

INTERESTING LECTURE ON THE INDIAN TROUBLES.

The following interesting lecture on the Indian Troubles was recently delivered by Father Mesplie, who was for thirty years a missionary on the Coast States of the Pacific.

Saturday evening quite an interesting lecture was delivered at Dabaway Hall by Father Mesplie, for thirty years a missionary among the Indians of the Coast States and Territories, and at present Chaplain on the staff of Generals Howard and McDowell.

In 1852 an immigration of about 50,000 whites came, spreading over California, Oregon and Washington. From that time the Indians became troubled; they no more looked for counsel and the whites, they could not trust the newcomers and the others were gradually leaving.

The Indians said: This land was given us by the Great Spirit, and we don't want to give it up. The Commissioners told them that for the lands they would have the fisheries, beads, guns, etc., but the Indians were not satisfied.

the tribe is doing well, when the fact is that the majority of them are as wild and untractable as they ever were and rarely visit the agencies.

The bands under Joseph, Eagle Light, White Bird, Three Crows, &c., were not satisfied twenty-five years ago when the treaty with Gov. Stevens was made.

It was caused by the gold discovered in the Black Hills. That whole country was owned by treaty with the Indians. The white man came in, the Indians objected, and that caused the war.

I would now say a few words about the Quaker policy. It was taken up by President Grant in good faith in 1870, after other means had failed.

Ministers of the gospel should not be paid to preach. It should be voluntary. I do not believe in the government paying one cent for Indian preachers.

COURT OF QUEENS BENCH.

On Saturday Michael Fosbre was placed at the bar on the charge of having on the 22nd July unlawfully discharged a loaded revolver at a young man named Adolphe Contant, a man employed in the works of the Beaver Stamping Company of this city.

The witnesses for the prosecution, four in number, testified to the fact that a quarrel had arisen on the day in question between the prisoner and the prosecutor concerning a bottle of liquid used by him in his manufacturing, and that Fosbre finding himself the weaker went to his coat, which was hanging up in the shop, and drew therefrom a revolver which he presented and fired at Contant.

The prisoner was defended by Mr. J. J. Curran, Q. C., who called Constable Thomas McCormack and Cornelius Lyons, both of whom gave evidence to the effect that they had known the accused for over thirteen years, and that his character, as well as that of his family, was irreproachable.

Mr. Curran then made an eloquent address to the jury, on behalf of his client. He said from the nature of the evidence adduced the case was a most simple one, and as the jury was a most intelligent one, no one could go astray in considering the facts of the case.

loaded with leaden bullets, and of neither of these facts was there any proof.

The prisoner was a young man of most respectable character, and was not in the habit of appearing before Courts of justice in the position of a criminal. The most direct and reliable testimony of good character had been submitted, and it was a question whether a young man enjoying the reputation given to the prisoner by respectable witnesses, could so far forget himself as to commit the act of which he stood accused.

Judge Cross charged strongly against the prisoner and admonished on the dangerous and unjust habit of carrying firearms.

THIERS AND BISMARCK.

The *Peoples' Lloyd* relates a touching anecdote of Thiers and Bismarck. It was already near midnight in an hotel at Versailles when the two were negotiating about Belfort.

PEACE OR A GENERAL WAR.

The *Peoples' Lloyd* takes a gloomy view of the interview between Andrassy and Bismarck. Either we shall have peace before winter, or a general war shall follow.

IRISH-AMERICAN RECOGNITION.

It is said that Hon. Michael Scalan, of the State Department, Washington, will be appointed by President Hayes as successor to Gen. Sharpe, Surveyor of the Port of New York.

RAILROAD STRIKE IN IRELAND.

The railroad strike in Ireland still continues, and there appears to be no prospect of an early settlement. The night passenger traffic is suspended pending the strike.

CATHOLICISM IN THE UNITED STATES.

Mr. John O'Keane Murray, the able historian of the Catholic Church in America, has prepared a short analysis showing how far the Irish race has contributed to the building up and maintenance of the Church.

F. M. O'DONNELL ON ISAAC BUTT.

Mr. Biggar and Mr. Parnell have an able ally in the member for Dungarvan. His letter, which we shall perhaps print in full next week, in reply to Mr. Butt's late manifesto, is trenchant and vigorous.

"Yahoe" who sits for the County Meath, and of the "colony sweep" who represents Dungarvan. Mr. Butt, in Mr. O'Donnell's opinion, strikes the keynote of misrepresentation to the Irish constituency, as he struck the keynote of insult in the House of Commons when he handed over the "reputed" Irish "brawlers" to the just vengeance of Imperial reprobation.

EDUCATION IN NEW ZEALAND.

The Government inspector of schools has just issued his annual report on the Nelson public schools and others in the province of Nelson, making in all 73 schools, with the names of 4,958 children, which appear on the rolls.

HOW SERGEANT RICHARDSON PERFORMS HIS DUTY.

Montreal, October 7th, 1877. To the Editor of the True Witness. Sir, In my last letter I promised to give certain information concerning a prominent anti-Catholic police official, but as the facts have been given me verbally by one who seems to have had every means of knowing the character of that individual, Sergeant Richardson, I would feel obliged by your insertion of the facts as furnished me by ex-constable Clark.

STATEMENT OF AN EX-CONSTABLE.

