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CATHOLIC CALENDAR.

THURSDAY, 12.—Corpus Christi. Holyday of Obligation. Epist. 1 Cor. xi. 23-29; Gosp. John vi. 56-59.

FRIDAY, 13.—St. Anthony of Padua, Confessor.

SATURDAY, 14.—St. Basil the Great, Bishop, Confessor, and Doctor of the Church.

SUNDAY, 15.—Sunday in the Octave of Corpus Christi. Epist. 1 John iii. 19-18; Gosp. Luke xiv. 16-24. Abp. Neale, Baltimore, died, 1817.

MONDAY, 16.—Of the Octave.

TUESDAY, 17.—Of the Octave.

WEDNESDAY, 18.—SS. Marcellus and Marcellinus, Martyrs. Abp. Blanchet, Oregon, died, 1883. Bp. Tyler, Hartford, died, 1849.

A dynamite bomb with wire attached was found, June 4, on the Rideau Hall grounds at Ottawa. One of the Secret Service detectives is supposed to have placed it there.

THE Rev. Felix O'Callaghan, of Brooklyn, who is now travelling in Spain, says in a recent letter to the Catholic Review: "Before concluding I will mention that to be an Irish Catholic is considered an honor in Spain.

THE Toronto World announces the fact that since Sir Richard Cartwright's speech there must have been fifty papers in Ontario which have come out more or less pronounced for Canadian Independence.

POOR O'Connor Power, the renegade member for Mayo County, returned as far as Belfast the other evening to address a public meeting in Ireland. But, even in the strong hold of Orangism and "loyalty," Mr. Power met with a reception that should everlastingly remind him of the infamy of his treachery.

IT is a pleasure to note that an attempt is being made to introduce more Canadian blood in the composition of the staff at the head of our militia. The new officer that is to succeed Major-General Luard in the command of the militia is Colonel Middleton.

THE Mail, a short time ago, made some strenuous, but rather silly, efforts to get up a scandal over a letter alleged to have been written by Archbishop Lynch, of Toronto, to Mr. W. H. Higgins, in which His Grace was supposed to have given expression to his political preferences, which, by the way, did not coincide with the ravings of the Tory organ.

THIS is how the New York Independent comments upon the letter, taking it to be a genuine document:—"We confess that we see in this letter nothing more than any citizen has a right to say if he believes it.

THE influx of immigrants into the Dominion is not as great this year as it was last, although it was confidently predicted that the increase would be unusually large and that the immigration officers would be unable to handle the numbers that would come to settle in the Northwest.

ALL savagery in our national game of lacrosse must be strongly discouraged. In a match between the Ontarios, who aspire to championship honors, and the Torontos, two most disgraceful scenes occurred. The report of the contest says that "the game was twice interrupted by savage fouls.

IN a recent issue of this paper we published a brief article on the "Irish Canadian Poets," which formed a portion of the subject of Mr. Lesperance's able paper on the "Poets of Canada," read before the Royal Association at Ottawa.

THERE was intense excitement in and around Newry on Sunday. The members of the Irish Parliamentary party had called a public meeting to discuss national and other questions. The Orangemen said they would allow no such meeting to take place.

THE Toronto Telegram is sometimes not so careful about the truth of its statements as it should be. Our esteemed contemporary is a little given to the habit of writing on subjects with which it is not thoroughly conversant or about which it has some mistaken ideas.

THE Telegram adds: "Then the French Catholic influence is all against a movement in the direction of independence." This assertion is also too sweeping. "All" such influence is not against the movement, and

there is no reason why it should. Our esteemed contemporary evidently does not know the people of this Province very well, or it would have a more accurate idea of what their political aspirations are, and whether it is the colonial or national sentiment that is in the ascendant.

GOLDWIN SMITH, who writes more brilliantly polished lies than any other contemporary historian or political teacher, not excepting even Froude, is looked upon with unceasing suspicion and distrust by those whom one would naturally expect to see favor him with their confidence and admiration.

IT is not every day in the year, nor every year in a decade, that a member of parliament can get the better of the "grand old man" of the British House of Commons, but the young and dashing member for Monaghan has succeeded in adding to his parliamentary record a triumph which has extorted the admiration of his most rabid enemies.

