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CATHOLIC CALENDAR

THURSDAY, 5th - St. Vincent Ferrer, Confessor. FRIDAY, 6th - St. Gabriel, Archangel (March 18).

AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

While appealing to the friends and supporters of THE TRUE WITNESS to redouble their efforts in further extending its circulation, we desire at the same time to assure them that every assistance we are capable of, will be given, so as to facilitate their work in the interests of this paper.

THE BUDGET SPEECH

The Budget Speech was delivered yesterday afternoon in the House of Commons by Sir Leonard Tilley. It is another encouraging and brilliant chapter in the history of the National Policy, and recites in simple but emphatic language the unquestionable facts in relation to the commercial prosperity, industrial development, and especially to the sound financial condition of the young Dominion.

PROTECTION NEEDED

Among the proposed changes in the Tariff there is one which will not fail to give satisfaction to those interested in the manufacture of agricultural implements. The change consists in raising the present duty on these articles from 25 per cent. to a specific and ad valorem duty of 35 per cent.

It is reality they had no more than 20 per cent. to pay. The only remedy to check this fraud and to place our Canadian manufacturers on a level for fair competition is to establish a specific duty, equal at least to that imposed by the United States.

THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT DECLINES TO INTERFERE

The British Minister at Washington has called the attention of the United States Government to the utterances of the Irish agitators in that country, and requested that they be gagged and suppressed.

THE PINCH OF EXTERMINATION

The scheme of wholesale emigration which England proposes as a panacea for Ireland's ills has been disapproved and opposed by the Bishops of Ireland, the popular representatives and the friends of the people.

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DOMINION EXPENDITURE

The Dominion of Canada is doing remarkably well in the way of increasing its annual expenditure. In the first year of its existence, 1867-68, the Government managed to administer affairs at a cost of \$13,458,092.

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could earn more than six times that amount in another country. The laborers should not be made to suffer under these circumstances, and whatever may be the scarcity of labor here, they should not be prevented from doing good for themselves.

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oustrip our alleged logic, by saying that the Irish will be forced to emigrate after they have been made to feel the pinch of starvation. What the Post is strongly opposed to is the "forced emigration," or, as the Irish Episcopate recently pronounced, "the extermination of the native race."

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paper, report, does not render a man incompetent as a juror. This was the ruling of the courts in times past, and although we have lately been loosed on the matter, we will now go back to first principles.

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