Mercier and His Colleagues Enthusiastically Received.

LAST NIGHT'S DEMONSTRATION.

The New Ministers Escorted in "rimmph to the Bonsecours uni.

Speeches on Behalf of the Popular Candidate, Mr. H. J. Cloran.

Fall Report of the Meeting-Mr. Cloran's Address-Ron. Wilfred Laurier Arraigus the Government at Ottawa-Hon. Mr. Mercier's Brilliant Speech-A Grand Rally.

The arrival of the Provincial Premier, accompanied by two of his colleagues, on Thursday last, was made the occasion of a popular demonstration. Long before the arrival of the train from Quebec the Canadian Pacific Railway station, Dalhousie Square, was crowded with citizens eager to welcome the great Liberal leader, the Hon. Honore Mercier, and two of his cabinet, the Honorables James McShane and Geo. Duhamel. The train was about a half an hour late and the delay served to increase the crowd which thickly lined the revetment wall, overlooking the railway track. About nine o'clock Le Canadien Snowshoe Club arrived with their band. The snowshoers were about 175 strong, in costume. Meanwhile the meeting in the interest of the popular young candidate in Montreal Centre, Mr. H. J. Oloran, was in progress, the old Bon-secours Hall being crowded with a large and representative gathering of the electors of the East and Centre Divisions, and other citizens of the divisions, which event kept many away from the depot who would otherwise have been present.

THE RECEPTION.

The crowd assembled in the railway station in the meantime waited patiently the arrival of the train. Among those present our re-porter noticed the following gentlemen:— The President of Le Canadien, Mr. A. Dorion, I. A. Beauvais, Senator Thibaudeau, W. H. Parent, T. Reaugrand, Thomas Gauthier, Ald. Malone, Dennie Barry, Major Atkinson, Hugh McCroady, J. K. Ward, William Rutherford, E. Barcean, F. A. Quinn, M. Sternbeig, J. E. Deelaurier, N. Larivier, Dr. E Lalonde, Dr. Demers, Arthur Larin, A.

for a general display. The Hon. Mr. Mercier was the first to step on the platform, followed closely by the Hon. James McShane, Hon. Geo. Duhamel, Hon. Mr. Marchand, Hon. Cheer after cheer followed their appearance,

while the band played "Vive la Canadienne." Mr. A Dorion then approached and read an address of welcome, assuring him of the best wishes of the club whatever their political creed. Each of the new ministers was then presented with immense bouquets.

In response, the Hon. Mr. Mercier de-would triumph on livered a short speech in which he expressed prolonged cheers.)

The Ministers then entered sleighs, accompanied by Messrs. Robidoux, M.P.P., Lareau, M.P.P., Lafontaine, M.P.P., Boyer, M.P.P., and other prominent gentlemen. The display of fireworks now increased, and the snowshoers falling into line, headed by their band, started the procession, taking the route up Notre Dame street, to St. Lambert Hill to St. James street and around Place d'Armes Square by Notre Dame. Jacques Cartier and St. Paul streets to the Bonsecours Hall. A large crowd surged around the carriages containing the new ministers, who were repeatedly choered en route. Special displays of fireworks were also made at different points. The carriage containing Mr. McShane was laden with enthusiastic friends.

THE BONSECOURS HALL.

On arrival at the Bonsecours Hall the entrance of the distinguished party was the signal for an evation. The hall was literally packed, and it was with difficulty that the hon, gentlemen could reach the stage. The enthusianm knew no bounds when Hon. Mr. Mercier and his colloagues stepped on the platform, the cheering lasting for several minutes.

THE MEETING.

preside. Among those on the platform were: Hon. Wilfred Laurier, Mr. J. K. Ward, George Horne, James Stawart, J. B. Lane, P. M. Sauville, Carrol Ryan, of Ottawa; Wilsiam Rutterford, L. A. W. Proulx (President), and Messrs. J. C. Dubreuil and H. C. St. Pierre, of the Letellier Club, and several others.

While the meeting was awaiting the arrival of the distinguished visitors, Ald. Perreault, the chairman, called upon Mr. H. J. Cloran, the popular candidate, to address the electors.

