

th-n," he said, "and we lived very quietly. We amused ourselves by seeing the finest sights in Paris, but we did not go into society."

OUR OTTAWA LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Jan. 3, 1887.—The coming Federal struggle is the event to which all eyes are looking with more or less anxiety. Among Liberals I notice a determination and a confidence somewhat new to them on the approach of a conflict with their opponents on Dominion issues.

FROM THE NOBLE TO THE ROYALTY. was rewarded out of the spoils of the conquest. But the time has come when that system can no longer prevail.

"Mrs. Heriot, should you mind my asking you what name it is you give to your husband?—it struck me as being very peculiar."

TOO LATE! TOO LATE! Why did he not denounce and repudiate Thos. White, Dalton McCarthy, Alfred Boulton, The Mail, and the "No Popery" cry during his recent tour through Ontario?

"What name do you mean?" asked Agatha, wondering if the surname Carlyon had in any way come to light.

NO CONFIDENCE IN THE BREED. but he must have great confidence in his own powers of persuasion or he would not contemplate a tour of the kind proposed. Catholics all over the country have read his speeches in Ontario with close attention; very many of them with the hope that they would find therein the repudiation which he now promises.

"Does she?" he said. "They all seem to me very much alike."

A TITLED ARISTOCRACY foisted on the country en bloc. There is one omission, however: Lord Lansdowne should be made a duke. His honest character is well known to all Canadian interests and aspirations, his immense personal popularity, all combine to mark him out as a man above all others who ought to obtain a "step in rank."

"Just what kings, queens, courtiers, court-balls, and society stories are to you, trees and flowers are to her," he said.

IT IS DEEPLY HUMILIATING to see a man occupying the most exalted and responsible position in the gift of the people, descending to the petty tricks and tricks and evasions of a miserably mean. And then for him to suppose he could cajole the Catholics of Canada after refusing to repudiate those who reviled them in his interest.

"How happily such a lot in life would have made me," she said to herself. "Why should she have so much, and I so little?"

THE NATIONALIST TRIALS. DUBLIN, Jan. 7.—In the cent conspiracy case to-day Gen. Buller testified as to the condition of Kerry. He said he had not inquired into the relations between landlords and some of their tenants. He had pointed out cases of hardship on the Marquis of Lansdowne's property. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach was examined with reference to his Bristol speech. He admitted that pressure was put upon certain landlords to make terms with their tenants. He declined to say whether it was moral or physical pressure or by whom enforced, or whether in any case it was successful.

"I never found this much out," said MacCann's dryly.

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be provided for before the crash comes. A more gloomy prospect than that which the session presents to the Tory party could not be contemplated. The major, however, may be trusted to hang together, if but to secure their integrity. But no one knows what may happen when the tides have elapsed. I fancy, however, that there will be general division of opinion before the days are issued, so that when the Government is defeated there will be nothing left that a Tory can carry away.

MR. COSTIGAN has almost disappeared from the political arena, and dissolution will, no doubt, be the signal for his retirement. I trust he will be properly provided for. If ever a man sacrificed himself for his party Mr. Costigan did. He cannot hope for reinstatement in the confidence of the people he is supposed to represent, therefore the best thing he can do is drop out of sight into a situation which will give him comfort and employment for the rest of his days.

THE FULL REWARD for his services in defeating Mr. Blake's Home Rule resolution will have been paid, and we will hear no more of him. Yet I cannot contemplate Mr. Costigan's retirement without regret. Personally he is a man for whom I have a sincere regard. He possesses many qualities that go to the make up of a fine character. He is generous, manly, fearless. The very quality of his disposition led him into the great mistake of his life.

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his own power for another four years. Thus the political position which Sir John was manoeuvring to obtain was captured by Mowat with a "brilliant flank movement," as American generals used to say during the war.

IN THE HANDS OF SIR JOHN. Of course the parliamentary supporters of the government, for purely selfish reasons, are anxious for another session. They want to get their \$1,000. Many of them are perfectly satisfied that they stand no chance of re-election.

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A VISIT TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

J. P. FITZGERALD. My heart was weary, sore, oppressed— It sighed for rest; It seemed so very hard to bear Such weight of care; The ceaseless din of worldly strife, The endless struggle, making life A troubled dream, I could not break; An upward look, And down into my heart there came A thought of peace.

