

THE HERALD

Pharisaical Hypocrisy.

We read in the daily press of Thursday that the annual meeting of all contributors to the P. E. Island Hospital was held at the Hospital the previous evening for the purpose of electing Trustees and receiving the report of the Board for the past year.

We confess ourselves as surprised at those gentlemen who fathered and voted through the resolution. Some of them we always believe to be of some fairminded to straddle the sectarian horse, more especially when they occasionally pride themselves upon belonging to a nationality whose broad-mindedness and respect for the religious opinions and beliefs of those who differ from them are chief among their ennobling traits.

But will they follow this course? We grow not. They no more believe in the principle of non-exemption from taxation than a pig believes it should climb a tree to rest. The object of the resolution was, on the part of the mover, to gain a little cheap popularity, and on the part of those who supported it, to show their ignorance and bigotry.

Let us now examine into the causes which led to the adoption of the resolution. Begotten of hypocrisy, nurtured in deceit it could only have its birth in bigotry. But apart from this phase of the question there was another more material reason—one of a pronounced slylock hue. Briefly related the story runs thus: Both the Charlottetown Hospital and the P. E. Island Hospital were taxed by the city corporation, the former \$135, the latter \$40. But the City Council knowing the great good these institutions were doing, and to sort of smooth over the wrong inflicted by imposing these taxes, granted each a rebate of \$75.

Now to the hypocrisy of those who passed it. For a number of years, in fact since first the City Council voted these grants, the P.

despite all his representations a new section, and also against thereby. During all these years we never once heard a murmur about the iniquity of the exemption. But as soon as the Charlottetown Hospital, or as the ultraists delight in calling it, the Catholic Hospital, was placed on the same level with its sister institution those who control the latter squeal and splutter out their disapproval.

The most unfortunate crisis of the U.S. miners strike has been reached. The strikers are trying to blow up the trains transporting the troops to aid the railroad companies in carrying coal, and the soldiers in turn are shooting and killing the strikers in trying to suppress their riotous conduct.

So now if a senator is a member of the governing party, and if he has given notice of motion, he should remain at the legislative rendezvous, although the chamber of which he is a member may have adjourned.

In France the making of a ministry is but the work of a few days, and its life frequently is of very little greater duration. A new cabinet was formed last week with M. Dupuy as premier minister, to succeed that of Casimir Perier.

A contemporary asserts that officials of the educational department of the local government are no more above the plane of criticism than the rest of mortals. The assertion is quite true in so far as their official acts are concerned, but they nevertheless have the inalienable right to defend themselves. But this contemporary will not acknowledge the latter prerogative, no matter how unfair the criticism, and promptly puts its unique idea into practice by consigning the defence to the waste basket.

This week's Pioneer delivers itself upon the senatorship, and in the course of its dictum unconsciously tells the truth about another question. Its brainy editor sees the senatorial matter adjusted in this way: Mr. Hunt will be the Government candidate in East Prince at the next general election against the editor of the Pioneer.

We have received the following communication from the Superintendent of the School for the Blind in Halifax N.S.: The census of Canada for 1891 states that there are in the County of Queen's thirty blind persons. Their ages range from babyhood up into the eighties.

Physicians, Clergymen, School teachers or any person possessing such information will confer a favor by communicating with the Editor of the Herald or with C. F. Fraser Superintendent School for the Blind, Halifax N.S.

Professor Weldon's bill for the disfranchisement of corrupt electors will probably become law, as amended, by communication with the Editor of the Herald or with C. F. Fraser Superintendent School for the Blind, Halifax N.S.

Notwithstanding the efforts of the health officers, a plague is on the increase in New York.

The pope officiated at mass at St. Peter's Thursday, and afterward addressed 5,000 pilgrims, who have already come to Rome to attend the feast in memory of St. Peter.

After a good deal of bother, the superintendent of the mint at Philadelphia has succeeded in persuading Uncle Sam to allow him to take the gold.

Everybody remembers the serious commercial storm which struck the Australian colonies some three years ago, when banks were breaking in every city and business concerns went by the board all over the country.

An Ontario clergyman has been giving some decidedly new views about the resurrection. He holds that the resurrection is not a matter of coming back to life, but of being re-created in a new body.

Gen. John Heuston, of San Francisco, was visited by three itinerant musicians who were walking in Gray's Inn Road London, who had been in the city for some time.

The express agent at Oxtedburg, N. Y., lost a bag of money orders that had been sent by the express company.

A distinguished Chinaman named Kim Wing has been in the city for some time, and is now in the city for some time.

The case against the city of New York, for the failure to clean up the city, is now being heard in court.

The U.S. Minister at Lisbon has been instructed by his government to care for and protect the persons and property of British residents in Portugal.

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