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THE EX-PRIEST AGAIN.

A short time ago we called the attention of our Protestant friends to the danger to which they were exposed in being imposed upon by a peculiar species of tramps, who attempt to play upon the credulity and feelings of those who do not belong to the Church of Rome, by announcing themselves as ex-priests. In a clear and concise manner we gave them the real test whereby they can know the true priest from the imposter; to-day we desire to draw the attention of the Catholics to another class of men who, like one that was arrested and unmasked the other day, pretend to be priests, wear their garbs and go about. not pretending to have abandoned the Church of Rome, but soliciting alms and means in the name of a creed and office in which they do not believe. These characters should be treated with a severity that would serve to deter any future miscreant from assuming the sacred ensignia of a holy effice for the purpose of practising his infamous schemes upon the public. Therefore we repeat: let our Protestant friends beware of the ex-priest; let our Catholic fellow citizens beupon their guard against that most dangerous of all cranks, the religious imposter.

CATHOLIC SOCIETIES.

use of the same weapons as our enemies. but," he added, "we should improve upon their arms if possible. Ever since the dawn of creation, and even back beginnished Irish pleader once called it, "the youd that starting point in time, a con. Joy of the present, the promise of the test has been going on between the tuture, the innocence of enjoyment, spirits of good and evil, right and wrong, the sanctity of passion, the sacratruth and error. That feud was trans- ment of love." It should have for its mitted through four thousand years, over | purity the whiteness of the mountain the heads of generations, and at the hour of redemption it was carried to its of the mountain adamant. When that tiercest pitch, when the Founder of spirit which suggests divorce enters into Christianity smote the archenemy of the garden of its happiness, and, with man upon the summit of Golgotha the expent's cumning and the symmetry Since that hour His Church has been venous poisons the joys of youth, the as obliged to contend with the spirit of pirations of manifold and the peace and the manifold in the spirit of pirations of manifold and the peace and the manifold in the spirit of pirations of manifold and the peace and the manifold in the spirit of pirations of manifold and the peace and the manifold in the spirit of pirations of rack of the pagan; the sword of the Masiline in uster and erish it with all alhomedan; the forked tongues of bracks. Some the forked tongues of bracks. 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The Church met the mosphere on earth and we tread a ferting factor, the directing of conduct in such a way as pagan persecutions with the patience of soil beneath the bluest and clearest of a willing victim, and from the bleed of heavens. Let our moral lives be in ac- Yes, we can say without fear of contra- dred years rolled part and in the first sacred franchise. She points out four every one. her martyrs sprung her giant strength cordange with the natural giories and diction that the Catholic Church has been decade of the eighteenth century, the bearin' disorders that convulse society for the future. She met the children of grandeurs that surround us, and let not the greatest educator of the ages. Not the Koran and the sword with her sary, with the strong arms of her cousaders. The writings of her defamers she encountered with the immortal works of her learned children. But underneath all the great social structure, the secret societies, her bitterest enemics have been honeycombing the foundations upon which repose the moral and religious truths of our day. How are they to be met? A question very perfinent, and one very easily answered. The Catholics of the world, and of no particular place more than Montreal, have at their discounter this hydra of a thousand heads. Fire is met and defeated by fire; societies | phere of St. Patrick's Day, we fear that | Church performed prodigies for the perare counteracted in their influences by our friend of the Witness might think petuation of knowledge both divine and other societies. Here in Montreal we we were influenced by the approaching human: the Jeromes, Lactantiuses, Orhave a host of Catholic societies, French, benevolent, temperance, national, literary, religibus, and other societies, all Catholic, and all having for object the greater glory of God's Church upon the emblem of spring, and, since Canada muses' bower tuning their harps to earth and the greater happiness, temporal and spiritual, of their own members. But outside the pale of these societies we have a host of sturdy, enthusiastic and our contemporary adds. editorially: Dame; when Fenelon was guiding youth ing them a band of desert robbers met mind is first besotted with drink. The devout Catholics, who never dream of "There were two reasons for saying pellow and Moliere was making comedy an in- them with sword and gum. Finally, fourth, and not the least danger, is that becoming members of any of those asso. instead of green. Green on red is bad struction; when Phillip IV, of Spain was after a fierce battle, in which twenty of political corruption, in other words, ciations. Well meaning as these good heraldry and green would not be so an author, and Cervantes was convulsing thousand were slain, explanations were the selling or purchasing of a vote; the people may be, we would inform them visible as yellow." Now we fail to find, a laughing world with the vagaries of made and the fifty thousand starving buyer and vendor in this case being that all they are able to do for the sake in all the annals of heraldry, where Don Quixote and Sancho Panza; when remnant of a mighty tribe pitched, at equally guilty and equally subjected to of their religion and that of their co- the color green upon red could pos- Ariosto was the Italian muse: when last, their tents on the shores of the Ely the law condemning their nefarious con- Ottawa.