THE POPE'S PROTEST.

Amid stirring foreign news and the whirl of Christmas festivities a very important foreign despatch was passed over in silence by our daily contemporaries. They were informed by cable that the Pope, on receiving the customary visit from the College of Cardinals, made the visit the occasion of speaking at length on the position of the Church in Italy to-day. That position, we all know, has not much altered, unless, if possible, for the worse, since Victor Emmanuel and his troops, in violation of the King's most solemn pledges, brigaded in to the possession of the City of the Pontiffs. The Holy Father protested against the anti-clerical and anti-Catholic movement which is being carried on throughout Italy. Ample evidence of the existence of such a movement we have seen in the stormy meetings and violent outbreaks of denunciation and rage with which the Holy Father had seen fit to remove from the great Society of Jesus the last vestige of a quasi-condemnation which had been forced upon one of his predecessors. The Holy See, said the Holy Father, with the simplest truth, is now despoiled of the last remnants of her patrimony. What, indeed, is left to her in her own capital save the palace of the Vatican? And even the tenure of that palace is in jeopardy. Only the presence of troops prevent its attack and the sacking of it at any moment by the agents of the secret societies. The civilized world witnessed with horror the manner in which these men insulted the remains of the venerable Pontiff, Pope Pius IX, as they were being transferred at midnight through the streets of Rome to their last resting-place. If scintilla rage could so vent itself on a dead Pontiff, what would it do to the living, had it the power?

THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT professes to leave him free to do as he pleases. But what can be truer than that the Italian Government had assisted the ill-disposed Italy in unduly interfering with the administration of the Church, had expelled religious bodies, and had tolerated an organized hostility against the Vatican? Is this to go on forever; and, if not, where and how is it to end? This is a grave and pressing problem that presents itself not only to the consideration of Catholics, but of statesmen and governments. The phrase "the priory of the Vatican" represents no fiction, but a very hard fact, and a most lamentable fact. It is impossible, it is not in the nature of things, that the Pope should continue in this bondage forever. It would tax the wisest to force a safe issue from the problem. It is all very well to wait upon Providence and leave human difficulties to Almighty God to solve and arrange. But men may think and take action for themselves. The Italian Government has created this difficulty for itself. It is for the Italian Government to solve it. This the Government should do of its own volition, before it may be compelled by foreign intervention, an intervention highly probable should as it is not unlikely, general European complications suddenly arise. The Pope requires a free state, with right of jurisdiction and absolute freedom of action. The patrimony of the Church has been invaded and stolen away. Either that in its integrity, or its equivalent, must be given back to the Church. Until that restriction be made there can be no peace between the usurping Government and the Sovereign Pontiff.

THANKS FROM THE VATICAN. TENDERED TO THE CITIZENS OF THE ANCIENT CAPITAL. QUEBEC, Jan. 4.—Mr. Felix Carbury, President of the Irish National League, has received the following letter from Mr. O'Brien the Papal Ambassador, who conveyed the barretta to Cardinal Tscherning.

PRIVATE CHAMBERLAIN TO HIS HOLINESS LEOPOLD. "Better do soon, Than live on lingering in pain." Better do neither, but get and take medicine that will give you peace and a healthy evidence of di ease, and thus you may live on in health and happiness. If you have any chronic nasal catarrh, bronchitis, impure blood or liver disease, take Dr. C. C.'s "Golden Medical Discovery," a cure in ten days for these diseases. By druggists.

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CARDINAL JACOBINI. ROME, Jan. 5.—A surgical operation was performed yesterday upon Cardinal Jacobini's throat. The operation was successful, but the Cardinal was left very weak.

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SAGACITY OF FOXES.