AFTER the late dynamite explosions occurred in London a portion of the British press, with unusual offensiveness and brutality, suggested that the Irish living in England be offered up as victims for crimes which in ordinary probability might have been instigated and plotted by the police themselves, as they are known to have done so before.

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IMPUGNING ORANGE LOYALTY.

"Orange Loyalty" has been again set on by the English Government. Earl Spencer, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, has addressed an epistle to the Grand Master of the Orangemen in Ulster, in which His Excellency informs the "loyal" disturbers of the peace that the Government is convinced the Orangemen adopted a deliberate policy of holding meetings at the same time and place as the Nationalists did, for the purpose of making counter demonstrations which resulted in unlawful acts of violence and murder.

HONORING AN EX-SLAVE.

Perhaps the most extraordinary incident, and certainly the most noble feature of the late Republican National Convention at Chicago, was the election of a negro to the temporary chairmanship of that notable gathering. It was a noble spectacle to see a man whose race was only released from the degraded bonds of slavery, less than two decades ago, standing like a free-born gentleman at the head of the body delegated to express the preferences of a great and successful national party in the greatest of modern nations on the momentous issue of selecting Presidential candidates.

THE CROPS.

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of winter wheat is a partial failure in the eastern counties of the Province, having suffered from winter-killing and spring frosts. From all other ports the accounts are, almost without exception, favorable. The clover fields, in every direction, are in magnificent condition, and in many districts the prospects are better than they have been for years, so that expectations of an abundant yield may be confidently entertained.

JAMES G. BLAINE, THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE.

The truth of the old adage that "there is luck in odd numbers" has apparently been exemplified in the victory of James G. Blaine at the Chicago Convention. Twice before did the Plum'd Knight put his shoulder to the wheel of fortune, in the endeavor to snatch the Presidential prize by securing the Republican nomination, but on both occasions he was defeated by combinations.

In the Convention of 1880 Blaine and Grant were the two most prominent names on the ticket. There were no less than thirty-six ballots taken. Grant's vote was 304 on the first ballot; it touched its minimum—302—on the twenty-fifth, reached its maximum—313—on the thirty-fifth, and closed with the famous 306 on the last ballot.

In the present contest it seemed that the intensity of the strife between the fairly balanced forces of Arthur and Blaine would again result in the mutual destruction of the two foremost candidates, and give the day to some "dark horse."

In the first ballot the vote stood 332 for Blaine and 278 for Arthur, with the balance split up between Edmunds, Logan, the two Shermans, Lincoln and Hawley. The second ballot gave an increase of 17 to Blaine, and resulted in a loss of two to Arthur.

THE REPUBLICAN PLATFORM.

The platform adopted by the Republican Convention to nominate a candidate, now being held at Chicago, endorses protection as being of benefit to the country, and favors an increase of the wool duties. In this the party is but following the traditions on which it was founded and which have enabled it to hold its supremacy for the past twenty-four years.

party organization from the capitalists. This was demonstrated during the last few campaigns. When Tilden ran against Hayes that astute politician refrained from referring in any way to the tariff, and therefore alarming the manufacturing interest, elected, de jure, President.

At the Democratic Convention the plank of the platform was introduced, "Tariff for revenue purposes only." This stirred up the manufacturers, who poured money into the Republican treasury, and threatened to close down their factories immediately if the Democratic ticket was elected.

This is the first time that a clause referring to control of railways by government has been introduced into a national platform. A large section of the Democrats profess to be anti-monopolists and antagonistic to individual ownership of the railways, which they deem to be the popular highways, and a such should be owned by the nation.

In reference to this, a suggestive incident occurred in the sending, while this question was under discussion, of a cablegram to Parnell, to the effect that at the request of the Irish National League the committee of the English national convention pledges that party secure legislation prohibiting foreign land ownership; that the English cause absolute landnationalism cannot be transferred from Ireland to America.

TORONTO'S SEMI-CENTENNIAL.

From the 30th of June to the 5th of July inclusively, Toronto will be engaged in the celebration of its semi-centennial. Fifty years have passed since Toronto, then known as muddly little York, obtained its act of incorporation. From that date the new city progressed and developed to such an extent that it soon won the distinguished title of "The Queen City" of the West.