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WEDNESDAY....SEPTEMBER 24, 1890.

#### CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK.

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 24th, St. Gerard, Bishop and Martyr.
THURSDAY, Sept. 25th, St. Cleephas, Dis-

FRIDAY, Sipt. 26th, SS. Cyprian and Justina, Martyre. SATURDAY, Sept. 27th, SS. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs.
SUNDAY, Sept. 28th, (eighteenth after Pentecost)—St. Wenceslaus, Martyr.
Monday, Sept. 28th, St. Michael, Arch-

TUBSDAY, Sept. 30th, St. Jerome, Confesser and Doctor.

THE unanimity with which the press has accepted the auggestion of raising a fund for the relief of the famine sufferers in Ireland is very gratifying. Amengst those that have given their warmest marks of sympathy are the Montreal Gazette, La Minerre and Le National, Catholic Review and Catholic Record.

Ir is to be regretted that Mr. Parneli's health is still bad and that in the event of O'Brien and Dillen not coming to this continent it is said he will be unable to take their place. No visit could be more opportune, and it is to be hoped that the efforts of his friends to induce him to again visit these shores will be successful.

THE Globe announces that an extensive egg buyer in the States has ordered his Canadian agent to buy up all the eggs he can and get them rapidly over the lines before the day on which it is supposed the new prohibitory law will come into force. That does this mean? Why does the importer act in this way? It has always been a favorite doctrine with the reform apostles that the consumer does not pay the duty. Some people evidently do not think so.

Ir seems as though the McKinley bill is likely to cause great disaster in the country which has given it birth. The Battleboro Reformer says :- " Ever since the McKinley tariff victory was assured in the election. business has been in a most lamentable state, the whele importing interests in alarm ever a prospect which threatens it with ruin; the manufacturing interest in uncertainty, markets unsettled and meney so "tight" as to keep the country on the verge of a panic all the time."

SECULARITY in religion is evidently carried to the verge of fanaticism in Australia. In the school books in Queensland they have actually cut out the well-known verse in Longfellew's "Wreck of the Hesperus" "Then the maiden clasped her hands and

That saved she might be. And she thought of Christ, who stilled the

On the Lake of Galilee,"

as savering too much of sectarian teaching ! And yet there are people who wonder why there should be separate schools and denounce them as unnecessary.

THE Geographical and Economic Science sections of the British Association have been considering the subject of vacant spaces yet available on the earth's surface for settlements. It may be gratifying to know that the learned body has come to the cenclusien, as the proposition was cordially received by the majority, that 182 years must elapse before the earth becomes full, and that even then, with economy, there may be a little space left. It is not presumptuous to say that these who live 182 years hence will still have many wide places to fill, netwithstanding the decided epinions of these learned gentlemen. Prophecies of this kind are not new, and have been found unfulfilled at the end of the periods named.

FOUR Ministers, the Premier, the Minister of Agriculture and the Minister of Finance, have spoken upon the commercial position of Canada as she may be affected by the recent hostile legislation in the United States. There was no uncertain sound in what they said. The speech of Sir John Macdonald is given elsewhere and his celleagues bere out his anticipations and clearly established the fact that Canada if she be only only energetic and true to herself will derive no small benefit from the McKinley bill. The statesmen who have been framing the destinies of the country for the past twelve years have placed it in a pesition which makes the intended blow fall very lightly. In truth the McKinley bill bids fair to preve semething of a beemerang.

THE saying that republics are ungrateful.

consequence of want and despondency is desorlbed elsewhere. Although out to placer, almost in defence of his country his reward has been nothing. The country that can vete mency by the million for pensions for soldier's yet let its real warriors die like Cel. Baillie cannot be in a healthy condition. The fact proves the absence of any true rule of national and public conduct which since attests national solidity and cohesion.

