

EXEMPTION OF ECCLESIASTICAL EDIFICES FROM TAXATION.

Considerable discussion has taken place of late respecting the exemption of nunneries and ecclesiastical edifices from taxation, and we promised a correspondent to say something on the subject.

Municipalities require a certain sum to meet their expenses, and for this purpose an assessment is imposed. Now it matters little to the municipality whether the whole property within its limits, or only half of it, be subject to assessment, because the rate of assessment is in proportion to the number of properties taxed, but although it may be a matter of indifference to the municipality, it is by no means regarded in the same light by the proprietor, for in proportion to the number of properties assessed is the amount payable by him increased or decreased.

Now if nunneries and ecclesiastical properties are exempt from taxation, it follows that the remaining proprietors must pay an extra rate of assessment to make up for a deficiency that would otherwise occur, and this extra rate must be paid by other proprietors whether they like it or not. This, therefore, savors of injustice, for were all properties assessed as they should be, the adherents of each particular Church would have to make up the required amount, and the burden would fall on the proper shoulders, whereas under the existing system wealthy corporations are allowed to hold large and valuable tracts of land which are as much benefitted as other properties by the operations of the municipality, but being Roman Catholic nunneries forsooth they are exempt, and this in a dependency of a Protestant Government. The sooner this is altered and the burden of taxation equally distributed and placed on the proper shoulders the better.

But the Church of Rome must be consulted before such a change can be contemplated!!!

ALDERMAN RODDEN AND MONTREAL WEST.

We promised not long since to comply with the request of a correspondent and express our views of Alderman Rodden's qualifications to represent Montreal West in the Local Legislature. We have had the pleasure of Alderman Rodden's acquaintance for several years, and believe him in many respects eminently qualified to fill this important position. He is in the first place a man of independent means, a very necessary qualification indeed, but he does not exhibit that independence which we should wish to see in one representing so important a constituency as Montreal West. In fact were it not for his disposition to coquet, or rather to use an expressive phrase, "watch which way the cat jumps," we know of no man who, in our own opinion, would be better suited for the Local Legislature than Alderman Rodden, for he possesses financial and general ability, keen perception, research, and integrity. We want in the Local Legislature unflinching representatives, men who will neither be cajoled nor bullied, men who will sacrifice anything and everything rather than their constituencies; for the Local Legislature is really the battle ground of our civil and religious liberty.

We now come to the only opponent whose name we have as yet heard as likely to enter the lists against Alderman Rodden Marcus Doherty, Esq. This gentleman is an Irishman by birth, as is also Alderman Rodden. Mr. Doherty is a Roman Catholic, (while Alderman Rodden is a Protestant,) of liberal views, a lover of civil and religious liberty, and an advocate of toleration in matters of religion and speech. He is an advocate by profession, and although not an independent man, is nevertheless not without property. He is a man of classical education and is not by any means a poor speaker. He is frank and straight-forward and the most implicit reliance can be placed in his promises, qualifications which we fear however will not have their proper weight with his co-religionists.

Should the election be therefore between these two candidates, we are sure of a pretty good representative.

THE OLDEST ORANGEMAN IN CANADA.—On the 18th ultimo, William Clarke, of the Township of Morris, was consigned to his last earthly resting place, at the venerable age of 101 years. Deceased was born in Fermanagh, Ireland, and at the time of the rebellion, in 1798, was a Non-Commissioned Officer in the yeomanry. He has been a member of the Orange Institution since 1795, consequently at the time of his death he had been a member of the Society for upwards of 76 years.

SOCIAL ENTERTAINMENT.—We have been requested to announce that Dominion L.O.L., No. 1263, will give a Social Entertainment in the Lodge Room, No. 81 St. James Street, at 7.30, on the evening of Tuesday, the 11th instant, being Easter Tuesday.

The perusal of the Rev. Mr. Chiniquy's letter, to be found in another column, will prove highly interesting. We have received the translations referred to, which we shall endeavor to reproduce at an early date.

We trust our friends will turn their attention to the great missionary enterprise, in which Mr. Chiniquy has embarked, and that they will help him to rebuild the Church and College, recently destroyed by fire. Any contributions sent to the proprietor of this paper will be acknowledged in our columns and duly forwarded. To those inclined to assist the undertaking, who have not yet decided to do so, we would only say—

BIS DAT QUI CITO DAT.

PLAGIARISM.

We have not the slightest objection to having our articles copied by our confreres of the press but we must request that credit be given us for them. We shall never intentionally copy original articles without giving credit to the authors. In our last number we inserted a composition entitled "Brother Jonathan's Lament," which we copied from a Western paper, but from what paper we cannot now state, as we read it in several of the same date and knew that it could not be original with each of them. *The Ontario*, of Belleville, claims the authorship and is exercised over this matter, but as we have never even seen that paper, we could not have copied from it. We have been informed that *The Belleville Ontario* raises a howl because we, in common with a few other journals, have copied, without acknowledgment, some of its original poetry. We should be among the very last to practice or to justify literary piracy; but to entitle a paper to accuse its contemporaries of this offence, it matter should be original, and not, as in this case, itself the fruit of plagiarism. In *The Hastings Chronicle*, also published in the town of Belleville, of January 11th, we find the following stanzas, which are verbatim copies of the ideas, phraseology, and even the rhymes, have been appropriated "without acknowledgment" by the "original" poet of *The Ontario*.

In Yankee-land lived Uncle Sam,
And Sam he was an odd fish;
And up the coast he swore he'd sail,
To steal Canadian Cod-fish.

