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"Truth is Catholic; proclaim it ever, and God will effect the rest."—BALMEZ.

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PRICE FIVE CENTS.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

British Politics.—On July 8 Lord Rosebery in a letter to the Midlothian Liberal Association, said it is for Scotland, Ireland, Wales and the north of England to consider whether they will allow their interests to remain in permanent subjection to a Tory and irresponsible chamber. On the same day Mr. Gladstone wrote a far-ill letter to the electors of Midlothian, in which he said: "Though in regard to public affairs many things are disputable, some belong to history and have passed out of the region of contention. For example, it is, I conceive, beyond question that the century now expiring has exhibited since the close of its first quarter a period of unexampled activity, the changes of which, taken in the mass, have been in the direction of true and beneficial progress. An overwhelming proportion of the reforms within this period has been effected by the direct action of the Liberal party, and by the direct action of such statesmen as Peel and Canning, who were ever ready to meet odium or to forfeit power for the public good. In all of the fifteen Parliaments in which I have served, the people of Scotland have decisively expressed their convictions in favor of this wise and temperate policy. On Thursday the official representatives of the colonies in London headed by Sir Charles Tupper, called upon Mr. Chamberlain. In addressing them Mr. Chamberlain declared that he had long felt the importance of drawing closer the United Kingdom and the colonies. He would at all times be ready to exchange the freest communications with the colonial representatives. On Friday evening speak in the Albert Hall, London, Lord Rosebery said that the late Government had lived a noble life and died a noble death. It left behind it a mighty surplus. Business was reviving and was prosperous and the people were contented. The new Government would incur a serious responsibility if it reversed the late Government's policy in regard to Armenia. On Monday the Marquis of Salisbury, Baron Halsbury, the Lord High Chancellor, and the Marquis of Lansdowne, the Secretary of State for War, attended the meeting of the Privy Council held at Windsor castle, at which the Queen signed the proclamation to issue writs for the general elections. The bulk of the provincial elections will take place on Saturday next, and the elections in London will cover up on Monday. The lists issued show that there are 118 seats with Liberal candidates and 20 without Unionist candidates. Among the announcements made was that of the elevation to the Peerage of Mr. Henry Matthews, Lord Salisbury's Home Secretary from 1886 to 1892. Mr. Matthews is a Catholic, who sits for East Birmingham. He will be known as Viscount Glamorgan. The other new Peer of note which the Unionists will send immediately to the upper House is Sir Henry James. The title he will take has not yet been announced. The Irish National Convention met in Omagh, county Tyrone, twenty-two miles from Londonderry, and was the scene of constant disturbances owing to the disturbance between Timothy Hely John Dillon and Dr. Kenny, no Chairman could be appointed, and the organization of the convention was not effected. All the correspondents agreed that Lord Salisbury has blundered in his cabinet appointments. Analyzed these men that while the Premier will look after foreign affairs, his nephew, Mr. A. J. Balfour will lead the Commons and manage the affairs of Great Britain, the government of Ireland falling to the hands of the second nephew, Gerald W. Balfour. Besides the nephews he had also looked after a son-in-law, Lord Selborne. Mr. Chamberlain had in like manner provided for his own son. A Radical manifesto was issued advocating Home Rule. In the House of Lords the Premier outlined a policy of Social Reform, looking to the betterment of the poorer classes.

Canadian.—It was not until Friday that the Manitoba School question was again mentioned on the floor of the House of Commons. Then Mr. Laurier said: "I would remind the leader of the House that he promised to make a statement to-day—a statement that he has promised to make for some time past. Mr. Foster—I did not say I would make a statement. I said I might make a statement. I have to say this to my hon. friend, that the deliberations of the Council on the matter have been so far advanced that I am able to say that on Monday, when the House assembles, I will make a definite and positive statement. On Monday Mr. Laurier again asked: I sup-

pose the hon. gentleman will now make to the House the statement that he promised on Friday last.

Mr. Foster—Yes, Mr. Speaker, I desire to state that the Government has had under its consideration the reply of the Manitoba Legislature to the remedial order of the 21st March, 1895, and after careful deliberation has arrived at the following conclusions: Though there may be differences of opinion as to the exact meaning of the reply in question, the Government believes that it may be interpreted as holding out some hope of an amicable settlement of the Manitoba school question on the basis of possible action by the Manitoba Government and the Legislature, and the Dominion Government is most unwilling to take any action which can be interpreted as forestalling or precluding such a desirable consummation. The Government has also considered the difficulties to be met with in preparing and perfecting legislation on so important and intricate a question during the last hours of the session. The Government has therefore decided not to ask the next session of Parliament, to be called as above stated, to introduce and pass to a conclusion such legislation as will afford an adequate measure of relief to the said minority, based upon the lines of the judgment of the Privy Council and the remedial order of the 21st March, 1895.