THE coel and patriotic manner in which the passage of the McKinley B li has been reecived in Canada, and the determined expressions of ministers and merchants, appears to have rather surprised our neighbors to the south of us. It is, of course, the eld story of the abregation of the Reciprocity treaty ever again. But these of the annexation school in the States, whose money has been drawn en by their Canadian allies, er pelitical confidence men would perhaps be a better term, seem to be getting alarmed and are praying their friends to "make an effort" like Mrs. Dombey. But like that unfortunate lidy the breath of life for them is passing quickly. Nene of any position dare do any more than write sympathetic letters to the States hinting at what may be done after the next election if the sinews of war are not withheld, and \$100,000 corruption fund is raised under the name of a "League." As to bold avowals of annexation none are heard, as was expected, at least so a New York paper alleges. All that the party organs dare say as to this is by side references to an obscure and weak article the printing of which has been obtained. As to "Cemmercial Union." that fad has died of inanitien. "Give then repe enough," said a preminent Canadian statesman, referring to to the internal enemies of Canada, "the end is inevitable," So it has proved. The peculiar dilemma of the Opposition during the next session of Parliament will be very

L'Electeur says that Quebec has rarely seen se many persons of distinction within it: walls as it has since the first of September. "A prince of the bloed who may be at a future day our sovereign, the Governor General of Canada, the Commander-in Chief of the British forces in America, the Admiral commanding the Atlantic equadron, the governors of two British colonies, Newfoundland and the Bahamas; in the person of Sir George Biden Powell, one of the most distinguished members of the House of Commons in England, three French gentlemen of the Salone de l'Elyrée at Paris, without counting many other persons loss important." L'Electeur regards this festival with approval, and points out how much good it has dene to society and the ancient city generally. It is certainly to be hoped that each year will witness something similar. Quebec has been showing signs of decrepitude for some years, owing to circum tances which are not wholly due to exhibited during the last week or two cannot

THE bane of our civilization is the lying

cablegram. No one is safe. No reputation can escape the slanderous influence of the modern concector of news. There seems to exist a merbid desire to hear or read something that detracts from the good name of our neighbor, and that miserable craving for the sensational has given birth to a crowd of liars, whe earn a disreputable living by sending false despatches to the press of the world. Perhaps the most frequent victims of the slanderers have been the Irish leaders, Parnell and his asseciates, but now new fields have to be sought, and it matters little to the poor wretch, who ekes out a subsistance by pandering to a depraved taste, whose character he may destroy. Canada has been misrepresented systematically in the press despatches of the United States, public men belied, and their views distorted, by an unscrupulous herde of so-called special correspondents. The latest invention, hewever, was a vile despatch cencerning an imaginary street fight, in which Prince George of Wales was made to figure, in the city of Mentreal, during his recent visit. The Prince earned good epinions for himself whilst a guest in our city, by his affability and genial manners, and now, most people think, the precess of lying by despatch has gone far enough. Oriminal preceedings have been instituted by some of our fellow-citizens against certain parties suspect. ed of being engaged in this disreputable business. Altegether, apart from any personal censideration for the Prince, it will be a publio benefit if the bearers of false witness are brought to justice, and an end put to the eccupation of those who live by systematic

In the last Review of Reviews the editor narrates an interview held with Lord Wolse-

"No man with whom I ever talked had more of the pride of race than Lord Wolseley, and yet, with characteristic candour, ne man was more frank in describing what he considered to be its weak points. To him one of the chief ebjections to the Parnellite agitation was that it seemed to stand in the way of the Heaven-sent mission of the Irish to govern the whole British Empire. Net so very long age, he said, almost every Celonial Gevernor was an Irishman. Of the Viceroys of India, Lord Mayo, Lord Dufferin, and Lord Lansdowne were all Irishmen : so was Sir Hercules Robinson. The Dake of Wellington was an Irlahman, and so, to go further back, was Burke, for whom he has a great admiration. It is the very superiority of the Irish which makes it so difficult for English men to govern ihem."

