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A CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUE.

Hon. Senator Scott, than whom no man in Canada should know his subject better, is authority for the opinion that Mr. Justice MacMahon's recent decision violates the British North America Act.

The meaning of this doubtless is that the occasion cannot arise without regret when the standard of efficient teaching in the Catholic Separate Schools is virtually denied by a legal decision.

At the same time Senator Scott is speaking only the plainest common sense if, as he emphatically declares, the decision violates the British North America Act.

CONTEMPTIBLE TRICKS.

Last week we treated with ridicule an article in The Voice, of Winnipeg, charging Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his Government with favoritism towards Irish-Catholics in connection with Grand Trunk matters now before the country.

the invention an unequalled contradiction, which The Mail and Empire has not the manliness to swallow without grimaces and excuses.

REVIVING THE OLD AGITATION.

For months The News and Telegram, of Toronto, along with other so-called "independent" champions of the Conservative party have been engaged in promoting a fresh agitation against the Catholic Separate Schools of this province.

Edmund E. Sheppard, in Saturday Night, makes the confession fully and for what it is worth.

CAPITAL AND LABOR.

This question of capital and labor a long time ago was resolved by Lord. We read in that divinely inspired book, the Bible, that our Lord imposed on man the possession of the field at the same time as labor.

It is well to know this. It is well also to have confessed the old, thread-bare pretences half-hidden behind ignorance and knavery under which war is to be reopened upon the "Hierarchy" without prejudice to the Church and her members.

ORANGE RIOTING IN IRELAND.

The cable tells a story of rioting on the occasion of the re-opening of the Armagh Cathedral. The incitement which this occasion offered to the Orange mob can be comprehensible only to the mind—or alienation of mind—of Orange mobsters.

EDITORIAL NOTES

If Dundonald should try his luck as a party candidate for the Commons the other side might nominate Lou Scholes against him, to win an easier race than the Henly one.

CARDINAL SATOLLI TO WORKMEN IN DAYTON, O.

Cardinal Satolli, with Archbishop Elder, of Cincinnati, and his coadjutor, Archbishop Moeller, the Rt. Rev. Mgr. O'Connell, rector of the Catholic University, and the priests who are travelling with his Eminence, visited last week, the N. C. R. factory, at Dayton, O., to study the system of welfare work for employes which President John H. Patterson has developed during the last eight years.

SEPARATE SCHOOL TEACHERS

Hon. R. W. Scott's opinion regarding Judge McMahon's recent decision on the qualifications demanded by law of Separate School teachers will undoubtedly lead to an effort to upset that decision.

Another point which should be kept to the front by Catholic journalists is that Separate and Catholic schools do not mean the same thing. There are Separate Schools in Ontario which are Protestant, and in Quebec the Separate Schools are practically all Protestant.

This is my third visit to the United States. I have inspected almost all of the larger and more interesting concerns of the country from north to south, and from east to west. On different occasions I have looked into their methods and results, but I say to you in all sincerity that the spectacle I have seen this morning is new to me, and is filled with more of hope and promise than anything I have seen in the United States.

ST. PETER'S PARISH

Some time ago the advisability of a new organ for some kind was discussed by the parishioners of St. Peter's church in this city. The word "discussion" is somewhat misleading in this regard, for it would seem to imply differences of opinion, whereas the utmost unanimity prevailed.

With one remark of the Hon. Secretary of State there ought to be perfect agreement, namely, "That it would meet with more general approval if the members of the Order (Christian Brothers) submitted to the examination prescribed by the Department of Education."

Leo XIII., of glorious name and everlasting glory, among other documents of his wisdom, left to humanity and to posterity one of the most gratifying and helpful works in his Encyclical "De Novarum Rerum." In this letter the holy father gathered the labor doctrines of past ages and the conditions of humanity, and also suggested in that document the solution of the question between capital and labor.

Mr. Patrick Hynes, agent for the St. Vincent de Paul Society and Children's Aid, was overcome by the heat at the sitting of the police court on Monday morning last. He was carried to the Crown Counsel's room where restoratives were applied.

REPLY TO AN ANTI-IRISH BIGOT

To the Editor of The Globe: A recent issue of The Globe contains some of the characteristic criticism which Irishmen have heard levelled at Ireland so often by ministers of the Presbyterian Church. Rev. J. Turnbull, LL.B., pastor of the West Presbyterian Church, Toronto, addressing the members of an Irish Protestant organization, said, among other things, that many of Ireland's woes were due to the fact that she was not completely Protestantized.