Mr. Lariviere—I regret the present attitude of the Government. (Order, order.)

The announcement is said to have created great excitement in the House. Rumor had it that three French Ministers had resigned, viz.: Sir Adolphe Caron, Mr. Oulmet and Mr. Angers.

QUEBEC MINISTERS.

A Division in the House affecting Their Agreement with the Government.

OTTAWA, July 9.—Mr. Laurier today moved the adjournment of the House on account of the absence from their places of the Quebec Cabinet ministers, from which he said it was quite evident there was no longer any harmony between these ministers and their colleagues. The motion amounted to voting want of confidence. Mr. Foster in replying declared that Mr. Laurier was proceeding upon mere newspaper rumors. In due course he intended to make an authoritative statement to the House. The motion was defeated on a vote of 111 to 72 giving the Government a majority of 39.

Mr. Gladstone to the Nation.

LONDON, July 9.—The Westminster Gazette has received the following from Mr. Gladstone: "Hawarden, July 5, 1895: Above all other present purposes, vindicate the rights of the House of Commons as the organ of the nation, and establish the honor of England, as well as consolidate the strength of the empire, by conceding the just and constitutional claims of Ireland."

New School Contracts.

At a special meeting of the School Board held on Tuesday evening, the following contracts were accepted for the various works in connection with the new Catholic schools on Winchester street and Bolton ave. Winchester street School, masonry and brickwork, John McHugh, \$2,950; carpentry work, John Hanrahan, \$2,860; plastering and blackboards, Duckworth Bros., \$393; plumbing, E. Bird & Co., \$82; slate roofing, Stewart & Killacey, \$950; painting and glazing, James O'Hearn, \$219; galvanized iron work, Tucker Dillon, \$139; heating, ventilation and closets, Smead, Dowd Co., \$685. Total, \$7,871.

Bolton ave. School, brickwork, M. Murphy, \$1,949; carpentry, Wm. Clarke, \$1,296; plastering, W. J. Hynes, \$187; plumbing, E. Bird & Co., \$293; galvanized iron work, Tucker & Dillon, \$85; painting, Jas. J. O'Hearn, \$78. Total, \$3,293.

A RAILWAY HORROR.

On the Way to Ste. Anne de Beauport.

Thirteen Dr. L. Many Wounded—Two Killed—Among the Victims—Slightly Disregarded—The Head of an Excursion Train Telescoped by an Engine—Sleeping Train Heads.

LEVIS, July 9.—Of the pilgrims from points in the Eastern Townships bound for the shrine of Ste. Anne de Beauport thirteen met a horrible death this morning early in a railway smash-up at Craig's Road, on the G. T. R., fourteen miles out of Levis, and thirty or more, were badly injured. On this excursion the number of pilgrims amounted to 560, and they were being carried by two trains. One of these, consisting of nine coaches, left Sherbrooke at 9:00 o'clock, and another of six left Norton Mills at 8:30 o'clock. They reached Craig's Road, fourteen miles west of Point Levis at about a quarter past 3 this morning. At that time the nine coaches were ahead, and there was an interval of 20 minutes between the two trains.

HOW IT OCCURRED.

The first train stopped, and the semaphore was set up at "danger." The last car was the Pullman "B" car, in which were the priests in charge of the party, and it was in this car that most of the loss of life took place. Due precautions were taken and the semaphore thrown to danger against the following train.

Engineer McLeod and Fireman Perkins of the second train paid no attention to these signals and dashed at full speed into the standing train in front of them. The engine embedded itself in the palace car, and the latter plunged forward and partially telescoped the first-class car immediately in front. Every berth in the Pullman was taken, and some of the occupants that were killed never knew what happened to them.

THEY DIED ASLEEP.

They died sleeping. Others awoke to their horrible surroundings and position, maimed, bleeding and bruised. The Pullman conductor, Moorewood, had stepped out on the rear platform in time to see the on-coming train and escaped injury. The engine of the colliding train seemed to rear up, then turned completely over, pinning the engineer, McLeod, underneath. The rest of the train was derailed and badly smashed up. Dead and injured were taken from the ruins of the engine, Pullman and first-class coaches and cared for wherever temporary quarters could be found. The women of the party ministered as best they could to the wants of the sufferers. Word was at once sent to Montreal and orders from there were sent to Levis to send out a force of doctors from Quebec. The special train from Levis reached the scene at an early hour in the morning.