Is proved to be true in one case at least, that | can Lord Welseley see to Irishmen governing | So it is with the righteons Doctor of the improvement of the city at the permanent | Mr. Hudspeth, M.P. for South of Cel. Baillie, where death by suicide in Ireland? How the "Heaven-sent mission" nineteenth century. There are two peoples expense of the nation, the Local committee take place on the 11th of October. can Lerd Welseley see to Irlahmen governing | So it is with the righteons Doctor of the

is to be retarded by Home Rule is perhaps in Ireland, the Christian and the nonanyone else. It is certainly the extremest are thankful that those who are in outerwant of consistency on the part of the Eog-"widews" and anything else that will ad- perial tasks to the hands of I dishmen and ing itself, and Pharisees will continue to vance the interests of a political party and yet to object to their independent action in flourish and preciaim themselves until the their own island.

> THE Cork Herald calls attention to what is certainly a singular coincidence. It appears that Mr. Jackson, the Secretary of the Treasury, and Sir Michael Hicks Brach, the ex-Secretary of State for Ireland, are travelling in Ireland at the present time, and are both well received. The Herald says :-

The want of accord which has prevailed for a considerable time in the Cabinet between Six M. H. Beach and Mr. Balfour as to the latter's pelicy has been an open secret, and it is known that the President of the Board of Trade has been in favour of a modification of the Chief Secretary's savage coercion regime. The fact that Sir M. H. Beach should have gone on an independent tour of inspection to Ireland at the present important junctum, while Mr. Balfour s occupying his versatile intellect and exercis ing his sinuous form in the mysteries of "putting and "driving," is the subject of much speculation and comment in political circles here. Sir M. H. Beach may be pardoned for regarding the Salisburian ascendancy in the Tory party with subdued gratification. The Salisburian coterie have eyed him with any thing but friendly feelings, both because he has failed to come up to the scratch in eulogianng Mr. Baltour's barbsrities, and because he sympathises more or less openly with Lord Randolph Churchill. It is considered very probable that his visit to Ireland will strengthen his hands in the Cabinet in asserting the opin tons of those Tories who think that the seoner peace is made with the Irish people the better it will be for the future of the parts at large.

#### Wheat Production.

In the course of the discussion upon the McKinley bill, one of the supporters of that measure-as is seemed with rather weak legic-centended that it would have some effect in retaining for the United States the English market as far as the grain of the west is concerned. "They" (tae English) "must have it." was the burden of the Cengressman's lay. In truth, it has been clear for a considerable time that Great Britain bas been quietly endeavoring to make herself independent of the hezardous source of wheat supply as it exists in the United States. India and Egypt have both been under tuters for some time is connection with grain raising, Canada has, of course, been encouraged to put forward her best efforts in the same direction, with a success that is well known; and, as a consequence of all this, American growth has diminished, and tho strange phenomenon bas been witnessed of corgo upon cargo of Oriental grain being unleaded in New York. So that it may be safely assumed that before many years have passed Great Britain's wheat supply will be produced within the borders of the Empire. But there may be even another phase of this development which at present does not appear upon the surface of United States commerce, and the probability of this is evidenced by a statement recently made by Mr. herself. A little animation such as she has Oliver Dairymple, a gentleman who raises more wheat than any other in the neighborbut have a beneficial effect Such brilliant | ing republic. According to this authority gatherings and gay delogs are links in a chain | the present wheat crop in the Status for exof a splendid and romantic history, which pert will only amount to 40,000,000 bushels bill has been pending, and in fact since a high must be lengthened and strengthened year by and he adds that if the ratio of increase in population in the next decade is equal to that in the last the necessary result of the present rate of wheat preduction will have to be inportation on, an extended scale. It will be singular if the Congress which has recently shewn itself so unfriendly were if the Bill remains law, to be compelled to undo its work in the effect to obtain grain from Canada. But it seems highly prebable. It would be also singular if the States found that Canada had none to spare, and this is highly prebable alse.

#### Father Matthew Celebration.

The Irish Cathelic Temperance Convention of Total Abstinence Societies is making great preparation for the due celebration of the centenary of Father Matthew. The preceedings will partake of a religious and secolar character. It is likely that a platform will be adopted embedying the views of the organization, with such changes and modifications in the eriginal platform as the altered circumstances of the country may suggest. On the 13th October, in the evening, a grand literary and musical festival will be held. It was hoped that the Rt. Rav. Doctor O'Maheney, Ceadjater Bishep of Toronto, would have been able to deliver the principal address. Mr. Curran, M.P. kindly censented to ge to Teronto and lavite his Lordship to come to Montreal on that occasion. Unfertunately, the health of that prelate will not permit him to be present, very much to his regret and that of the puople of the city. The absence of Blahop Mahoney is unavoidable, but the Convention will be in a position to present such a list of speakers as cannet fail to attract a large attendance. When the platform of principles shall have been adopted by the Convention, we may have a few words to say on this important subject.