James Battle was born at Thorold on November 29th, 1865, and was educated at the Thorold Separate School, the Collegiate Institute, St. Catharines, and Upper Canada College, Toronto. Mr. Battle was a member of the Thorold Town Council during the years 1888-9, deputy reeve in 1890-91, and reeve for 1892.

MURDERED BY CHINESE

A Belgian Bishop and a Priest Have Been Slain. London, July 25.—The Times to-day has the following from Shanghai: The Belgian Consul at Hankau telegraphs that the Roman Catholic Bishop Verhaeghen and his brother, belonging to the foreign mission in Hupeh Province, had been murdered in a small town, inland, and north of Ichang.

Barrie Correspondence

"Barrie the Beautiful," a well merited appellation for the lovely town and proud capital of the prosperous County of Simcoe, is situated on the sunspot of Kempenfeldt Bay, whose waters are said to be the clearest in the Dominion.

Gatherer

A Mother's Apology. Among a number of notes received by a teacher in excuse for the absence of children was the following: "Dear Teacher,—Kindly excuse Minnie for having been absent yesterday, as she fell in the mud on her way to school. By doing the same, you will oblige Her Mother."

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James Battle was born at Thorold on November 29th, 1865, and was educated at the Thorold Separate School, the Collegiate Institute, St. Catharines, and Upper Canada College, Toronto.

What percentage of women could sign the marriage register in 1891? In Leinster, 84.3 per cent.; in Munster, 83.2 per cent.; in Connaught, 77.8 per cent.; in Ulster, 77.3 per cent.

How many deaths from alcoholism occurred in Ireland in 1891, and where? In Leinster, in Munster, in Connaught, 49 in three Provinces; in Ulster, 47 in one Province.

Infanticide figures show two-fifths of the whole in Ulster and one-fifth in each of the other provinces.

The percentage of illegitimate births are as follows: Connaught, 0.7 per cent.; Munster, 2.2 per cent.; Leinster, 2.4 per cent.; Ulster, 4 per cent.

Chamber's Encyclopaedia shows these figures of illegitimates in Great Britain and Ireland in the period ending 1890: England and Wales, 4.6 per cent.; Scotland, 8.34 per cent.; Ireland, 2.9 per cent.

Here is an extract from a leader in The Cork Examiner for March 12th: "The business of the Assizes thus far has been of a very ordinary and commonplace character. The criminal cases for trial have been, generally speaking, devoid of any features, which would reflect on the community, and might, perhaps, challenge comparison with the record of any people in the world."

It might have been better, in a material sense, if Ireland had been as prone to range her religion as some of her neighbors, for she might have escaped many centuries of religious persecution. However, she has won, through every horror, and is stronger, at home and abroad, than at any time in the past four or five centuries.

Whether her sons and daughters eat potatoes or stones. They are morally, mentally and physically sound, and they move onward and upward, never faltering, to a great destiny.

This beautiful country is dominated by the Celt (French, Scotch, Irish, Welsh or Cornish), and no branch of the great race surpasses the Irish Catholic in fine qualities.

The Irish did not need Protestantism, nor Mormonism, nor Dowiesm, nor spiritualism, nor any of the "isms" that have distracted Mother Earth so long.

From paganism they passed to following "the meek and lowly Jesus," and they will never change. Do you know, Mr. Editor, any more steadfast, persistent people than the Irish, less in favor of change or innovation?

This letter may have (strongly, perhaps) a very controversial tone, but it is not intended to provoke useless squabbles—just intended as one reply to twenty attacks. I have never known a year to pass without some utterance offensive to Irishmen being made by ministers of Toronto churches.

In addition to Mr. Turnbull, I recall at least two other Presbyterians who spoke lightly (as an Irishman would think) of Catholic Ireland, Mr. Esler and Mr. Patterson. I remember the former speaking of the "superstitious ignorance" of the Irish, and the latter I once heard pitying the Irish, because, as he said, they "had not received the Gospel of Christ," and there were others, plenty of them, who spoke words of Ireland that would be far better, unsaid. It would, to my mind, be better for Protestant ministers to strive, with all the power of their souls, to restrain their tongues from drifting further into infidelity than to worry about neighbors who mind their own business—as much as they are allowed to mind.

FAIR PLAY.

Bridgeburg, Ont. Idleness is the bane of body and mind, the nurse of haughtiness, the chief mother of all mischief, one of the seven deadly sins, the devil's cushion, his pillow and chief reward.