LIST OF THE DEAD.

The list of the dead is as follows: Chas. Bedard, mail clerk, Richmond. Miss Bedard, Richmond. Hector McLeod, engineer, Richmond. Richard L. Perkins, fireman, Richmond. Rev. J. L. Mercier, Richmond. Rev. F. P. Dignan, Windsor Mills. Mr. Cogan, Richmond. Miss Valin, St. Joseph de Levis. Miss Pleneuf, St. Joseph de Levis. Mrs. J. B. Cayer, Danville. Miss Dalycourte, Shefford. Aunt of Miss Valin, St. Joseph de Levis. John O'Farrell, Capleton.

THE INJURED.

Those who are injured are the following: John Cadieux, Danville. J. B. Cayer, Danville. Seraphine Cayer, Danville. Jos. Cayer, Danville. Louise Cayer, Danville. Virginia Sivestro, Ham. Francis Fontaine, Broughton, Louise Gaudet, Arthabaskaville. Hercules Descoeteaux, wife and son, Danville. Rev. F. Desrosiers, of Broughton, leg and arm broken. N. J. Quinlan, Montreal, badly hurt. Cyrille Bunnard, Sherbrooke, slightly wounded. Dolans Gosselin, of Sherbrooke, slight injuries. Mr. and Mrs. Hamel, Danville, the former injured to right leg, and the latter head and internal injuries. Mrs. Louis Morin, Windsor. Olivine Morin, Windsor, face and internal injuries. Mrs. Frank Cayer of Danville and six-year-old daughter, head wounds.

Mrs. Zephirin Lamelin, Windsor. Lazaro Godbout, Windsor Mills. Joseph Richard, Brompton Falls. Cleophas Charest, Coaticook. Bennett Bassler, Pullman porter, Toronto.

AN EYE WITNESS.

One of the pilgrims, Mr. Samson, baker, Richmond, states he was on the first train, and while standing on the platform at the station talked with young Bedard, a son of one of the passengers killed. They saw the second train coming, but thought it would stop, as the semaphore was in position. In the meantime Conductor Dionne of the first train, who was also on the platform, saw the second train coming behind his train, and he immediately saw that the train was on the same track, and gave the order "all aboard," at the same time remarking, "What a misfortune." As soon as he said "all aboard" Samson and Bedard jumped on the platform of the car. The sudden departure of the first train threw Samson back on the platform from the car, and he immediately saw the headlight of the engine of the second train rushing onto the first. He ran around the shed, and was covered by the debris of the cars. The roof of the Pullman was completely taken off and carried to the second car ahead.

MIGHT HAVE BEEN WORSE.

Father Desrosiers, who was on the platform of that car, jumped, but was struck by part of the Pullman, which had left the track. There is no doubt that without the presence of mind of Conductor Dionne a worse catastrophe would have to be recorded, as the first train was in motion when the second struck it.

R. McKay, one of the injured, said he was sitting in the car in front of the Pullman when the accident occurred. In fact, he said he saw the locomotive of the second train coming through his car, and he was only saved by a friend named White. Poor O'Farrell, sitting near McHugh, was killed.

AN HEROIC DEED.

An act of heroism is recounted, Miss Celina Cayer, although herself injured, saved her father's life by pulling him out from under a pile of debris, at the same time holding her dead mother's head on her knees.

Conductor Mc Cabe was in charge of the train which ran into the one at the station, and Conductor Dionne was in charge of the other one. Mc Cabe was shaking his tickets when the accident occurred. He was thrown violently off his feet and wounded, but not seriously.

The fact that Henry McLeod, engineer, and R. L. Perkins, fireman, were killed, and that an explanation of the accident must forever be impossible, is variously commented on. It is generally believed that the two men were asleep at their posts. McLeod, the dead engineer, entered the service of the company in 1877, and has been driving for many years, Perkins, the fireman, entered the service in 1892, and was made fireman in 1894.

THE DEAD PRIESTS.