Innumerable instances are on record in which hounds have been baffled time after time in some unaccountable way at just about the same place, and on occasions, it having been determined to keep a strict look-out at the exact point of disappearance, the results has generally been that the hunted animal has taken refuge in some stunted thorn or ivy bush, or by running along the top of a wall for a certain distance and then quickly dropping down has effectually baffled his pursuers; perhaps the most extraordinary instance of sagacity ever displayed, however, by a hunted fox, was in seeking sanctuary on a small island in the very centre of a good-sized pond where the reeds served as a secure hiding place, and for several successive runs heaved his brush in this way until his run was discovered. Sportsmen who have made the object of their pursuit more or less a special study for the most part agree that foxes, at any rate, regulate their pace in accordance with the distance they have contrived to put between themselves and their canine foes; and anyone who has watched a fox breaking cover cannot fail to have been struck with the liberally way in which he sinks away, as it were, unless the bursts of music (so dear to a foxhunter's ear) lead him to suppose that the pack are close at his heels. In the same way, during the course of a run, a fox may often be observed jogging steadily along, and occasionally stopping altogether, as if evading with himself which way he should go. It has been boldly asserted that foxes that have several times been hunted do not mind the performance in the least so long as they can outdistance their pursuers, and there is an instance on record of a fox, after a hard run extending over several miles, actually seizing a hen in full view of the hounds, and making good his escape by taking shelter in an adjacent earth. Years ago, when foxes were not so plentiful as they are now, it was the practice of many masters of hounds to keep a certain number of foxes chained up in the same way as dogs, one being selected for each day's sport, and special care being taken that after a run he should be saved alive so as to afford sport for another day; and so thoroughly were the hounds under control that it was rarely or ever such a fox was killed. A more extraordinary instance still was that in which a certain M. P. H. for some years kept a tame fox, to which a number of the hounds had access, and were on very cordial terms. Having by some means got loose and done no considerable damage in the poultry yard, the fox went forth that he should be killed for a reward; and to his quondam companions was assigned the task of compassing his destruction. His whereabouts in an adjacent wood was pretty well known, and he was not long ere he was about with the pack in full cry; but suddenly the "music" ceased, and to the master's intense surprise the entire pack made their way to a hole in the hedge, and to the master's indignation apparently much pleased at having fallen in with his erstwhile companions.

FAITHFUL. J. R. Faithful, of Stroud, Ont., says he offered from inquiry for several years, until used by Hargrave's Yellow Oil, which made him a specific for all painful complaints.

A MYSTERIOUS AFFAIR. New York, Jan. 5.—The family of Joseph Mann, dentist, residing in Butler street, Brooklyn, have been mysteriously murdered. The family consists of Mr. Mann, his wife, Catharine, aged 41, Joseph, 12, Martha, 10, Carrie, 8, John, 6, Alice, 4, and Eugene, 2 years old. With the exception of the mother the whole family were taken sick on Monday after eating. Joseph went last night to visit an aunt and died the next day. Eugene died at home this morning. John is dying. The father and four children are very sick, and are being attended by five physicians. They are unable to determine the cause of the poisoning until a post-mortem examination is held.

HOLLOWAY'S GREAT AND PAIN-SELF HELP. Prior to the discovery of these medicines an easy, ready and reliable remedy for outward disfigurements and inward complications was, practically speaking, unknown. No one need now be at a loss if they should unfortunately suffer from piles, ulcers, warts, tumours, boils, leucorrhoea, etc. Enveloping Holloway's medicines are very intelligible printed directions for using them, which should be attentively studied and immediately followed by all who resort to his treatment. Sooner or later the sufferer will assuredly triumph over the worst disease. This is the only medicine that cures malignant humors which aggravate diseases of the skin, prevent the cicatrization of ulcers, and excite inflammatory tendencies in the system.

A NONK'S MISSION. PITTSBURGH, Jan. 5.—Brother Augustine, a monk of the Franciscan order, was in the city this morning on route to Chicago. He arrived in this country from Austria three weeks ago, having been sent on his mission by special instructions issued from Rome by the Pope. While his special business, he said, was to institute Polish monasteries in this country, and learn particularly about the condition of Poland here, he also hinted that he would make a study of the Knights of Labor.

CANNOT BE EXCELLED. "I have pleasure in saying that Hargrave's Pastoral Balsam cannot be excelled for curing colds, coughs and loss of voice. It cured my brother completely." So says Ira McLeod, of Poplar Hill, Ont., regarding this reliable remedy.

A FATAL COASTING ACCIDENT. ROTLAND, Va., Jan. 5.—Twenty boys were coasting down South Main street on a trolley car to-day, when the sled struck the side of a bridge at the foot of the hill, throwing the boys head first into the stream. Nearly all the boys were severely injured, and three of them will die.

A SEVERE TRIAL. "I tried all the doctors in this locality for liver and kidney troubles (which had for years) with no benefit. Four bottles of Burdock Bitters cured me." says Lemuel Allan, Little, Ont.

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