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CATHOLIC CALENDAR

THURSDAY, 17.—Of the Octave. Montreal founded, 1642. FRIDAY, 18.—Of the Octave. Ember Day.

THE third volume of the Dominion census, containing the agricultural statistics, has just been issued. In 1881 the number of acres occupied in the five Provinces of Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick was 41,091,789 to 36,048,401 acres in 1871.

CARDINAL McLOCKY has had to trouble himself a second time to again deny the reiterated statement of the London Press, that the Pope had sent a communication censuring his Eminence for having received the President of the Irish National League...

TIMOTHY KELLY was evidently doomed from the first, and, by hook or crook, the Crown had resolved on taking his life. In his first two trials, only the Judge and the prosecutors pronounced him guilty...

A blue book, just issued from the Land Courts in Ireland, shows that during the month of December, 1882, there was a total of 1,638 cases in which judicial rents had been fixed, 696 of which were in Ulster...

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Tewkesbury almshouse. Her name is Mrs. Clara T. Leonard, and she is a member of the State Board of Health. This woman says that, in the last two years she visited the institution "twice—without giving any previous notice"—and found "scorpious neatness everywhere, beds seemed good, bread and food also, and she heard no complaints."

The tide of immigration into the Dominion is running very high at the present moment, but, strange to say, not one in a hundred of these immigrants ever think of pitching their tents and seeking their fortunes in this Province of Quebec...

GLADSTONE'S Government suffered another signal defeat yesterday (May 11). The Inland Revenue Bill was before the House, and the pivotal clause of the measure—the collection of income taxes—was under consideration...

At the recent banquet given in honor of Gen. Wolsey, the Duke of Cambridge, took occasion to ventilate his opinions on the relative importance of moral influence and physical force...

Why that is just what O'Donovan has been preaching right along. It was very injudicious of the Duke to publicly teach the doctrine that "moral influence means nothing except physical force is at the back of it."

The Montreal branch of the Irish National Land League held its final meeting yesterday afternoon. During the three years that this branch has been in existence it has forwarded to the leaders in Ireland over six thousand dollars to aid the Irish people in their constitutional struggle...

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greater property and success in the world, would have been able to materially increase those results to a point commensurate with the members and wealth of the Irish population of the Canadian metropolis.

THE HALIFAX FENIAN SCARE. After Ottawa comes Halifax. The echoes of the breaking of that whiskey bottle on the steps of the Parliament buildings, which had been magnified into a dynamite explosion have scarcely died away, when a letter is put into the hands of the Lieut. Governor of Nova Scotia advising him of a projected Fenian uprising and attack.

THE BUSINESS TAX DEFEATED. When the Provincial Treasurer, Mr. Wurttele, unfolded his plan to swell the revenue by means of a business tax levied on the trade, commerce and banking of the province, he was met by one general outcry against the proposed measure.

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the thought with the English Press on these points. All these statements are a heap of nonsense, without a color of truth in them. The Holy Father has taken no grave resolutions which would conflict with the interests of the Irish people, the desires of the Irish Bishops and the demands of the Irish National party.

HIGH LICENSE FEES. The temperance cause has some very persistent advocates in the Western States. In many places the sale of spirituous liquors is absolutely prohibited by statute under heavy penalties; but as traffic in the lighter beverages, such as lager, wine and ale, is permitted, the sale of stronger drinks goes on under the cover of the beer and wine.

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comprises this neighborhood, has called public attention to the evil, aided by the Catholic Young Men's Association. He has called upon every mother, father and brother to raise their hands against this terrible scourge, for the idea is insupportable, he said, that these pagan barbarians can carry on their horrible orgies right in our midst, corrupt our children and convert our peaceable neighborhood into a hotbed of crime and debauchery.

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State made its own laws and imposed taxes without any outside interference; since the Union the States have preserved exclusively all the rights which were not expressly taken from them by the general Constitution. It is herein that lies the great difference between the American and Canadian Confederation Acts. Before the Confederation the Provinces were like the States, respectively independent, and had full power to make separate laws; but since the confederation the various provinces, on being merged into one body, the Dominion of Canada, were allowed to control and exercise authority only over certain subjects specially enumerated in the Act, while to the Federal authority were assigned the most general and exclusive powers, amongst which were the regulation of trade and commerce, banking and the incorporation of banks and taxation by every mode.

ORANGE EBULLITIONS.

Mr. John White, M.P., who championed the ill-fated Orange Bill in the House of Commons, was the recipient of a congratulatory address and the participant of a beautiful repast, tendered him the other evening by his fellow Orangemen of Ottawa, as an expression of their heartfelt admiration of the noble stand made by him in defence of their rights while the Incorporation Bill was before Parliament.

The occasion was not characterized by the same amount of blood and thunder effusions as formerly; there was, however, a little fierceness, intensified no doubt, by the memory of the recent unwillingness of the House to put them on the back. Thus, District Master Jos. Clarke in proposing the health of Brother White, M.P., expressed his belief "that if the Boyne would be fought over again in Montreal, the result would be the same as before." Well, hardy, brother Clarke! You do not seem to realize that the rival positions have been considerably reversed since King William died. You are very foolish to expect that there could be any repetition of the Boyne. Such threats coming from a leader of the Orangemen would be very harmful if they were not too ridiculous and impotent to carry out. The address to Brother White asserts that "the great principles of which the Orange Order is the exponent are eternal and must prevail." It will be a bad thing for the peace of the next world if they carry their principles into eternity, the prospect of a perpetual clash of interests is by no means encouraging or inviting. The address asserted rather too much on this score just as it did when it said that "Orangemen had been ever ready to grant to the Roman Catholics such measures as they deemed necessary for the freedom of the exercise of their religion and the education of their children; and that they have elected in many instances, Catholics in purely Protestant constituencies." We only wish that we could hear testimony to such tolerance, but the historical facts are not in accord with the contention. When Catholics wanted their rights, they had to take them in spite of the Orangemen. The Orange feeling got the best of Orange sense in the following passage of the address. After subscribing to the principles of the Revolution of 1688, it says that "we will teach our intolerant maligners that our sainted ancestors did not shed their hearts' blood in vain at the battle of the Boyne. To us the memory of the heroes who defended the walls of Derry, and who smote the minions of Rome at Aughrim, shall be as an exemplar, and we will emulate their deeds, not in shedding blood, but by the arts of peace in demanding our rights. We will give our support only in favor of those who are willing to emancipate us from the thraldom of Rome. We shall ever remember that we are Protestants first." Brother Clarke has not given any reasons why he should dub as "intolerant maligners" those who relate notorious facts about the Orange Society. Falseness of calumny are not required to injure it; its own very record contains truths far more damaging than any lies that could be invented. Then we are to be taught that their sainted ancestors did not shed their hearts' blood, in vain at the Battle of the Boyne. Well, will not that be an interesting lesson to learn? But suppose that the lesson cannot be taught; what will be the consequences? Brother Clarke fails to say "We will emulate their defence of Derry and their smiting the minions of Rome,