Mr. Cloran, upon coming forward, was geested with enthusiastic cheers and applause. He was suffering from a severe cold, but revertheless managed to speak at great length, first in French and then in English. After thanking the meeting for the reception accorded him, he expressed the honor he felt in being selected the standard bearer of the Opposition in the Centre Division, and with their assistance he would do all in his power to secure a grand victory on the 22ad for the cause of good and honest government, represented in the person of the Hon. Edward (Cheers.) Now that the dishonest Govern-Blake (cheers) and the Opposition. The ment of Quebec had been removed another Blake (cheers) and the Opposition. The ment of Quebec had been removed another crusade now undertaken by the Opposition in task was at hand, and the Commons and out of it had the hearty the Commons and lout of it had the hearty

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by pure motives, replace at the helm of affairs; the political tribiator John A Macdonald. (Applace.). Mr. Blace was a man of honor, and would not conduct a government as Sir John did, to please the boys," as he put it. The time had now come when the "boodle brigade and Macdonaldism" must vanish, and the time and place to sacrifice both was at the polls on the 22nd inst. (Appleuse.) Sir John had shown that he had lost the public confidence; and that he House. (Hear, hear.) The present was not a movement against any particular race or creed, or the interests of any race or creed; the movement was perfectly constitutional and based upon justice in so far as it was a movement which was waged against a Government which had done. wrong. Mr. Cloran then gave some figures, showing the expenditure made by the present Government, and said that he condemned such extravagance, because a great deal of the money had gone into the pockets of the boodle brigade. The duty of all the electors present was to condemn the present system of corruption, and this they could help to do by signing against Mr. Curran, ("Oui!") Oui!") a man who had sacrificed the interests of his own countrymen to please a party such as that of Sir John. (Shame.) The speaker then referred to the recent articles in The Mail, and said it was all very well for Sir. John to repudiate any responsibility for them, but the people had their opinions. It was now time to teach a lesson to these fanatic spirits, and to strike a blow as had done Ontario province when the "No Popery cry was raised, and thus teach asalutary lesson the present Government. (Hear, hear.) If they did not do this they would not be men of heart, and they would be wanting in courage and in respect for their Province. All along the line they must condemn the Government: (Applause.) If elected, as he had every reason to believe he would, he would give Mr. Blake a fair and loyal support. Mr. Blake had said at the Queen's Hall that he was in favor of Reform of the Senate and Labor Reform, and if he came into power, as he would (cheers), he would remove all obstructions to the interest of the workingmen in this country. Convict labor must not come in contact with honest labor. (Hear, hear.) Immigration agents and their tactics in getting the Government to spend millions and millions of dollars for pamphlets which were of no use and brought no benefit to the country, must be looked after. He (the speaker) was in favor of the principle to allow labor to organize, and not like Sir John had done in 1872, when he discharged engineers because they wanted to organize. (honte-shame!) He would see that the protective tariff was maintained; that injustices of all kinds were removed; that the affairs of the North-West and the country generally were properly administered ; that the people's money was not used to assist outsiders to enter the country to compete with the workingmen. and that invested capital was protected. He strongly condemued the tactics of his opponent in attempting to induce em-ployers of luber to enerce their employes Masson, Dr. Demers, Arthur Larin, A. players of labor to coerce their employes of Masson, Dr. J. E. Rotiot, H. Boisseau, A. Leblanc, A. Foisy, W. Chenier, Nap. Lalonde, Nap. Cusson, A. Provost, Nap. Cardinal, G. O. Charlebois, E. Martin and Dr. Later Ladac Arthur Larin, C. Martin and Dr. Later Ladac Arthur Larin, A. players of labor to coerce their employes to vote for him. There must be no coercion of the employer over the employe. Corrain had been invited to meet him in public meeting, but had declined. (Greans, and Nap. Cardinal, G. O. Charlebois, E. Mar-quette, Dr. Jos. Leduc, A. Goyer, P. H. Valiquette, — Dufresne, M. Heelan, M. Nolan, Hugh Gallagher, Louis Perraul, F. Auley, John E. McShane, W. Durack, Louis Perraul, B. Proprietors to force their employes to support him as Curren had done (honte—shame.) As the train stramed into the station the were. He had no need to go to air was rent with choers. An immense rocket factories to make men vote for him. shot suddenly skywards, which was the signal | When he wanted the popular vote he went before the people. (Applause.) He would be ready to annul all previous engagements to gratify Mr. Curran if he was asked to meet him on a public platform, but he had no Mr. DeBouchervile, Messrs. Laviolette, Berdesire to follow him around through nard, and several other prominent gentlemen. back lanes and alleys and into factories to hear what he had to say. (Hear, hear.) The speaker then quoted two cases of attempted intimidation on the part of Mr. Curran's friends and showed how such acts were only doing him good. The speaker said he was not ashamed of the principles he unheld, and he had no doubt but what they would triumph on election day. (Loud and

