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NOTICE.

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THE NEW VICAR-GENERAL.

THE TRUE WITNESS, as a Catholic organ, and speaking in the name of the Irish Catholics of this province, desires to tender its sincere and hearty congratulations to the learned, venerable and holy prelate—the Rev. F. Bourgeault of Laprairie—on the occasion of his elevation to the high office of Vicar-General of the Archdiocese.

A NEFARIOUS SYSTEM.

Last week we gave a full history of what had been done since the day that the TRUE WITNESS first drew the public attention to the sad state of morality in certain quarters of the city. We went as far as it was possible to proceed with the matter, and now we have simply to await the action of the authorities.

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around the abode of innocence until in their claws they carry off the victim and deposit the living prey in the charnel-house for which they work. Then go into the public resort—the respectable hotel. The young woman, an envoy of this army of corruption, hires as a table-waitress. She soon becomes acquainted with the guests, she hands them the cards of her mistress, and after having done all the work that was allotted to her, she breaks a dish or does some act for which she is discharged. Her part of the work has been performed, she returns to report, and immediately another sentinel is sent to replace her.

In some cases this organization twines its coils around the public official, the man whose influence is great and whose position cloaks him from suspicion. Some of those least deemed capable of sacrificing all to the altars of the Army of Immorality, live almost constantly upon the fruits of vice, and share the profits, in one way or another, of iniquity. There are men, who pass for most highly respectable citizens, whose families look upon them as paragons of morality, and whose residences are next door to houses of the worst class.

There is very little that money cannot do, and this army has the means of buying up on all sides the silence or the goodwill of some, the virtue and the souls of others. This nefarious system is like the poison-tree of Iava. It sinks its roots into the earth and spreads its branches in the air, but it blasts and withers the soil that nourishes it, and it twines its poisonous arms around the victim that seeks its shelter.

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On the feast of St. Agnes, each year the community of Lateran Canons Regular, offer two white lambs at the altar rails of the church of that saint. It is situated on the Via Nomentana, outside the walls at Rome. The offering is made during the vespers peculiar to the feast. The lambs are blessed and then taken by two Canons of St. John Lateran to the Pope for his benediction. Then these lambs are kept until the sheering time, when their wool is taken and mixed with other lamb-wool, is woven into pallia by the nuns of the convent of Torre de Specchi.

When the ambassador, the envoy of the Archbishop, takes the pallium, he promises to convey it with all possible dispatch. He is not to rest more than one night on the road, and he must leave the pallium in a church—if possible a cathedral—during that night. It was the desire of St. Gregory that certain regulations should be attached to the

use of the pallium and these are now observed universally. The Archbishop can only wear it at High Mass, and inside the limits of his own diocese. He can only wear it on great festivals such as indicated in the Pontificals, and known as festa pallii. When, however, it is absolutely necessary, by force of circumstances, that the Mass be sung in open air—as may often happen—the Archbishop has permission to wear it outside the temple.

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Before analyzing that very important article, we desire to point out the fact that the Catholics of Manitoba have proven their loyalty to our political institutions and exemplified the teaching of the Church that all authority must be obeyed, when they resolved, unanimously, to support their own schools and at the same time pay their share to the support of the Protestant schools.

We might say of that article, as its author says of the petition, "it is a remarkably well constructed document, and quite ingeniously calculated to mislead the unsuspecting and to play upon the feelings of the prejudiced. To commence with, we must correct the very first statement of our contemporary: the archbishops and bishops are not 'accustomed to speak ex cathedra'."

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In concluding this Elogical, and most woefully irrational and libelous article, the Witness gives evidence of a case in which "the wish is father to the thought," by stating that: "The hierarchy, by the course they have adopted, have pushed their pretensions to a point when cannot be conceded. It is hard for them to draw back, but persistence must lead to a combination of forces that will weaken British domination in Dominion politics forever."

that indicate a desire to "push pretensions." It is a respectful expression of views, and a calm statement of facts. One would imagine that, like a war-horse, or a savage, the Witness, "snatched the battle from afar" and was anxious to create a war between the two great religious divisions in Canada: between the Catholic clergy and some fanatical extremists; between parties that only seek peace and justice and rights that are not desirous of strife.

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Once more the Grand Old Man is about to take the helm of State in England. The other day Lord Salisbury was Premier of the British Empire, his following was large and his power was exceptionally great. The voice of the people was heard and, with no uncertain sound, it thundered in the ears of the Tory administration that its days were numbered.

It is not a new expression, it is very familiar to the civilized world. "Premier Gladstone." It is the fourth time, in his long and varied career of public life that the Honorable old man has been the head of the Administration in the British Isles. On many and varied questions, foreign and domestic, he has already been placed in the seat of First Minister of the Crown; but this time he has reached that high station upon the wings of the most important policy that has ever yet been the lot of a British statesman to uphold.

He first became Prime Minister in 1868 and for five years and a quarter he held the reins of power. During that period acts were passed by his Government, which had the old man the re-enacting of them, would never have seen daylight upon the page of the statute book. But experience teaches, and as we grow older—unless we are perverse or incapable—we learn and improve.

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west of England, the cause of so much trouble and so many noble plans frustrated. He beheld, as it by a revelation, that the Irish cause was the cause of Great Britain; that until the Home Rule question was fairly, satisfactorily and honorably settled, no hope could ever be held out for a prosperous administration of English affairs.

With the vigor of a restored youthfulness he dashed into the midst of the fray, and so powerfully did he wield every weapon at his disposal, that today he is once more—for a fourth time—Prime Minister of Great Britain, and the foremost advocate of Ireland's cause.

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In Canada it is not kept as a feast of obligation, but it is one upon which the Church rejoices greatly; and especially all those who, in a peculiar manner are consecrated or devoted to the service of the Queen of Angels, hold jubilee upon that day.

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We are ferociously reminded of an exquisite ballad from the pen of that sweet Irish poet, Edward Walsh. He was a lyric bard indeed, and his fairy legends, his peasant ballads, his wonderfully Celtic productions have been sung, with loving remembrance, by many a fireside and on many a village-green.

And the next day he knelt by her side in the humble chapel and offered up an invocation to the model of all maidens, the most perfect of all wives and the most holy of all mothers.

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Tomorrow the devotions of the Forty Hours will commence at St. Bernard de LaSalle and on Saturday the opening of the same exercises will take place at the Congregation of Notre Dame.

THE EXHIBITION.

From the 15th to the 23rd of September next the Montreal Exposition Company will hold upon their grounds a grand and general exhibition. The success of last year's effort has encouraged them to make gigantic efforts for the year 1892.

It is to be deeply regretted that so much misery exists in this Commercial Metropolis of Canada. Other cities of the Dominion, Toronto, Ottawa and London and lesser centers are warmly supported by the councils and citizens and by individual co-operation.

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He fought in twenty-two campaigns, received five wounds, and has carried a bullet in his leg for the last eighty years. He charged with the Imperial Guard, at Waterloo, and heard Cambronne make his memorable but not very refined exclamation. His memory is perfectly preserved, but he is not very communicative.

Then came the days of darkness "the lightning flash that arose from the cloud of obscurity that o'er hangs the Island of Corsica," was about to "sink into the cloud of oblivion that hovers over the shadows creeping over the darkening features of the old man as the scenes of glory disappear and the pictures of reverses, in panoramic succession pass before him.