But John Canuck was not to be
Thus of his rights defrauded,
So right along that coast of his,
A three mile line he draw did.

And every Yankee fishing craft
That fish'd within that line, sirs,
He'd clap the captain up in jail,
And make him pay a fine, sirs.

And then he'd sell his boat and nets,
And every thing he had, sirs;
Which made sententious Grant exclaim,
"By Jove, but that's too bad, sirs."

And then "Fast Butler took the stump,
And ray'd, and roar'd, and ranted,
And swore a row with Canada
Was just the thing he wanted."

And that from Britain's sheltering wings
The scamps he soon would drive, sirs,
And if they would not join the States,
He'd claw them up alive, sirs.

And then he talked a lot of stuff,
And said, the navigation
Of the St. Lawrence should be free
To the glorious Yankee nation.

Well! so it is: they're free to sail,
Its tide by day or night, sirs,—
But if they want to use our works
We'll stand upon our right, sirs.

So up the rapids they may sail,
Or down Niagara Falls, sirs;
But day or night, they have no right
To sail through our Canals, sirs.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

D. M., CORNWALL.—We shall in future adopt your suggestion; heretofore it would have occupied too much space.

O. F. W., ST. CATHERINES.—William III. and Mary were crowned on the 11th of April, 1689. Queen Mary died 28th December, 1694; after which, King William continued to reign alone, until the date of his death, 8th of March, 1702, when Queen Anne ascended the throne.

T. H. A., QUEBEC.—There is no difference in the rate of postage, whether papers are sent to one address or not. By paying postage quarterly in advance to your postmaster, he will commute it to five cents per quarter instead of one cent a number.

EDITOR'S TABLE.

We have received the following blue books, viz. :—

The Annual Report of the Minister of Inland Revenue, for the year ending 30th June, 1870.

The General Report of the Minister of Public Works, for the same year.

The Annual Report on Fisheries and Marine; a most interesting book.

The Estimates for the present year; and Parliamentary Papers to date, for all of which our thanks are tendered.

We are prepared to receive orders for every description of Job Printing, which will be executed with neatness and cheaply.

We invite the attention of our readers interested in the Boot and Shoe trade, to the advertisement of the Montreal Boot and Shoe Company in another column; and we recommend intending purchasers to pay them a visit, or write to them for information.

ORANGE LODGE OFFICERS,—1871.

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OSNABROCK CENTRE.

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No. 720.—William Brownlee, W.M.; Herman Jacobi, D.M.; Robt. Boyd, Chap.; B. Dingle, Sec'y.; T. R. Brownlee, Treas.; Joseph Gross, Wm. Moors, B. H. Howard, John Kirkpatrick, John F. Reece, James Crawford, Committee.

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ROYAL SCARLET CHAPTERS.

Ottawa.—Jacob Halfpenny, K.C.C.; Edward Bethrell, D.K. C.C.; Wm. Monroe, Chaplain; Nicholas Garland, Treas.; Thomas Spronle, Scribe; Thomas Coombs, Herald; Richard Stevens, Tyler.

AS OTHERS SEE US.

(From St. Catharines Constitutional, Ont.)

"THE ALTAR AND THE THRONE."—The first number of this weekly paper has been received. It is published in the interests of the Orangemen of the Dominion. It says: "Our journal is designed to furnish information respecting the principles and objects of the Orange Association to those who have not enrolled themselves under the broad folds of a banner on which is inscribed the motto of King William III. 'The Protestant Religion and the Liberties of England I will maintain,' and this with a view of removing the prejudices which have been raised up against it by its crafty opponents." Deprecating personalities, "we shall at all times uphold the principles of toleration and free speech," and "as to our politics they are strictly Orange." The paper is neatly got up in quarto form, and judging from the first number we cheerfully hail it as a co-worker in the labor of consolidating and perpetuating British power and British liberty in America. The *Altar and the Throne* is published every Wednesday; subscription, \$2 a year in advance, and can be obtained by addressing Dunbar Browne, 25 St. Gabriel street, Montreal.

(From the Bruce Reporter, Kincardine, Ont.)

The *Altar and the Throne* is the name of a new weekly paper published in Montreal in the interest of the Orange Institution. It contains a handsome engraving of Her Majesty the Queen, and is well got up. We have no doubt but the paper will be well supported by the fraternity throughout the Dominion.

(From the Bobcaygeon Independent, Bobcaygeon, Ont.)

THE ALTAR AND THE THRONE.—This is the name of a new paper lately started in Montreal in the interest of the Orangemen of the Dominion.—It contains eight pages, is well printed on good paper, and will no doubt have a large circulation amongst those whose principles it is intended to advocate. The subscription price is \$2.00 and it is printed by A. A. Stevenson for the proprietor, Mr. Dunbar Browne.

(From the Windsor Mail, N. S.)

NEW PAPER.—The *Altar and the Throne*, is the name of a new paper of eight pages just started in Montreal. It is to be in the Orange interest, is moderate in tone, and makes a very respectable appearance.

CORRESPONDENCE.

STB. ANNE, KANKAKEE Co., ILL., 23rd March, 1871.

(TO THE EDITOR OF "The Altar and the Throne.")

Allow me through your so interesting journal to satisfy the reasonable enquiries of many friends who request me to give them the very texts of the bloody laws of Rome which we have forced the Bishop of Chicago to translate into English.

You seldom offer to your readers a more important document. You have no idea how the Roman Catholic Bishops and Priests fear that these laws should be known by the Protestants. They have exhausted the