HON, MR. LAURIER'S SPEECH. Loud ories were now made for Hon. Mr. Laurier, and when the silver tongued orator stepped to the front he me. with quite an ovation. His elequent address had great effect, and his telling remarks against the Macdonald administration were frequently interrupted by applause. He opened by stating that he did not forget that but a few weeks ago he had the honor of addressing the citizens of Montreal in the same hall, and he was grateful for the very enthusiastic reception which was given him then and now. When he had addressed them it was on the morrow of the great triumph scored by Mr. Mercier and the friends of honest government in Quebec. (Cheers.) Then it was that the Government had elected 27 of its supporters and the Opposition 38; then it was supposed that the administration would have had the decency to submit to the popular verdict, but the people were mistaken. Little did they imagine that for three whole months would the beaten Ministry cling to power, and by its friends put into play the most bare-faced attempts of bribery and corruption ever carried on in a free country (shame) to induce the representatives of the people to forget their duties to the electors. Cheers.) The Ministerial organs persisted The meeting had been opened about eight in claiming a majority when everybody was o'clock, Ald. Perrault being called upon to aware that the contrary was the fact. Mr. Jules Tessier, the popular young representa-tive from Portneuf, and Mr. Gagnon, the H. J. Cloran, Alderman Hamelin, Messrs. staunch Liberal member fron Kamouraska. were both slandered in the most indecent manner. (Shame.) The Ross-Tailon ministry had temptors at every door, and when they knocked at Mr. Laroobelle's they were admitted. He was given \$2,000 to betray the trust placed in him. And what did he do? Why, he returned half to his would-be bribers and punished them by keeping the remainder as slight compensation for the insult they had inflicted upon him by considering him capable of such treason as they desired him to commit. (Lenghter and cheers.) So all their attempts had failed, and they waited until the moment when they were constitutionally driven from power. (Cheers.) Now the people of the Province had the Government of their choice, and the Hon. Mr. Meroier had formed a Cabinet which was an eminently representative one. (Applause.) He (Mr. Laurier) was glad to see that faith had been kept with the National Concervatives and

THE OTTAWA GOVERNMENT

that they were given a fair representation.

ous of seeing an eminent statesmen like must be driven away. (Lond applause.) The ddress. He said that it was with no small life, Blake, a man of principle actuated time had now arrived and he strongly degree of emotion that he had entered Mon-

