

MR. MERCIER SPEAKS.

Nothing New in His Programme.

The Principles of the Interprovincial Conference.

The Club National held its eighth annual banquet at the Windsor Hotel, Montreal, on Wednesday, July 2nd, the Hon. Mr. Mercier being the chief guest.

After the dinner the usual loyal toasts and preliminary proceedings having been disposed of, the secretary, Mr. J. G. de la Durantaye, read letters and telegrams of regret at inability to attend from Hon. Edward Blake, Hon. Oliver Mowat, Hon. W. S. Fielding, Hon. G. Blair, Sir Richard Cartwright, Hon. D. Edgar, Mr. E. Hon. Pierre Garneau, Hon. George Doherty, and others.

The toast "Canada" was proposed by Mr. Desmarais, M.P.P., and Mr. W. A. Weir and coupled with the name of the Hon. W. Laurier, who said he thought the elections in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Ontario had shown the true feeling of the people for the endorsement in turn of Blair, Fielding, Mowat and Mercier could not but be taken as proof that the people were tired of Tory rule.

The toast "The Provinces" was proposed by Mr. J. N. Greenhalgh and did not want more, but this was a British province and they were entitled to fair play.

with which was coupled the name of Hon. Hon. Mercier, who on previous occasions had been greeted with loud and prolonged applause.

Referring to the Provincial Railways Mr. Mercier said the Federal Government by its act of 1883, declaring that whenever certain public works, such as railways, should be declared to be in the general interest of Canada, they should be taken over by the Federal Government.

The Premier then spoke of the progress of the railway system, which had been largely on the expense of the provinces, and to make them respected if they were kept in a state of poverty, which rendered them incapable of developing their resources.

CLAIMS OF QUEBEC.

He said: "I believe she deserves to be taken as an example, for she has contributed more than any other province to the construction of provincial railways, contracting a debt of nearly twenty millions and imposing on herself an interest charge of nearly a million."

DOMAIN OF SCIENCE.

The electrical properties of rubbed amber were known to Thales 600 years after Thales.

A wonderful discovery has been attracting the attention of scientists. A beam of light is made to pass through a prism, so as to produce the solar spectrum and rainbow.

A Gladstonian Victory. London, July 3.—The Parliamentary election at Barrow-in-Furness, yesterday, which has been looked forward to with interest and anxiety by all parties, resulted in a victory for the Gladstonian candidate.

Had Lord Bacon lived at the present day, he would not doubt have added: "AND JOHNSTON'S FLUID BEEF A STRONG MAN."

1888 Ocala was elected by a large majority to the position of Governor of Florida.

ST. PATRICK'S BREADPLATE.

The following striking hymn in a translation from the Irish language, by St. Patrick's Breviary, rendered by the graceful and poetic pen of Mrs. Cecil F. Alexander, many of whose poems have obtained a world-wide popularity.

I bind unto myself to-day The strong name of the Trinity, By invocation of the same I shall be free from sin and shame.

I bind this day to me forever, By power of faith, Christ's incarnation; His baptism in Jordan river; His death on Cross for my salvation;

I bind unto myself the power Of the great love of Oberahim; The sweet "well done" in judgement hour; The service of the Saviour;

I bind unto myself to-day The virtues of the star-in heaven, The glorious sun's life-giving ray, The whiteness of the moon at even, The flashing of the lightning free,

I bind unto myself to-day The power of God to hold and lead, His eye to watch, His might to stay, His ear to hearken to my need,

Against the demon forces of sin, The will that gives temptation force, The natural lust that war within, The hostile men that mar my course;

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me,

I bind unto myself the Name, The strong name of the Trinity; The Three in One, and One in Three, Of whom all nature had creation;

ST. ANGELA'S ACADEMY.

The distribution of prizes at St. Angela's Academy, St. Onsgoode, took place last week, under the presidency of the worthy and zealous Father, who presided over the exercises.

Prizes of Good Conduct.—1st, Evra Bureau, 3rd, Graciele Bureau, Tessie Hart.

Prizes of Religious Instruction, presented by Rev. A. Seguin, equally merited by G. Laniel, A. Theriault, J. Canuel, S. Blain, A. Lafabre; and by the Rev. A. Seguin, presented by Mrs. M. P. Ryan, merited by Edith Randolph and Lillie Malbouff.

Prizes of Domestic Economy, presented by the Reverend Mother Superior General, merited by M. Carriere.

Prizes of Instrumental Music, G. Laniel. 1st prize for vocal music, P. Orlan.

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A USEFUL LIFE ENDED.

Death of Mr. John Page, Chief Engineer of Public Works.

OTTAWA, July 2.—John Page, C.E., chief engineer of canals, died suddenly while taking his chair in his office in the eastern department buildings this morning.

Mr. Page was on his way to his office in the eastern department buildings this morning, when he was suddenly taken ill.

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drawers used to be worn, not indeed in Italy, but on the south and eastern border of the Mediterranean; and a Neapolitan antiquary has suggested that the last Pampelian to be introduced to the modern world may have been a member of the Alexandrian colony in the town.

EVERYBODY.

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