

the applause of the whole country if he takes this firm stand against the Jesuit bill. And what if the Mercier Government is returned with an increased majority? The Dominion of Canada cannot afford to establish and endow an organization which no Catholic country in Europe will so much as tolerate to oblige any possible majority of any one Province.

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NOBODY need be told that in GRIP the managers of the Toronto Exhibition have a warm friend—one who fully appreciates and duly applauds their enterprise in connection with the great show. But a real friend is one who offers sound counsel as well as encouragement, and we therefore take this opportunity of pointing out that the gymnastic exhibitions heretofore given in front of the grand stand before throngs of people, old and young, have not always been free from serious objection. Indeed, to be quite frank, the costumes and postures of both male and female performers, especially in combined acts, have often been positively indecent. We call attention to this with the hope that it may be "reformed altogether" this year. If the performance cannot be given without having, as in the past, a tendency to demoralize the spectators, it had better be omitted. In any case it would be as well to dispense with the "lady" performers, if they can't be induced to wear clothes while exhibiting.

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IT may surprise some of our readers to know that the Anti-Poverty Society is simply an organization of tax-reformers who are advocating what we hope will, in the near future, be endorsed by a majority of the people as a very sensible and much-needed change in the present system. As the reader knows only too well, the revenue needed for municipal, provincial and general governmental purposes is now levied on labor and labor products, to wit, incomes, houses, and wealth in other forms, as well as on land—the last item being taxed low if held out of use—just as if the man who kept his land idle deserved reward instead of punishment from the community. The reformers in question hold that it is neither wise nor just to burden industry with taxation, if that can be avoided, and they are very emphatic in declaring that it *can*. You can learn all about their proposed plan by giving any one of them a chance to talk to you. But meantime, they have taken the practical step of petitioning the Ontario Government for an exemption of \$600 on all houses.

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THIS ought to meet the approval of all who believe that houses are good things. If they are good, people ought to be encouraged to build and beautify them, and one way to encourage them is to remove a portion of the fine now levied on all who own and use houses. If this exemption results in a shortage in the revenue required, let the deficiency be made up by increasing the tax a little on something which does not cost anybody the sweat of his brow—such as the speculative value of land, for instance.

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A PARAGRAPH like the following, which we clip from the Chatham *Planet*, is well calculated to make a Canadian blush:—

Dr. F. B. McCormick, Pelee Island, has been prosecuted again for practising without a license. The case was tried Tuesday at

Kingsville, and was appealed to the County Judge. It is one of peculiar hardship. The doctor is owner of the greater part of the island, and custom-house officer there. There is not practice enough on the island to support a regular licentiate, the advent of whom the doctor would gladly welcome, and resign his practice to him. Meanwhile he does not feel like leaving the people of the island to die, fifteen miles in Lake Erie, for the want of medical advice, and his work has been very successful from a medical standpoint.

The law that consigns the people of Pelee Island to death if they can't afford to send abroad for a regular certificated doctor will be denounced as tyranny even by Protectionists, and yet there is far more to be said in its favor than can be said for the N.P. statute. Its intention is to protect the people from unlearned practitioners who might injure them; but the intention of the N.P. law is simply to prevent you from buying and selling goods in such a way as would, in your judgment, benefit you most.

ZOOLOGICAL.

At a public meeting held in preparation for the Centennial at Cincinnati, it was proposed to bring over from Venice a genuine gondola and to put her on the lakelet in Lincoln Park. Some of those present manifested opposition, but a Don-Cossack of some standing in the "Cin'ti" community, jumped up and said, "Gintlemin, its mesilf that is in favor of importing not wan gondolia, but at the very laste two gondolias to put in the lake beyant, for don't yez all persaise that if we have a pair of them *they will probably propagate their species!*"

CRICKET AT PICKERING.

1888.

THE morning of the Toronto Civic Holiday dawned about the time indicated in the Canadian almanac, and a certain Toronto cricket club took train for Pickering, whereon the college grounds they faced the Pickering club, who proceeded to deface the visiting club in wonderful style.

Twenty, thirty, forty, fifty runs were recorded by the scorer; then the bell rang for a cessation until he borrowed another fence rail to cut the notches on. Sixty, seventy, eighty, ninety, one hundred, and another rail had to be procured.

Then after a while the Toronto men got their innings—and pretty soon their outings.

More rails were procured as the Pickerings took the bat for the second innings, and laid handy to the scorer, so that he would not have to lose time running to the fence for one every few minutes.

When the game was over the record was something like this:—

Pickering..... 342
Toronto..... 61

and night and silence fell on the men of the Queen City, the fame of whose Industrial Exhibition never sets.

And speaking of the Industrial Exhibition, let me remark in the same figurative manner employed with reference to the scoring, that a yoke of oxen and two men worked half a day on Wednesday repairing the fence, while the care-taker of the college gathered up the notch chips for next winter's kindling.

All he hopes for is a stock of such matches to keep him supplied through the same season with ready means of ignition.