Rev. Frederick Patrick Dignan was born at Fenimore, Westmeath County, Ireland, in 1814. He was educated at St. Hyacinthe College, and ordained in 1868. He was first Vicar at St. Pie, and subsequently at the St. Hyacinthe Cathedral. In 1873 he was appointed Vicar at the cathedral, Sherbrooke, and in 1874 became the secretary of the Ste Mgr. Antoine Racine, so continuing until 1878, when he was given charge of his late parish at Windsor Mills. After a seventeen years' sojourn among the people there he had just realized the fondest wish of his life, in having recently completed a magnificent church, together with a suitable presbytery, and established a branch convent.

Rev. Joseph Louis N. Mercier, born at Quebec in 1859, was educated at the Quebec seminary, and ordained in 1882 at the Sherbrooke seminary, where he was a great favorite. He began his functions at St. Camille, and had been recently transferred to Richmond.

Mr. Bedard, the mail clerk, who was killed, was a brother of Mr. Bedard, M.P.P.

SPECIAL TELEGRAM.

MONTREAL, July 10.—The loss of life on the Grand Trunk is excessively stated. This should not prevent passengers going on Father Stanton's pilgrimage July 19th, over the G.T.R. Such an accident on the G.T.R. is impossible as trains are always run on the block system, no one train to follow another at less distance apart than one station. The signal is received always from station ahead before train following is allowed to depart from stations behind.

AROUND THE CITY.

Sacred Heart Garden Party.

A most successful attendance, despite the rather chilly weather, made the garden party on Tuesday in aid of the Sacred Heart Church King street East, all that its managers could desire. Rev. Father Lamarche's people and friends came in crowds, and enjoyed themselves thoroughly. Among the prominent members of the committee were Messrs. Cousineau, Gendron, Charles Bocheron de la Sabler, E. Dubois, Miss Cousineau, L. V. Bachard, W. D. J. Vogel, A. E. Blagden. The three tables were prettily decorated and surrounded with arc lights, which increased the effect. There was an excellent orchestra in attendance.

E. B. Association.

St. Helen's Circle, No. 2, Toronto, held a well attended meeting on the 2nd and received six applications for membership, due in a great measure to the kind remarks of their chaplain the Rev. Father Cruise, from the pulpit on the Sunday previous, when he strongly recommended the ladies to enroll themselves in the E. B. A., it being an association having the full approval of the Church, and one calculated to do good work in the parish, and he wished it every success.

Davitt Branch, No. 11, was also as usual well attended and received one application. The arrangements were also completed for the Ice Cream Social on the 16th.

The Advisory Board of the city Branches have completed their arrangements for a Grand Picnic at Island Park on Aug. 6th, when a variety of amusements will be provided for the members and their friends, and no expense or trouble will be spared by the committee to make it the picnic of the season.

At the last meeting of St. Patrick's Branch No. 12, a resolution of condolence was unanimously adopted and tendered to Bro. Martin Fallon on the death of his beloved wife.

A HAPPY IDEA.

Messrs. Hugh Ryan and Thomas Long Extend Hospitality to Lourdes, Que. Rev. Father Walsh, rector of the church of Our Lady of Lourdes, the members of the church choir, and representatives of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of the parish were on Tuesday the guests of Mr. Hugh Ryan and Mr. Thomas Long to an excursion to Niagara Falls and a banquet at the Dufferin Restaurant, a banquet at the party, which numbered fifty-six in all left the city on the Chicora at 9 o'clock a. m. Upon their arrival at Niagara carriages were in waiting to drive them to the Dufferin Restaurant, and after dinner the drive was continued among all the sights in the vicinity of the falls. The party returned to the city late in the evening. Coming back on the boat the ladies of the choir sang various sacred and other selections. Amongst others who participated in the enjoyment of the outing were: Miss Sullivan leader of the choir, Mrs. McGann, Miss Corwell, Miss Foley, Miss Kennedy, the Misses Moran, Messrs. Cottam, McCloskey, McGrath, Wickert, and Fitzpatrick, members of the choir, and Messrs. Gorman, Pape, Donohoe and Aymon representing the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

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Misses Malony and Miss Hoban. The famous and romantic fish pond of happy tradition was in charge of Miss Morton and Miss O'Neill, who of course appreciated their good fortune. During the afternoon and evening while the band of the Royal Grenadiers played delightful selections the Grove was crowded with a bright and fashionable crowd.

Mount Carmel, Niagara Falls.

On Tuesday, July 10th, the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel will be celebrated with unusual solemnity by the Carmelite Fathers at Falls View. Pilgrimages are announced from Buffalo, Niagara Falls, N. Y., and other places. High Mass will be at 10 a