November, 1886 (applause), to bring about and Mr. Chapleau, were unworthy of the conthe downfall of Sir John. He would smain fidence and support of honest, right thinking. the downfall of Sir John. He would remain in the field, and nothing would give him patriotic Conservatives. (Tremendous apgresser pleasure than to be able to give his) plause.) They had violated all their promises wote against Sir John on the floor of the and had sacrificed all the convictions and printed. (Hear, hear.) The present was not copies of Conservatives worthy of the name. ministers were mere tool in the hauds of Sir John, and instanced the fact that in Sir John, who was in favor of maintaining it. (Applause.) He then stated that as he alto them now. Concerning the public expenditure, a crime had been made to the Mackenzie administration because it had increased it by \$44,000,000, for which, however, they were only responsible to the extent of \$9,000,000. The Conservatives had promised to reduce it, and had increased it by \$106,000,000. Last year alone an in-crease of \$12,000,000 had been made, independent of \$3,000,000 expenditure caused by the rebellion. Referring to the Franchise Act, Mr. Laurier said that the Government were really ashamed to own/up the expenditure involved by this inquitous legislation. (Shame.) Already they had appointed 633 new employes under its provisions and had expended \$300,000 for printing the lists. (Cries of shame.) He charged the Government with having maintained itself in power since 1879 for the sole purpose of enefiting themselves and their friends. Many of the members of the House nad been corrupt ed and were now mere slaves in the Gozernment's hands, (Shame.) These members had been bought over by concessions of Crown lands, ranch lines, timber limits, and mining rights. They were no longer free to do their duty. Several of those who had promised to vote down the Government had been unable to do so because they were bound down. (Shame.) Among those who had received concessions and grents of different kinds were Mr. Montplaisir, the ex M.P. for Champlain, who was now forced to retire. (Cheers.) J. B. Daoust, ex.M.P. for I'wo Mountains, who would be defeated. (Cheers.) L. H. Massie, M. P. for Richelieu, who had been driven away from public life. (Applause). F. Vanaese, ex.M. P. for Yamuska (groans and hisses), who siter promising to vote against the Government bad turned over for printing obtained for his newspaper, Le Monde. (Growne.) Hon. J. H. Pope, who, apart from receiving a large bonus for his International Railway, had speculated extensively in the North-West. Sir A. P. Caron (groans and hissea), who had received concessions. Valin, who, he was sorry to state, represented a county not far away from the ratrictic City of Quebec (applause), and E.I. Farrar, the editor of The Mail, who tooeived his salary from the Conservative Association to insult the Catholics of Canada. (Groans) Mr. Laurier concluded an el-quent address by sneering at the idea that the Mail was no longer the organ of the party. The Mail's campaign had the hearty support of Sir John and the Tories of Ontario, and it had been repudiated only for the form. The Mail, in its Isaue of the 5th of January last, published a bust of Sir John, stating that it should be found in the households of all Conservatives. (Jeers.) That showed whether the Mail was in sympathy with Sir John or not. (Applause.) The time had come for the electors of Quebec to drive the

> Mr. Carroll Ryan, of Ostawa, was then called upon to speak, and said he liked to be a bearer of good news and could tell them that the Liberal cause in Ottawa, supported as it was by English, Irish, French and Soutch, would go to victory on the 22nd. On that day the political capital will send to you a word that will lift high hearts, and these will be words of triumph. From here, the commercial capital, the answer will be sent back, he felt assured, that Mr. Blake would obtain three supporters in Montreal. He was very much pleased to be able to speak in favor of Mr. Cloran. It had been said that the popular candidate was a young man. He was a believer in young men. The young men were the men of the future. In Mr. Cloran they had a young man belonging to and brought up in their city. He was a man of unsullied character and in every way a representative of the people. (Applause.) By returning him they would enter a protest against those who had done things on the floor of the House contrary to what Mr. Cloran would have done were he in their places. (Hear, hear.) As regarded the working classes, he might say that the workingman did not want work only. He looked for what his labor produces. In Western Canada the working-men had given an answer to Sir John by nominating three labor candidates to support Mr. Blake-one from East Toronto, another from Hamilton and a third from London. This was the answer of the workingmen to Sir John, and their determination to see labor established on a broader and fairer basis under Liberal auspices. It was a peculiarity of Sir John, said the speaker, that he did not take us all into his confidence. He worked on us by sections and divisions and on the principle of factions. His was not a Government of the people, it was one that appealed only to our prejudices. Neither Hon. Mr. Blake nor Hon. Mr. Laurier addressed themselves to the passions or prejudices of the people. (Applause.) To the French he gave leaders of his own choosing for the Irish he selected a pliable representa-tive; blind shares secured the Orange dirtorate, and so on. If they looked at the records placed before Parliament, they could see that the Government used their power simply to amass wealth, while they taxed the electors unmercitully. The necessaries of the poor, in fact, were now taxed more than the luxuries of the rich. They were now on the eve of a great change, and the country must be purified of boodlers and Macdonaldism. In conclusion, he made another appeal to those present to support Mr. Cloran's candidarure, and resumed his seat amid applause.
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> Mr. P. M. Sauvalle also made a stirring and eloquent address, endorsing all that had

Boodle Brigade from nower, and he hoped that on the 22ad of February Mr. Coran

would be elected by a handsome majority.

MR. CARROLL RYAN.