I was about one year in the City Police Force, having been taken on by Deputy-Chief Naegle. On the 1st of August last, I was obliged to resign owing to systematic persecution at the hands of Sergeant Richardson. Shortly after joining the force, while on beat on St. Catherine's street, I was met by Richardson who asked me where I had been.

PERSONALS.

- TITIENS—This celebrated actress is dead. WORKMAN—Mr. Workman has had a relapse. WALLER—Mayor Waller of Ottawa has been appointed Registrar of Carleton Co. CAUCHON—Hon. Mr. Cauchon has been gazetted Lt. Governor of Manitoba. MCKENZIE—The health of the Premier has improved. LAURIER—CAUCHON—Mr. Laurier has taken Mr. Cauchon's place in the Cabinet. GAMBETTA—Gambetta's manifesto is very bitter against McMahon. DUFFERIN—Lord Dufferin and suite arrived in the Capital on Monday from the Northwest. LOVELACE—Lord Lovelace, an English nobleman, has entered the army as a full private. RINE—Rev. Mr. Rine lectured in Montreal on Monday. O'BRIEN—Mr. O'Brien the Temperance lecturer is in Montreal. FABRE—His Lordship, Bishop Fabre, preached in the Basilica, Quebec, on Sunday. SMYTHE—Major General Smythe has arrived in Ottawa. DRAPER—Chief Justice Draper lies in a precarious state. LEGAULT—This Ottawa forger has been captured in bed in Chicago. WALSH—Bishop Walsh preached a grand sermon in London, Oct. last Sunday. NAPOLEON—Prince Napoleon, met with a stormy reception at Ajaccio. TEAM—The Irish-American rifle team has won a victory in Illinois. GAETZ—The Revd. Leonard Gaetz preaches in Ottawa next Sunday. BAYLEY—James Rossevelt Bayley, Archbishop of Baltimore, died on the 3rd inst. LOSSES—The Russian official returns show a loss of 52,000 up to September the 37th. RICHARDSON—The Irish Catholics of Point St. Charles are petitioning for Sergeant Richardson's removal. SHEEHAN—It is reported that Mr. Sheehan will sue the City of Montreal for illegal arrest on the 12th July. THORNTON—Mr. Joseph Thornton of Toronto has been presented with an address a chain and locket by the Irish Benevolent Association. JOSEPH—This Indian Chief is affecting a union with Sitting Bull, when both will ravage the frontier. SCANLAN—Michael Scanlan the Irish American poet and journalist is a candidate for the surveyorship of New York. SHEEHAN—McALLISTER—New bills of indictment were sent up to the Grand Jury on Tuesday against Sheehan and McAllister. ALI—Mehemet Ali a successful Turkish general has been recalled at the instance of one of the Sultan's nephews. McDUGALL—Mr. Frank McDougall the Ottawa hardware merchant is candidate for the Mayoralty of that city vice Mayor Waller. MANNING—It is stated that Cardinal Manning is to visit Rome at an early date at the request of the Vatican. MEANY—Mr. Stephen J. Meany has arrived in New York from Europe, and is expected in Montreal at an early date. McPHEE—Rev. R. P. McPhee, parish priest of Rustico, P.E.I. has determined to leave the Island for a short time, and visit the South of France for the benefit of his health. JEWS—The Jews rule Germany by the force of their money. They and the Government officials were the only people who commemorated the anniversary of the Battle of Sedan, lately. BRAY—The Rev. Mr. Bray is it is said to start a weekly here shortly. It is to be called the *Speculator*, and will defend the Protestant religion and it is presumed, will offend all others. HANLON—ROSS—The betting is still in favor of Hanlon in his coming trial of skill with Ross Wallace in Toronto Bay, but the odds in his favor are decreasing. ST. PATRICKS—It is supposed that the purchasers of the Woodfield property at Quebec, represented St. Patrick's Church, and intend converting the property into a Cemetery. PURCELL—His Grace the Most Rev. Dr. Purcell, Archbishop of Cincinnati, has written a letter urging the necessity of supporting schools for colored children. DE SALABERRY—Henri de Salaberry, Esq., has been admitted a Notary Public. This gentleman is a direct descendant of the famous Colonel de Salaberry, the victor of Chateaugay. LACROSSE—The weather once more has declared against the proposed lacrosse match, between the Shamrocks and Kearonwen's team. It has been decided to have the match come off (weather permitting), on Friday next, the 12th inst. MARQUETTE—Father Jocker, the well known writer on Indian history, has addressed a letter to the *Sunday Messenger* confirming the report of the discovery of the bones of the great Indian Missionary, Father Marquette. GRAND JURY—The Press of Canada are at present engaged abusing the Montreal Grand Jury in the same manner as they some time since abused Mayor Beaudry. NORMAN—The Rev. Mr. Norman threatens to bring an action against the *Witness* for libel. He is indignant because the "religious diary" charges him with belonging to a church that endorses "the priest in Abolition." CHAPLEAU—LAURIER—It is said that the two clever French Canadians and leaders of public opinion, the Hon. Messrs. Chapleau and Laurier, one a Conservative, and the other a Liberal, have agreed to sink their political differences for their Country's good, and go in for a union of parties. STANLEY—The *Herald* publishes Stanley's first written communication concerning his African explorations. He says he has opened to commerce an area embracing over 600,000 square miles containing nearly 2,000 miles of uninterupted course of water communication, divided among the upper Congo and its magnificent affluents. He says his missions are needed in the East and trade in West Central Africa.