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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 8, St. Albert. THURSDAY, Jan. 9, St. Brithwald. FRIDAY, Jan. 10, St. Agathe. SATURDAY, Jan. 11, St. Hyginus. SUNDAY, Jan. 12, St. Felicitas. MONDAY, Jan. 13, St. Mang. TUESDAY, Jan. 14, St. Hilary. WEDNESDAY, Jan. 15, St. Paul.

NEW AGENT.

Mr. E. Husey has kindly consented to act as agent for the TRUE WITNESS in St. Anselm, Huntingdon Co., P.Q.

Tenants' Defence League.

The Tenants' Defence Association recently started in Ireland already bids fair to bear the richest fruits. It is meeting with the cordial and universal support of both clergy and laity; and the consequence is that the New Year has opened most sad and gloomy for the rackrenting landlords of that afflicted island.

The Latest Slander.

Captain O'Shea, ex-M.P., has launched a charge against his wife, who seeks to dishonor, for the purpose of ruining the great leader of the Irish people, Charles Stuart Parnell.

Brazil.

The fate of Dom Pedro, late Emperor of Brazil, is a sad one. He lost his Empire, was betrayed, driven into exile, and has been still further afflicted by the death of his wife, which occurred a few days ago after a brief illness.

and all was serene for the Liberator of the Brazilian people. Those who have some knowledge of how these things are usually managed, had their doubts as to the value of the reports sent over the wires. They knew that no information, not favorable to the revolutionists, would be allowed to cross the frontier, and a very considerable discount had to be allowed for the exaggeration and boasting of the sympathizers with the revolutionary party, who are of the noisy tribe.

The Legislature Opened.

The Legislature of Quebec opened yesterday. In his speech from the throne the Lieut. Governor, after referring to the payment of the Jesuits' Estates claim, directs the attention of the House to the fact that they will be called upon to legislate in favor of the abolition of toll-gates and tolls on bridges as well as on the construction of macadamized country roads.

University Degrees.

The local parliament will meet again in a few days and it is quite likely the Bill introduced at the last session by the Hon. W. W. Lynch, now Judge of the Supreme Court, will again be brought forward, by which it was sought to be enacted, that anyone holding a degree of B.A. from a British or Canadian University, shall be entitled to be enrolled as a student in any of the learned professions without having to undergo the usual preliminary examination.

Mr. Hickson Decorated.

The intelligence which reached Canada during the past week, that it had pleased the Queen to confer the distinguished honor of knighthood on Mr. Joseph Hickson, general manager of the Grand Trunk, was received with the greatest satisfaction by his large circle of friends and admirers, who were not slow in flooding him with congratulatory messages.

rapid. Our esteemed contemporary, the Gazette, in the course of a highly flattering article on the subject of the decoration in question, pays him this beautiful tribute:—"Of the business aptitude, the splendid ability, the devotion to the interests of the company, the indomitable industry and perseverance of Mr. Hickson, it is unnecessary to speak. These qualities are familiar to the business public of Canada, and have been repeatedly recognized in a manner most complimentary to Mr. Hickson, by the proprietors of the Grand Trunk railway.

Failures.

The statistics of bankruptcy in the United States and Canada for 1889 do not show a very favorable or prosperous state of affairs for the Dominion. During the year there were 1764 failures as compared with 1667 in 1888. The gross liabilities were \$14,528,884 as against \$13,974,787 in 1888.

The Influenza.

For the past fortnight the influenza has been playing great havoc with the citizens of Montreal, and at the present writing it is next to impossible to estimate the number of persons confined to their residences with it. There are few if any business establishments which are not short-handed as a result of the ravages of "the grippa."

Even in Toronto, that hot-bed of fanaticism, one would think that the handful of bigots known as the "Equal Righters" would find a very great stronghold. Yet such does not appear to have been the case as was manifested in the election of a Mayor on Monday last.

THE Feast of the Epiphany was celebrated on Monday last with appropriate services in all the Catholic Churches of the city. High mass was celebrated to crowded audiences and a large number of the faithful approached the Holy Table.

MR. GLADSTONE recently celebrated his 80th birthday and on that occasion received over two hundred telegrams and five hundred

letters of congratulation. His has indeed been a wonderful career. Into his life has been crowded more events without doubt than have entered into that of any other man of his span of years.

Mr. DAVITT has published in the Paid Mail Gazette some grave charges against the Times. He alleges that as late as last October efforts were being made by Mr. Walter's agent in Paris "to obtain a statement in writing associating Parnell, Egan, and others with the Park murders."

At a meeting of the municipal Council of Dublin, held Monday, a motion was made, and quite properly rejected, to ask the Queen to visit Dublin and open the museum. The Council had no authority over the museum, and if the request was made, their opponents would be too ready to make political capital out of their decision and use the facts against the request.

