONTH.

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The third session of the fourth Parliament of Ontario was opened on January 12th. The following day the House began discussing the reply to the Lieutenant Governor's Speech from the Throne (this is a great country for thrones) and continued hard at it until the 27th, just a fortnight, when it passed after votes on two amendments, showing a large majority for the Government. During this long and tedious debate, the question of Free Trade versus Protection was dilated on by speakers on both sides, with just as much earnestness as if it were within the province of their legislation. Mr. Nowat's policy concerning the Boundary Award will likely be supported by the whole province. His grabling policy in re the Mercer case is not approved by many friends of his administration.

Nova Scotia legislators were also convened for the transaction of business on January 19th. The province by the sea has caught the Railway fever, and a Syndicate of speculators is to be called in to bleed the public purse. One day sufficed the "Blue-noses" for the consideration of the Address, as they evidently meant work, not talk. One paragraph in the Lieutenant Governor's Speech cannot tail to interest Oscar Wilde and the big Sunflower school. It is that in which His Honor states, that "the Art Exhibition which took place in the city of Halifax last summer, under the patronage of His Excellency the Governor General, will no doubt be productive of good result in the development of taste and refinement among our people."

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The jury trying Guiteau did not take long to arrive at a unanimons opinion that he was guilty of murder in the first degree. If the public hang-man could once get his hands on the murderer, he would do his duty with equal dispatch. But it appears that the end is not so near. There is a question of jurisdiction and several nice points of law to be first disposed of, and the blasphemous wretch may yet die a natural death.

Another wholesale slaughter charged to drink. New York State politicians, drunk and disorderly on a Hudson River Railway train, brought the cars to a sudden stop at Spuyten Duyvil, where no stoppage was expected. Another train running close behind, receiving no signal of the obstruction, plunged into the rear parlor car with terrible effect. Nine passengers were killed, and an unknown number injured, some of them fatally. Among the dead was the well known Jesuit missionary, Father Marechal, and Senator Wagner of "Wagner Coach" fame. The culprits escaped.

The Corporation of Dublin by a vote of 28 to 18 refused to pass the customary vote of thanks to Dr. Moyers, the retiring Lord Mayor, in consequence of his refusal to convene a special meeting to confer the freedom of the city on Parnell and Dillon. The newly elected Council, under the presidency of Lord Mayor Dawson, passed the resolution conferring the freedom of city on these gentlemen by a vote of 29 to 22. The city of Cork unanimously conferred the same honor on