(Great applause.)

amid great cheering and waving of hats and aticks. HON. MR. MERCIER'S SPEECH.

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was about to conclude, Mr. Mercier entered

When this outburst of popular enthusiasm

by pure motives, replace at the helm of specified to the National Conservatives and stairs the political trickster John A the Conservatives who were still in ministerial ranks to rise superior to party ties and left it with his colleagues, then members of a man of honor, and would not conduct a rescue the country while it was still time. Conservatives to resput their flag from the Opposition. He considered that the degree was not boys, as he put it. The time had now come honest Conservatives to resput their flag from when the "boodle brigade and Macdonald-the pirates who had disgraced it; and the National cause. When he had ism "must vanish, and the time and place to Centre Division could not do this better than the National cause. When he had ism "must vanish, and the time and place to Centre Division could not do this better than by voting for Mr. Cloren, a Conservative like enthusiastically by the patricite citizens of themselves. (Cheers.) Greater joy would be the Ancient Capital. (Bravo Quebec and brought to the Liberal party by the conversion of some aluner than by the persistence of scarcely entered the hells of the Legislature did not merit it anylonger. This was why sion of one sinner than by the persistence of scarcely entered the helis of the Legislature he (the speaker) was now in the fight, and 199 just. (Laughter.) The leaders of the when thirty-six patriots rose from their seats why he started into the fight on the 18th of Conservative party, Sir Hector, Sir Adolph and voted the overthrow of the guilty. Conservative party, Sir Hector, Sir Adolph and voted the overthrow of the guilty and Mr. Chapleau, were unworthy of the con-Government. (Loud applause). It was a fidence and support of honest, right thinking, great spectacle to witness, they who had been in a minority for many years becoming a majority and voting the deathblow to the usurpers then in power. In spite of the rules of the House the citizens who crowded the (Applause.) Mr. Laurier held that the Quebeo galleries cheered the downfall of the Government. It had afforded him infinite pleasure to have been enabled, together with 1878 they had promised the people to do his colleagues, to place in the Speaker's chair away with the Supreme Court, and when an eminent citizen of the Province, a mon of they came into power they had to submit to letters and loyal friend, the Hon. Felix Marcand. (Applause.) As he (Mr. Mercier) had been given carte blanche by his colleagues. he rose ready had addressed them on the leading and enquired of Mr. Taillon if the Province questions of the day, he would merely rofer had a Government or not. That gentleman refused to answer, and the Opposition proclaimed that it had no Government. It was comical, if not sorrowful, to see the condition of these men. They had been invited to go to Spencer Wood for dinner, and they couldn't adjourn the House unless we let them. (Prolonged applause and laughter.) To give the Government another emphatic condemnation, he had opposed the adjournment of the House, which was asked by Mr. Taillon. On a point of order raised by Mr. Gagnon, he (Mr. Mercier) had moved the adjournment of the House. (Applause.) In the evening he had gone to Spencer Wood, and though one of the ministers had told him that they would stay in power as long as they could, he was entrusted by the Lieut. Governor with the honorable task of forming a ministry. (Applause.) On Thursday morning he set to work, and on Saturday the task was accomplished.