### A Modern Pharisee.

Doctor McMullen was one of the speakers at the Methodist conference in this city last week. He spoke of Ireland, and gravely infermed his hearers that "there were two peoples in Ireland, Christian and non-Christian," etc. How very remarkable and yet hew natural. We do not know if the Pharises of old belonged to the McMullen family, but he spoke exactly in the same strain. He was thankful, just as our worthy dector is thankful, and for the same reason. The eld Israelite felt that there were two peoples in Israel—the Saints and the Sinners-and he was comfortable in the belief But if this be so, what possible objection | that he did not belong to the sinner tribe.

clear to that warrier, but we doubt if it is to Christian, and he and his fellow Methodists darkness are not of their persuasien. So it lish to gladly entrust the most difficult Im. shall ever be, and history will go on repeatend of time.

#### A High Compliment.

At the pic-nic lat ly held at Morrisburg, Oat, in aid of Rev. Father Twemey's Church, Sir John Macdonald, the veteran Premier, and Sir John Thempsen, Minister of Justice, were present and made important speeches. Senator Price, of Breeklyn, N.Y., was also there, and having been called upon to make a few remarks, did so in an exceedingly happy vein. The Senator paid a high compliment to the Catholic priesthood for their selfsacrifice and devotien to the interests of the country. He complimented Canada on the fact that its Premier and greatest statesman had laid aside his operous duties to assist in aiding a Church which was not his own. Speaking on the question of receprocity he said: "He belonged to the Democratic party, whese policy had already produced its results on the agricultural community. The people of the United States were already complaining of the mischievous results of such legislation as the McKinly bill, and it was to be hoped that at the next election a party would be returned to power in the United States, which would be in entire accerd with the Canadian people on the reciprecity question.

#### The Latest Irish Arrests.

The Coercionist Government of Great Britain seems to have taken leave of its senses. The arrest of Mesers, Dllon and O'Brien at this juncture is one of the grossest blunders of a blundering administration. The gentlemen named were about to leave for an American tour when the warrants for their arrest were issued. Possibly Mr. Balfour and his colleagues may have thought that by sending the delegates to jail in Ireland that they would kill all sympathy for the cause in America. Such a calculation is little better than idiotic. Fortunately, the Nationalist ranks are filled with gentlemen capable of pleading the cause of Ireland. Other members will be selected to take the places of those behind the bars, and the coercivo measures adopted by Ireland's oppressors will only serve to assure public sympathy, and give an imputus to the Nacional movement that it might otherwise have lacked. The friends of Ireland will new understand that the moment of the supreme effort has arrived. The coercionists evidently feel that power is slipping from their hands, that the people of England are weary of this policy, and that if the needed supplies for carrying on the next campaign for Home Rule are not intercepted, the reign of Ireland's enemies is at an end. They have, therefore, made their last attempt to paralyze the National League. It is a mad attempt, and will fail igneminously, if the Irish people are true to themselver, and do not falter on Parnell and his associates will receive as warm a welcome as wenld have been given to the imprisened patriots, whose persecution will only serve to fan the flame of generosity in every Irish heart.

#### THE APPREHENDED FAMINE IN IRELAND.

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The Irish Potate Famine To the Editor of THE TRUE WITNESS :-DEAR SIE,—The advice given by William O'Brien, John Dillon and other Irish members, to the tenants on those lands where the crops are a failure, to refuse payment of sent, is but another proof, if such were wanting, of the interest which they take in the welfare and comfort of the people. As the first law of nature is self-preservation, it follows that they are only acting in accordance with that precept. No doub here are a great many among us who will look upon this preaching, and its effects (if carried out), skin to horror, as a spoliation of the landlords; but who, at the same time, could view the desolating effects of the famine upon the people, with placed countenance and unruffled feelings. However, let the tenants be guided in this trying circumstance by their trusted leaders, displaying that confidence in one another, which has contributed in a great measure to the victories which they have achieved, and to the victories which whey they will have no reason to regret it.