fold were they members of some Catholic couragement to others. "Union is maxim and put it daily into practice. give them a strength and importance which none of them individually could it possess. It is, therefore, of absolute within their means, the advancement of the Church's cause, and, for that end, the Catholic societies. If you cannot join streams of infidelity that are surging along the confines of this century.

DECLINE OF MATRIMONY.

Under the heading of "Decline of Matrimony in England," the Medical Record plications made to that tribunal. Leavother countries, we will simply refer, in | decay. a few words, to Canada. Unfortunately by man, whereby the bond that should? be indissoluble may be cut in twain. It is true that it is not as easy to procure a divorce in Canada as in some other countries; but still the fact remains that our laws permit of human interfercountenanced in the slightest degree fortunate and dangerous system. And we find that our Catholic members, irres. pective of party, have ever and asways refused to sanction even by their votes. any measures that might tend towards Napoleon the First once said that to the cutting of that Gordian knot. Of all succeed in any struggle "we must make the gifts our claren and the faithful most cherish of all the precepts they most respect, the nuptial contract stands in the first rank. It is what a distinsnow, and for its protection the texture Matrimony in Canada.

CANADA'S FLAG.

of them all; join that one, and thereby | tion in the same light in which it strikes | by rising nations of the mighty west. placing your brick in the great rampart- our motives and imagined that we were of St. Peter's towers sublimely over all editorial comment, he had before him gant and stupendous works of all mo-Thomas Davis' song of "The green above the red."

However we can afford to make a joke upon a subject of this nature, when realtells us that of late years this falling off ly the desire of both parties is to have has been very marked, more especially the most appropriate flag possible for our among the middle and upper classes, common country. Still, from the serious Much of this sad state of affairs is attri- stand-point, we cling to the idea that, as buted to the revelations in the divorce Canada is yet in the full bloom of her court and the increasing number of an verdant youth, we should not stamp upon her flag an emblem that might being aside the question of England and of considered as the barbinger of premature

Today in Careda, thanks to the Cathering the Edy. one of the most period of heatheral system of heather a small ribe defined on and above all the trachinations of the laby to coming up we are that the pairs over a fine of substance the Volumbian on the Control of Study: the car Catholic legislators will reflect the societies. The Carbonal of Italy: the car Catholic legislators will reflect the societies of the Carbonal of Italy: the car Catholic legislators will reflect the societies.

tear down the cross from the dome of St. Succe matters. We are in a young greatest concatenational power in the worst; that cand of a graspling power came down Peter's, in other words, to destroy the country, a virgin and, with isocal pass. She is "The Champon of a meation in Every with robber cruelty in their midst. Of Church which Christ established and peets and vast increases specialize and Church which Christ established and peets and vast horizons spreading out loping of all that is good in human nature with which He promised to remain until before us; we breathe the purest ats the transmitted neutries, the moulding of char.

that most sacred shrine be ever invaded only from the standpoint of Faith, but the leaders of this people resolved to re- The first is the want of respect for the and remorseless; let not our laws ever sacred and profanc do we contemplate sanction-even indirectly-that which that mightiest of teachers and evangelize had wandered a bundred years before. might ultimately lead to a Decline of ers going forth, with the torch of revelation in one hand and the damb an of treading with sure and rapid steps the winding labyrinths of science and the A week ago some suggestions were vast corridors of literature. In the earthrown out by our friend the Daily Wit- lifer ages her studious children tranness anent the question of a national scribed and preserved those sacred pages flag for Canada; in our last number we which to-day form the book of the New took occasion to express our approval of Testament; later on her monks ransackwe said: "As we are within the atmost of future generations: the Fathers of the m.llow," We then went on to give our the darkness of centuries. When France