> A CONSERVATIVE CONSPIRACY. Mr. Mercier then stated he was sorry to

say that he had been obliged to contend with

a conspiracy among the Protestant Conserva-tives, who did all in their power to prevent him securing a Protestant representative in the ministry. (Cries of "Shame.") Had he formed a cabinet without a Protestant they would be the very first men to 11 ame him. The fair minded Protestant citizens of Queber were aware of the conspiracy, and condemned it as shameful. (Hear, bear.) He (Mr. Mercier) was bound to form a cabinet representative of all nationalities and creeds, and he thought he had succeded. (Cheers.) In the critical position in which he had been placed he remembered a gentleman who had written to him congratulating him on his success and offering assistance when it was needed. He called on that gentleman and said to him, "I have no portfolio to offer you, nor have I a seat in the Legislature for you, but I can find you one in the Legislative Council." "That will do, he answere, I am with you." That gentleman is one of the most liberal-minded Protestant citizens in the province—the Hon. David Ross. (Great applause) it was not for him to eulogize his Cubinet, but he could say that he had surmounted all obstacles, and that the new Cabinet was an honor to the province. With regard to his ailies, the National Conservatives, he thought he had kept his word. (Applause). He had not forgotten three of the most prominent among them, Mesers, Pelletier, Dahamel and Garneau. Mr. Dahamel had been defeated by fanaticism; the Liberals of Iberville elected him as their representative. (Applause). The Hon. Mr. Remillard, the only Liberal in the Legislative Council, has resigned his seat to make room for the Hon. Mr. Garnesu. (Loud applance.) An hour phrasoology of the curse was, 'By the authorafter Mr. Garnean was sworn as a member of the Cabinet Council, he had offered Apostles and Martyrs, and all the saints in a portfolio to Mr. Pelletier, but that gentleman had generously made way so as liberties, and, secretly or openly, by deed, not to embarrass him. (Applause.) word or counsel, do make statutes or observe He would ask the Liberals of Montreal if them being made, against said liberties, are they approved his action. (Great cheering.) Mr. Gagnon was loyal and a hard worker. and had been taken in to represent his district. The Treasury had been given to Mr. Shehvn, one of the best men for the position in the Province. (Applause.) And the Irish representative was Mr. McShane. (Treniendous applause and oheers for Mr. Mc-Shane.) Mr. McShane had always been a staunth friend in the darkest days. (Cheers.) With characteristic generosity Mr. McShane had offered to make way for another, but he would not allow him to do so. (Applause.) The Irish people were entitled to a representative and he had been given an important portfolio. (Applause.) The Hon. Mr. Turcotte had been taken in to represent the district. (Applause.) The task was now completed and the Cabinet would now set to work to meet the House and he had no doubt but that it would meet with the approval of the people and the majority of both Houses. Applause.) Now that the national honor was avenged at Quebec it must be avenged at Ottawa. (Cheers.) The guilty ones have been punished at Quebec; those of Ottawa must come next. He hoped the Centre Division would elect Mr. Cloran by a large

majority. (Cheers.) For his part he would come and cast his ballot for Mr. Cloras, and he hoped all right thinking men would do the same. (Tremendous cheers.) HON. MR. M'SHANE. Hon. Mr. McShane, on coming forward in esponse to loud calls, received an ovation, He thanked the meeting for their kind recep-tion, expressing his satisfaction that the same feeling existed at Montreal as at Quebec. The province now had at its head a man who was a credit to the French Canadians and to the country at large. (Cheers.) He (the speaker) felt that the Irish Catholics were conored in having a representative in the Cabinet, especially as the portfolio placed at their disposal was one of the most important ones. (Cheers) Although he intended watching their interest the people could rest assured that he would do his duty to all classes. In a few days more the boodle press which had done all it could to defeat the popular will, would be attended to (applause). Though he would stand by his countrymen or all occasions, he would not forget he was the representative of all classes. (Cheers.)
Owing to illness, Hon. Mr. Duhame left

the hall early, not being able to speak. After a short address from Mr. Lemieux, of La Patrie, the meeting closed with cheers for Hon. Mesers. Laurier, Mercier and the popular candidate, Mr. H. J. Cloran.

Holloway's Pills and Ointment are particular ly recommended to persons who have to pass their lives in confined and crowded places; huntheir lives in conined and crowded piaces; nundreds of thousands of our fellow creatures toil from morning until evening in factories and workshops to the detriment of their health, and the deterioration of the race. They suffer in consequence from indigestion, flattlence and want of appetite, and these complaints, if negative the state of t been said in favor of Mr, Cloran, and urging the deterioration of the race. They suffer in consequence from indigestion, flatrience and want of appetite, and these complaints, if neglected, bring about recrousness and failure of the vital powers. Holloway's remedies can be used by such sufferers to their very great advantage, as they are mild in action, and certain in their effects. No one nied therefore lose a day's work when using them, a matter of consequence to those whose daily bread depends on daily toil,

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BE-POLICED IRELAND.