M. F. K.

Will It be a Failure?

Church street, Ottawa.

San Francisco, September 20.-The Chronicle to day has an editorial on the management of the World's fair, in which some startling statements are made. The editorial begins with this assertion :- " From present indications everything is being done that is possible to be done to make the World's fair a failure, and a shame and disgrace to the nation; the directors of the local board of Chicago has captured a coterie of members of the National committee and that little handful seems disposed to arrogate to itself the entire management of affairs in the interest of Chicago." The Chronicle points out that the National committee has delegated its power to 26 persons, 14 of whom live or are chiefly interested in Chicago, and adds:—"If this is the way in which the National committee is to conduct its business Congress should repeal the World's fair act entirely and begin anew. Not content with patting in a shameless bid for the permanent

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has pulled the wires so as to make the National committee its catepaw and to put that body in the attitude of panderers to Ohicage's lust and greed of gain. The National committee must extricate itself from the grasp of Chicago, or it would be dragged down to the lowest depths, and the World's fair will be invelved in its fall."

#### THE BENWELL MURDER.

Birchall's Trial Commenced.

The Crewn Case Opened and the First Evidence Heard-A Suspicious Letter.

Woodsrock, Ont., September 23rd.—The Grand jury on Tuesday evening rendered a true bill against J. Reginald Burchall, for the murder of Frederick C. Benwell. He was arraigned on Monday morning. A jury was empannelled without any challenges. His Lordship Mr. Justice McMahon presided and Mr. Osler Q C. appeared for the Crown the prisoner being de-fended by Mr. G. T. Blackstock, Mr. Osler briefly recapitulated the story of the disappear-ance of Benwell and the subsequent finding of the body in the Blenheim Township, and des cribed the movements of the two men.

One of the strongest points made by him was in reading a letter from Birchall to Col. Ben well, which letter, though often referred to, has never up to this time seen the light of day, Following is the letter:-

Birchall to Col. Benwell:

Please address Messrs. Birchall & Benwell, P. O. box 313, Niagara Falls, Can.: My Dean Sin,-We arrived safely here after a pleasant journey, the sea being rather rougher than otherwise. We came up by sleeping car from New York, and had a very pleasant time indeed. Your son has inspected all my books and all my business arrangements, and I introduced him to people who know me well. He suggested taking other advice, so I of course was perfectly willing, and he consulted a barrister in London, Ont, concerning the business, with satisfactory results, and he has de cided to join me, as he has found all that he wished to be satisfactory. I think we shall make a very good business together. The books show a very good profit for last year. I think the best way is to place the money in our joint names in the bank to the credit of our reserve fund. We shall take the additional piece of land that I mentioned to you as we shall now require it for produce.
The best way to send money out is by bankers'
draft. Drafts for us should be drawn on the Bank of Montreal, New York. They have a branch in London and I think the London and Westminster do business for them. Letters of this kind should be

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and your son was somewhat anxious to share in the proceeds which I am quite willing he should do, and so we have signed our deed of partnership and shall, I am sure, never regret doing so Your son is, I think, writing you by this the threshold of victory. Whencever may rost. Kindly excuse bad writing on my part, be chosen to visit America on behalf of but I am rather in a hurry to catch the mail. My letters are generally written by a typewrit ter as they are so much more legible and clear of any trouble as to words. We are having paper printed and this will be ready in a few days. I think you will be pleased that your son has found things satisfacture, and I quite agree that he did the best thing in coming out to see the business first. I will send you weekly papers of all business done so that you can see for yourself how things go on. This will be satisfactory to you, I think. Of course, regard to the money any bank in New York would do for a draft. We have opened a business account in our joint names at the American bank here. Your son will doubtless give you his views in his letters.