of that very precise code. Perchance of Europe in the days of the remaissance, the home of their fathers. A magnificent period his liberty of a view, his right of on friends may have found some adden- the hand of the Church was visible every- monument has been erected beside the having a voice in the legislation of his strength." They who are opposed to the win of grateful for the miorimation. As age, were stamping that extraction of all lands hereism of that people and their leaders, and would be truly the nebiest principles of optics and light, not even in Ganot's and the profane world stood in awe beespecially should join hands and aid, pronounced tinge. We hope that if it is she taught and spread abroad: and with dure. left to the Daily Witness and Thu Tree her missionaries the rays of the gospel Witness to decide the important quest and the beams of human knowledge have to a thorough understanding, and that | pine forests of the north, the long degemore than one, at least do not be outside our contemporary will regard the ques- nerating tribes of the east, and the rapidyou will be adding your mite to the us. To be honest, we almost feared, at To-day she is more than ever the greattriumph of a glorious cause; you will be first, that the Witness did not believe in est educator on earth: and as the dome wall of defence, which the children of so fearfully Hibernian that we could not the ruins and lost grandeurs of once imher, for her protection against the shots without touching it with the pencil of our her educational system dwarf into insipect that when our friend penned that perishing barbarism, also the most eledern competitors in the field of true and real education.

FAMINE IN RUSSIA.

Thomas DeQuincy, the weird and imwhich clothes the story of the "Opium Eater," tells a strange tale of the fearful of that event, so important to hundreds the beasts that perish. of thousands and yet so attle known to world, is brought forcibly to our mind today by the messages of distress, fain this country there are means, legalized THE GREATEST EDUCATOR. mine, cold, sickness and death that come from the tyrant-hounted land of the amongst the nations, twining around her tortures, hunger, cold, and a thousand

> I who good and hay their adjuty, we ppression became so unbearable that lowers, to the land whence their fathers

Evangel of love, and, when it was neces by the polluted hands of the prayerless especially from that of history, both turn, with all their belongings and fed opinions of opponents, and the lack of So quietly and systematically was the situation: this evil sows the seeds of dismovement worked that not even the sushuman knowledge in the other, and picious vigilance of the Russian police brother, father against son, and often was awakened. One morning, January severs the most sacred bonds of affection. the twenty-first a hundred villages along | the second evil is drunkenness; the dethe Volga were deserted, and five hun-gradation of man from his high prerogadred thousand fugitives had taken the lives to the level of the lower beings, a way of the desert. It was almost a week langer which tobs the elector of his before the authorities at Moscow and St. reason in order to turn him into a mere Petershing were positive of the extend voting machine, a political automaton; the very fine idea which our contempo-led, in the silence of the cloister, the love of the evodus. But soon the armed mer-land in order to meet this evil and counposal the weapons wherewith to en- rary has conveyed. In a joking manner of ages and preserved it for the benefit cinaries of the state were upon the track teract it, she makes it a reserved case for of the flying tribe; to right of them the the bishops or vicars-general, when any Tartars barassed, to left the Cossaks at- | Catholic sells, gives, or causes to be taken tacked, behind the Russians followed or takes, any strong drink, with a poliwith a vengeance, and before them tical object in view, during the three occasion were we to suggest that the gens, Ambroises, Augustines, Acquinas stretched out for bundreds of miles the days preceding and the three days follow English, Irish and general. We have maple leaf should be in ween and not in and a host of such lights shone through bleak steppes of Tartary, and still be ing that of the election-as well as upon youd the burning sands of a desert that that day itself. The third of these reasons, which in two words are these; was in her golden era of literature, when would have to be traversed in summer. dangers is that of perjury; and this is mellow is indicative of the fall, green is Corneille and Racine were seated in the For nine months they fled, fought, died more often the consequence of drink and still fled again. On the 21st Seps than of anything else, because few men is in the vigor of her verdant spring time | the ears of the nations; when Massillon | tember, seventy thousand out of half a | are so callous of heart and so dull in conit would be very inappropriate to have and Bossuct were pouring their floods of million appeared within sight of the science as to take a false eath, even were her leaf painted with the hues of autumn. cloquence from the pulpit of Notre Chinese wall. But the authorities deem that you to elect his candidate, unless his