The Pall Mall Gazette, in an editorial comment, says :- 'The word 'priest-ridden' is not unfrequently applied to Ireland. Would not 'police-ridden' be a more appropriate one to a country where the proportion of the Roman Catholic clergy is as to 1,178 of the Roman Catholic laity, where the proportion of police is 1 to 236 inhabitants of that denomination. The law of the land would appear mathematically to be better enforced than the law of God. Yet the people are more firmly attached to their faith and its ministers than any other race on the face of the globe. In 1881 the pro-portion of policemen to the population of Ireand was 1 to 308. As members of the army and navy are expected to assist the civi force in case of necessity, coastguerds having anecial duties to perform in securing compliaves with the law, we find that the civil, mil tiry and naval torces combined give a proportion of 1 to every 208 residents in Ireland. On the other haus, there is but one minister of religion (without distinction of creed) to every 735 inhabitante. However, the most practical way of illustrating the abnormal activity of the law in Ireland is to confine our figures to the total number of males between fifteen and seventy years of age, on the principles that it is only between those ages and among that sex we may look for effective law-breakers. We then find that there is one policeman to every eighty-nine possible offenders, or taking the united service into consideration, 1 to 311. Surely a happy exposition of the mutual relationship between the governing and the governed.'

### OBITUARY.

Drummendville has just lost one of its most respectable citizens in the death of Mr. James Meagher, at the age of 68. This excellent gentleman was during his life a real representative of that race of men rapidly becoming extinct, viz., a true Irish Catholic, Long will the remembrance of his sterling virtues and qualities as a citizen be cherished in Drummondville. Mr. Meagher was brother-in law to the Mesers. McCaffrey, the great lumber merchants of Nicolet. He leaves a wife and six children to mourn his loss. One of the latter is Dr. Hugh Meagher, of Windsor Mills, and another Mr. J. C. Meagher, of Sherbrooke, -Com.

A FAIR PROPOSITION.

There could be no offer more fair than that of the proprietors of Hagyard's Yellow Oil, who have long offered to refund every cent expended for that remedy if it fails to give satisfaction on fair trial for rheumatism, neuralgia, sore throat and all painful complaints.

"THE WORK OF A CATHOLIC ARCH. BISHOP."

Some time ago we remarked that more was eccomplished for the libertics of English speaking peoples by Archbishop Stephen de Langton and the Catholic Bishops and nobles who wrested the Magna Charta from King John at Runneymede than by any subsequent revolution. How dear to the hearts of once Catholic England were the principles embodied in this precious document may be seen by the following article, taken from Monday's Daily News, entitled, "Modern Charter

Breakers':
"The veneration in which the principles of the Magna Charta were held in England is well illustrated by certain ceremonies which were appliently observed in the days before the Reformation. Twice a year, as history informs us, in the great Hall of Westminater, in the presence of British royalty and nobility, the Bishops in their pontifical robes, by the light of the burning tapers, pronounced the greater excommunica-tion against those who infringed the provisions of that instrument. The ity of the Almighty God, and the blessed accursed and sequestered from the company of Heaven and the Sacrament of the Holy Ghost.

"Such a curse to-day probably would not inspire the terror it did six hundred years igo. Yet it is interesting, as showing the sanctity with which, even in middle ages, the butwark of liberties was regarded. It was with regard to this curse of the Charter-breakers that the gentle William Penn said : 'I am no Roman Catholic, and little value their other curses; but I would not for the world incur this curse, as every man deservedly does who offers violence to the fundamental freedom thereby repeated and confirmed.

"Centuries have rolled away since that curse was last pronounced, yet the principles of that document have survived the ages, and inspired the civilization of a new world. However little or great weight may be attached to ecclesiastical anathemas, the spirit that invoked Omnipotent wrath upon all who dared to infringe popular liberties is as inspiring tolay as it was in the thirteenth century. Portland Catholic Sentinel.

AN OBSTINATE CASE.

"In the spring of '83 I was nearly dead, as My trouble was caused by obstinate continuation. One bottle of Burdock Blood Bitters cured me entirely." This statement is made by Walter Stinson, of Gorrie, Ont.

PLEASED WITH PARNELL.

LONDON, Fcb. 2 .- The Liberals are pleased with the Parnell amendment to the address. considering it moderate in tone and skilfuliy worded. The Chamberlain group will hold aloot from the division on the amendment.

OUICK RELIEF. "One bottle of Hagyard's Pectoral Balsam cured me of a sore throat and loss of voice.
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