Tax sum of £26,210 has been received as the result of the appeal made by the Irish delegates to Australia during the last few months, and reckoning the meetings still to be held, it is believed it will amount up to at least £30,000.

THE QUEBEC LEGISLATURE

The Lieutenant Governor's Speech—Opening the Session

QUEBEC, Jan. 7. The following is the text of His Honor the Lieutenant Governor's speech upon the opening of Parliament to day.

Hon. Gentlemen of the Legislative Council—Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:—

I extend to you a cordial welcome to these Legislative halls in which you are to discuss matters of the highest interest to this country and tender you as the commencement of the New Year my best wishes for your happiness and prosperity and for the happiness and prosperity of your families and of all the people of this Province whom you represent.

THE JERUIT GRANT

On the 5th of November last, the date agreed upon, the province paid to those who were entitled to it the four hundred thousand dollars granted by the act of 1858 as being the share of the Rome Catholics in the settlement of the Jesuit estates, and a discharge was signed containing the assignments and subrogations authorized by law.

The necessity of improving the roads in the country has induced my Government to further encourage the stoning of our public roads, and you will be asked to vote an appropriation for that purpose.

THE REVENUE.

The revenues generally and especially those from Crown Lands have gone on increasing steadily for the past three years and the latter, that is, the revenues from the Crown Lands, now exceed one million dollars per annum.

The work of colonization is successfully and emphatically carried on by the Government, and the assistance of influential persons in Canada, the United States and even Europe have applied for public lands for colonization purposes in the province.

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:—

I am happy to inform you that arrangements have been made with a company of citizens offering suitable guarantees and organized for the purpose of holding annual and permanent agricultural and industrial exhibitions in the city of Montreal.

A SILENT LIFE.

How a Trappist Spends His Time. Some details given at St. Patrick's Church by a Member of the Order.

Father Murphy, a Trappist priest of the Oka Monastery, addressed his first sermon to St. Patrick's congregation during high mass last Sunday. Father Murphy is the brother of Mr. John B. Murphy, formerly of Hodgson, Murphy and Sumner, of this city.

IS IMPOSED.

After chapter the rules are explained. Then the matins of the office are sung and finally all attend the daily high mass at 8 o'clock and then they proceed to work at the present season cutting down trees in the forest and sawing them up into cordwood.

LITERARY REVIEW.

A SONNET by Prof. Chas. G. D. Roberts, of the University of King's College, is to be published in the January Century. Prof. Roberts is one of the best known Canadian writers.

THE TRANSLANTIC, the new Boston magazine, will begin the new year with a Rubinstein number, a special number of the magazine, the number will contain extensive extracts from a recent autobiographical sketch of Rubinstein, giving the most striking and interesting incidents in a life of which little has heretofore been known.

GERMAN DESIGNS ON CUBA.

Senator Call Offers a Bombastic Resolution in the Senate.

WASHINGTON, January 6.—In the Senate to day Mr. Call offered a long preamble and resolution in regard to the Island of Cuba, and asked for immediate action. It states that there is reason to believe that the debt of that island, as consolidated by the decree of the Queen of Spain on May 10, 1886 (\$124,000,000 at 6 per cent.) is now in the hands of German banks and subject to the control, more or less actual and direct, of the Government of the German Empire.

UNCLE SAM DISCOUNTENANCES IT.

The resolution declares, therefore, that in the sense of the Senate everything done or attempted to be done in the Island of Cuba, leading in any way whatever to transfer the financial and political control of Cuba to any European power is contrary to the policy and to the best interests of the United States, as well as to the best interests of the whole sisterhood of American republics.

may hold in store for the scientific investigator. An exceedingly interesting article, "Performance of Old Rome," by Rodolfo Lanciani, Professor of Archaeology in the University of Rome, and author of "Ancient Rome in the Light of Recent Discoveries."

FRENCH CANADIANS OBJECT

In Massachusetts to Being Prohibited From Forming National Societies.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Jan. 6.—At a meeting of La Ligue des Patriotes held yesterday, the society arrayed itself strongly in opposition to a resolution adopted by the Catholic Centennial congress recently held at Baltimore, Md. The congress said that "national societies, as such, have no place in the Catholic Church."

The Ligue des Patriotes' meeting was designed to increase its members as a direct answer as to how little submission it would give to the opinion of the congress. Three years ago an Irish priest was saddled upon a French-Canadian church in this city. A bitter fight was waged before his removal, and a priest of their own nationality was secured after personal application to Pope Leo himself.

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Mr. Sherman—

object to the present consideration of the resolution unless it is to have it referred to the committee on foreign relations. Mr. Call—I have no objection to that referral. The resolution was then referred to the committee on foreign relations.