With kindest regards, believe me dear sir,

yours sincerely. (Signed) J. R. BIECHALL,

To Lieut. Col. Benwell, Iseultdene, Chelten-Mr. Oaler dwelt on the fact that there was no

farm, no sale, no business in Woodstock most important facts of the letter was the reference to the use of a typewriter, it evidently being the intention to send a type-written letter signed in Benwell's name showing Col. nel Benwell that all was satisfactory and that money should be sent out. The use of a typewriter would obviate the danger of discovery which would arise from an attempt to imitate another hand-writing for a whole letter.

In the afternoon Mr. Osler continued his address as follows:—The arrest on Sunday was made by Chief Young, the search resulted in finding on his person express receipes for the deceased's baggage, a part of which had been passed by the Customs, the heavy baggage being sent in bond. The residue of the prisoner's baggage was also found on the prisoner, except that which had to pass the Canadian Customs.

KEYS BELONGING TO BENWELL opening all his baggage and a gold pencil case having the words 'Connie, September 11, 1889,' were found on the person of the prisoner. This
was a hirthday present to the deceased. A cap
which will be identified as the kind of cap worn by the person with deceased on the wey to the swamp was also found in his possession. The andy was found about 11 o'clock on the morning of Friday, February 21st, which would be four days from Tuesday, the day on which the murder is said to have been committed. They had plainly left the highway about the place where the hunters trail to the lake began. Two bullet holes were found in the back of the head, one behind the ear, another a little to the right of the centre of the head. No blood was seen at first, but after the snow was scraped away s

at ness, out after the show was scraped away a small quantity was found.

William McDonald a "farm agent" who brought Birchell to Canada, was the first witness but his evidence did not materially advance the case.

Douglas R. Pelly was then called. He, it will

be remembered, is the other young Englishman who, with Benwell, accompanied Burchell and his wife to Canada, with a view to entering into agricultural pursuits. Pelly told the story, which is so well known, about how he negotiated. ated with Birchall and agreed to come to Canada tunder certain conditions; how the party arrived in America and proceeded to Buff alo, His examination in chief was not concluded when the court rose at six o'clock, Before the court closed for the evening the Judge warned the jury to be careful not to discuss the case even with each other, and above all avoid making up their minds until all the evidence was equarely before them. The court then adjourned.

The election to fill the vacancy in the House of Commons, caused by the death of the late Mr. Hudspeth, M.P. for South Victoria, will The Province of Quebec Lottery. The above lottery is chartered by the Legis. lature of the Province of Quebec for the very landable purpose of erecting churches, hospitals and charitable institutions, assisting colonizations, &c. It is conducted in a very creditable manner and persons taking chances in this lottery will be sure to get fair play. The lottery is under the immediate managemans of Mr. S. E. Lefebyre, a gentleman of upriving character and one in whom the public can place the greatest confidence.

The drawings take place monthly, full par-

ticulars of which are given in our columns.

#### The Ranks Extending.

The Toronto Catholic Review says :- In compliance with a request which comes to us from Mr. J. J. Curran, M.P., that this Review, along with other of its contemporaries, should open a subscription list for the receipt of monies for transmission to Ireland on the first appeal, we desire to announce that The Ecview is wholly at the service of the promoters of this charitable project, and that all monies forwarded either to it direct. or to the honorary treasurer, the Hon. Edward Murphy, of Montreal, will be acknowledged each week in its columns. We are desired by Mr. Curran-from whom we had the pleasure of a visit on Wednesday-to add that this fund will in no way interfere with any organized efforts for raising money by societies or otherwise, should that be necessary later on.

#### A Horrible Story.

LONDON, Sept 22 -William O'Brien has written to the Secretary of the John Daly Amnesty committee in Tipperary that he has been in communication with an Englishman of much prominence in Birmingham who has discovered startling proofs that Daly, who is now serving life sentence in prison for alleged complicity in dynamite crime, is the victim of a plot organized by Iri-h poice emissaries under the authority of the Chief coastable of one of the princial cities in Ireland. The Chief constable, Mr. O'Brien says, has made a full confessi n and his statement has been sent to Home Secretary

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