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WEDNESDAY.....OCTOBER 17, 1888.

THE New York Herald suggests, as compensation over and above paying our national debt for annexation, that Ottawa should be made the capital of the continent.

MR. FREDERICK T. CONGDON, the Liberal candidate for the Commons in Shelburne, N.S., is described as a good writer, a capable lawyer, and a young and active man.

COAL AND FLOUR rising in price indicates a hard winter for the poor. The rise is greater than it should be, owing to combination and speculation.

THE principal feature of the Republican tariff bill is its free list, which shows an amount of benevolence that must paralyze the American taxpayer with joy.

MR. SMITH'S reference to the magnificent moderation and judgment on the part of Canada in the present crisis entitles her to the admiration of the world.

Thanks, awfully, Mr. Smith, and dear British public, Canada, we may modestly observe, stands on her dignity because she has nothing else convenient to stand on.

THE surplus in the United States treasury is accumulating at the rate of ten million dollars monthly. The deficit in the Canadian treasury is increasing at the rate of two millions a year.

THE Waterloo Advertiser remarks with perfect truth that "the Montreal Gazette is edited as to provincial politics with the sole and base idea of arraying the whole English population against their French compatriots."

SEVEN vacancies exist at present in the Senate of the Dominion. Six were caused by death, namely, Mr. Plumb, Dr. Fortin, Mr. Ferrier, Mr. Rolland, Mr. Ferguson and Mr. J. J. Ross.

abolished, for it is beyond human ingenuity to assign a valid reason for its continuance, except being a refuge for lory dead beats...

THE Cork Herald remarks that "Lord Lansdowne's evicted tenant, Mr. Denis Kilbride, M.P., has enjoyed quite a royal progress through his constituency and the adjoining portions of Kerry, during the past week."

A cable despatch says:— The Times comes to the conclusion very late in the day, it would seem, that England is detested by other Powers, envious of her wealth, trade, colonies and freedom from conscription.

UNITED IRELAND makes a strong point on the question of crime in Ireland and England in view of the recent London horrors. "Supposing," it says, "the Whitechapel assassinations had taken place in Kerry what a universal outcry there would be about the inane depravity and brutality of the Irish race."

MGR. FARRELLY. The Belleville Intelligencer, which has not been particularly friendly to Catholics in the past, has paid a handsome tribute to the personal worth of this distinguished prelate on the occasion of the recent presentation of a testimonial by the Bishop and priests of the diocese of Kingston.

HOME RULE FOR SCOTLAND. Mr. McNaught, secretary of the Scottish Home Rule association, has visited this country for the purpose of organizing branches in Canada and the United States.

From this it will be seen that the idea of withdrawing representation from Westminster of the Scotch and Irish has been abandoned. The scheme which appears to be gradually assuming shape is that each of the three Kingdoms and the principality of Wales should manage its local affairs in a legislature of its own.

from the agitation is now generally conceded. In Scotland the movement has been started and is being conducted by the people, the wealthy and titled classes, as a rule, holding aloof from it or honoring it with their opposition.

THE PUBLIC DEBT. A correspondent wants to know what are the precise figures of the public debt of the Dominion of Canada.

The Tories of Montreal in 1847, after they had burned the parliament house, pelted the Governor-General, Lord Elgin, with rotten eggs and hoisted the black flag, got up an agitation for annexation to the United States.

THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH. In a former article we pointed out the character and limitations of Sir John Macdonald's political powers, and predicted its inevitable collapse.

DIRECT TAXATION. A vast amount of very interesting facts and figures has been produced by campaign writers in the United States during the present presidential contest.

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power obtained in this way, maintained by devices such as we have enumerated, all made subservient by a master mind to the miserable object of an unworthy personal ambition, cannot survive its creator and may not last for the fragment of his days.

public debt. Any one, however, who will give attention to this subject must be convinced that direct taxation is the only correct system. Wherever it prevails Government extravagance and boodling very soon come to an end.

A FOUL SLANDERER. Bigotry and hypocrisy have so long been the leading characteristics of the only religious daily that the saying "to lie like the Witness" is an established proverb among Canadian journalists.

TORY ANNEXATIONISTS. Treacherous men have treacherous memories. The Kazoot is no exception to the rule. In its review of the Annexation Propaganda it makes a jump from 1811 to 1866.

Such, however, has always been the record of Toryism. Principles it upholds to-day, it repudiates to-morrow, and one Tory generation after another defiles the graves of its fathers.

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