progress and development of all our tion of our national flag, we shall come penetrated the jungles of the south, the the land of the Bear, another and mighti- only advises, but, with her mighty voice, er exodus will occur when least expected. she thunders from her every pulpit. It And if such a movement ever does take is the duty then of every Catholic voter dreds of thousands, ever rise in their to his conscience for the best intests of strength to snap their chains and eman- his country, his community, his family cipate themselves, the world will be rock- and himself, to refrain from excitement, ed by such a revolution as never yet to eschewdrink or aught that might lead Mother Church are building around even let this important event pass by perial Rome, so does the vaulted roof of shook the nations of earth. We hope to hurried and thoughtless action. that such a catastrophe is not probable: | to preserve his freedom to vote, of her enemies, and against the scoriac national proclivities. Were we so in- guificance, the collossal pillars and the but certainly would like to see some of to insist upon his right as a clined we might, and very wrongly, sus- shattered and mouldering splenders of a the Christian charity, that is the heritage citizen, to cast his ballot for whomsoever of more really civilized lands, permeate | he pleases, to respect the views of others their system of Government. The con- to be charitable to his bitterest opponents. trast between them and the western to fisten to the voice of his Church, and to attempt illustration of it. Would lofty Hope and of pure Charity could for the greater good of the State. penetrate that land; soon, then, would agmative master of that peculiar English tyranny bend before justice and reason, and down-trodden humanity would learn to look up to the heavens and feel that Flight of a Tartar Tribe." The account its nature was grander than that of McCloskey, of Chelsea, county of Ottawa,

THE VOTER'S DUTY. In other of carriate issues we spoke of Russian, to a free and happy people in letter from the archibishops and bishops disinterested reasons he is opposed to the all important subject of education: Canada. While we sympathize with of the discusses of Montreal and Queboc that party this time. He draws a very we then mentioned the fact that to any those poor people in their mistortunes was rend in which certain advices, orders proper line of distinction between Domiall our Catholic magazines and fournas and regret our inability to alleviate their and regulations were set forth upon the mon and Provincial questions -above men this continent are filling their subrings, we cannot refrain from giving subject of the coming elections. Last all when appeied to the country of Ottawa columns with articles, essays, lectures to our renders an idea of some of the sunday the different purish priests come. His cool exposition of the situation ence with a divine prerogative. Thank and sermons upon this vital question. In annecorded fortunes and privations that, me ted upon that letter. We deem it savors of senething above partizanship. all ages and in all lands it has occur the during generations, inhabitants of that the dety of a Catholic journal to concey. Now our correspondent takes exception basis of national existence. From the and have undergone. Is it possible that, to its conders an exact idea as to the about our remarks in our issue of 10th aught that might tend towards this and basis of mational existence, around the continuous numbers of the personal transfer of the hierarchy in the addressing lieberary, especially to that part in the Areopagus to the Roman Forum; contary things are in no better condition to emirculal upon the eve of so important which we speak of electors being influfrom the time of Justiman the the sale in the regions of the Ness then they an event. Perched upon the summits, enced by relemagegic appeals to Home vent of St. Thomas. Acquines, and from were when the 17th and the 1sth centre (high above the plain of political straggle. Rule principles to and again, where we his period down to the reigner Leo XIII, into some saively dawned upon the world the Charge, as in duty bound, makes nor plated that the electors of that county the foundation of each mation's prosperity. Listen to a impried account of that ter warning voice be neard, and charges her were bond a ged anto sending an Opand glory was the system of education give slight of the Tartar Tribe; before it, children to lister and obey. She tener is position member to the House of Comadopted in the land. Casting our eyes as Dequineey tells us, all other flights of that the duty of a voter is a moral one; mons," With all the good will in the upon the map of ancient grande in once peoples recorded in history pake into including privilege is a global some, that world, our trend has misconstand our studded with the stars of empire and the significance; not the march of the ten propriet is a sacred one. Consequently meaning in both cases. We did not splendors of philosophy," we be sed that thousand, not the Anabae, and Kataba, for ministers seek to impress upon the rank him, not any particular number of lit was those strong, adamamine institutist of Napoleon to and from Moscow, not Catholic elector a sense of the despect, electors, and west those who were detions that raised Atlans to the enviable) the executes of Israel from the house of ligations, from a moral standpoint, that ceived by the arguments brought to position which she once occupied handage, could compare it sufferings he owes to God, to his country, to as a bear their cannot deny that the brow the chaplet of a literary tame that species of decits, with that awful retree! Theis called aponta exercise aisfranchess | party in Canada with the Tory party in is imperishable; they it was that lived up of half a million Russian subjects, whose | finey desire to amplant in his mind a just | England, the carlo haded blending of the Rome, the home of banditti and closed homes and those of their borses names productained idea of the grorious liberty (so-called Liberal party, here and the her to assume the sceptic of universal and earthestrew the pain from the food which his position as a voter secures to Libera see the achded to the ungenerempire. You can trace the rise, the log the teals to the warls of the Co estic Unim, giving arim, ter one day at reast, a journand indeserved attacks upon our giory and the decline of a matically the Timphe, over the Texture topped and the [sovereign voice in the legislative, admins [first) Cathodic representatives, served to different clauses in its of participations by pleasers, hepend the Chinese boundary, estrative and executive adapted in the income than the embers of a political most the slow of the V factor above pecongrame of inclination and public constraints and beated the minds of a error, which assailed her in a hundred transplicity of age, it is the duty of every the Course and its incremes, we save the may the many the course and its incremes, we save the may the course the many the course and its incremes, we save the may the course the course and its incremes, we save the course the course the course of the course and its incremes, we save the course of the course the course of for easing the weight of one in health. 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advices, encourages, and assets ner child county since 1887 will attempt to deny. every means and every excuse that it han see none the less warns, threatens. In pastice to our correspondent we deem ranny could invent were brought to bear and even punishes these who heed not it proper to make these few remarks, as to plunder these unfortunates. One han her voice and who respect not their we wish to act in full fairness towards upon the occasion of every election. simple Christian charity towards all who do not agree with our views upon the union in families, sets brother against

religionists could be increased a hundred sibly conflict with the requirements knowledge, science and belles betters flood- and, like the prodigal return for good to duct. The man who would sell his fragstant sermon, and their presence an en- da to the standard works which might where, guiding, directing, inspiring, re- Claimese wall, at the spot where the tribe country, is one who would "sell his birth; enlighten us upon the subject; if so we warding. The splendors of the Leonen was met on its return, and there it right for a mess of notage," who would couragement to others. Then is enigned is upon the subject; it so we watering the strength." They who are opposed to the will be grateful for the information. As age, were stamping their everlasting monument to the self-las country in the hour of her peril, famous work, that would indicate that fore the majesty of that greatest and sufferings of almost a whole race, an one or fine absolute man who green, at a distance upon red, was less sublimest of educators, the Roman dying commemoration of Russian tyrans wome, offer such bribe must have a poor visible than yellow. On the contrary, Catholic Church. Art in all its perfect my of the barbaric terrors in the land of slea of his tellow-citizen's character, and yellow would appear almost white, while tions and forms she preserved and en- the Czars, and of the fearur misfortures he actually insults the voter's undernecessity that our Catholic young men green would have the darker and more couraged; science, in its every branch that a great people has ever had to end standing and fair name by supposing he would give away his franchise for a petty We would not be surprised, that, unless sum e money. Against these four some material change soon takes place in [dangers] the Church not only warns, not place, if the millions, instead of the hun- to be calm and collected, to act according world is so great that it is unnecessary | with hand on heart and God overhead, to perform that important and responsible that the Catholic spirit of true Faith, of act without fear and without undue favor,

OTTAWA COUNTY.

We received a letter from Mr. M. which, though too lengthy for our space, deserves a special attention. Our cosrespondent, husing, in a frank and honest manner, given his reasons for The Sunday before last, in all the having voted for Mr. Mercher's candidate charelies of the province, a joint pastoral at the last election, states that for similar ramily, and to his own conscience, when I wroughy conformiling the Conservative and a cowing to seed one of a whole perceptioners. Afterwards they discovered the and or which the control in deputy ham fremolic. As to our assertion that the I do not think any one acquainted with that the control goes turner, it she the inner position, workings in the

OPENING OF PARLIAMENT,

To-morrow afternoon Offawa will be alive with its annual excitement; cannoas will boom, soldiers parade, bugles twang, sabres clash; the floor of the Senate Chamber will be one mass of beauty, jewel'ery and full dress; the gaileries will be thronged with lookers-on and critics of the styles; the Governor will leave Rideau Hall, drive to the Parfiament Buildings, enter to read the Speech: Black Rod will bow thrice, summon the faithful Commons; the Speech will be read, the Governor retire, the crowd vanish, and the second session of this Parliament will have commenced. Two yacant places, however, will be noticed. For the first time since Confederation, the conspicuous and imposing presence of Canada's late Premier, Sir John A. Macdonald, will be missed from the scene, and many an eye will vainly seek for the appearance of the most prominent figure, during the third of a century, in our public assemblies, and many a sad heart will have to acknowledge that he shall never again occupy his olden place it the councils of the nation. And again shall the frequenter of the Parliament House miss the bent and venerable form of that honest and noble old man, ex-Premier of the Dominion, Hon. Alexander Mackenzie. Although he has not yet gone over to the silent majority, in all human probability his place shall remain forever more vacant. Both parties, and all true Canadians will miss these two venerable figures in the tableau of to-morrow at