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### Roman Intelligence.

The reply of the Holy See to the last note of the Dominion Government, has been handed to Mr. de Scholmer, Minister of Prussia to the Vatican.

His Holiness Pope Leo, has decided to found a library for the use of Catholic scientific institutions, and particularly for the Pontifical Academy of Lincei. It is to be installed in the Altarelli Palace. With this purpose several private collections have been acquired, among them that of Prof. Feliciani, containing a rich collection of works of surgery. This was purchased at a cost of 25,000 francs.

The Bishop of Newport and Menavia, Dr. Pan di Bruno, P. S. M., Lord Braye, and Mr. Hartwell Grisel were lately received in private audience by his Holiness. Upon the subject of Catholic higher education in England, Lord Braye presented an address, which dwelt upon the unparalleled liberty enjoyed by Catholics throughout the British empire, and on the desirability of re-opening the higher education question, and founding, if possible, a house for studies at Oxford.

On the feast of St. Leo the Great, name-day of His Holiness Leo XIII., several families of distinction had the honor of being admitted to the Holy Father's Mass, in the private chapel, and of receiving Holy Communion from his hands. Later in the day, he received in audience the Sacred College of Cardinals, the members of his Holy See, the various Bishops and members of the Roman and Foreign Nobility, who offered him their felicitations and good wishes.

The French pilgrims who were to have arrived on the 12th of May, from the Holy Land, on account of the weather, will not be here in time for the audience which had been arranged for them on the 15th. Another large body of French pilgrims, under Pere Picard, will arrive early in May, their departure from Paris having been fixed for the 9th; the Holy Father has appointed Trinity Sunday, May 20th, for their reception at the Vatican.

Among the many festivals of the week may be mentioned those of St. Raphael, of whom there is a curious byzantine triptych in the Vatican, where he is represented holding a door shut, in allusion to the virginity of our lady; of St. Leo the Great, the forty-seventh Pope (440-461), whose body reposes in St. Peter's under an altar dedicated to him, over which there is a splendid bas-relief in white marble representing the defeat of Attila, a subject also treated by Raphael in a fresco in the Vatican; and of blessed Carlo da Sezza, lately beatified, whose body reposes in the Church of St. Francis a Ripa, where the festival was observed.

The event of the week took place on the 13th, when gold and silver medals of the present paper money, came into use. Very little metal has been seen, however, and the dirty paper is still used. The papers have many amusing letters from the interested people who are unable to get gold for their paper. This date was also the anniversary of two events much more interesting to Catholics, as being connected with the late Pontiff, Pius IX., namely, his solemn re-entry into Rome in 1850, from Gaeta, and, in 1853, his miraculous escape in the accident at St. Agnes-without-the-Walls, when the floor of the room fell in. This event is represented in a large picture in a room near the entrance to the church.

In the Church of St. Andrea delle Fratte, the new Chapel of St. Joseph was solemnly blessed and set apart for public worship. The Chapel is rich in marbles and paintings of the chief events in the life of the saint. The consecration was attended by a large number of persons, many of whom were English. The chief event has been the novena in honor of St. Benedict Joseph Labro on the occasion of his first centenary. Each day the Pontifical Mass at 10 a. m., with sermon and Pontifical Vespers at 4 p. m.; the service at the altar has been performed by the Canons of the various basilicas, assisted by the students of the Pontifical College. On Thursday, the fourth day, Cardinal Nina pontificated, assisted by the Canons of St. Peter's. The church is magnificently illuminated, and the music exquisite. All the services have been largely attended.

His Holiness has approved of the proposition presented by the Propaganda, by which the Bulgarians of the Greek Rite, will have three Vicars Apostolic. Mgr. Nilus will have the title of Archbishop, and reside at Constantinople; the other two Vicars Apostolic will have the title of Bishop; one of these has already been named, in the person of Mgr. Pefth, formerly of the Greek College in Rome. The consecration will take place on the 15th, at Constantinople, and it is hoped, that by these measures, the spiritual needs of the Bulgarians of the Greek Rite, will be supplied. The Pope has also approved of the decision of the Propaganda, to detach from the Apostolic Vicariate of Idaho, that part which belongs to the territory of Montana, and of uniting it to the Vicariate of Montana, which formerly existed. This Vicariate will form part of the ecclesiastical province of Oregon, the administration of which has been given to Mgr. Broulet, Bishop of Vancouver, to whom the Holy Father has given a coadjutor, in the person of Mgr. John James Jonekan, priest of that diocese.

Good temper, like a sunny day, sheds a brightness over everything. It is the sweetener of toil and soother of disquietude.

There are, according to the census of 1881, about 1,000,000 Irish in Canada. This is the largest number of all other nationalities excepting the Canadian-French. The entire population is below 14 millions. The entire Dominion of Canada consists of square miles, thus making it larger than Europe, or the United States.

### Provincial Legislature.

#### SUMMARY DEBATES.

FRIDAY, April 29.

Mr. Speaker took the Chair at 11 o'clock, a. m.

The Bill intituled "An Act to encourage Coast and Ever Steam Service in King's County," was read a third time and passed.

Mr. Beasley moved the second reading of the Bill intituled "An Act to incorporate the Frestown Harbour Company." Motion carried. House in Committee. Mr. J. R. McLean in the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and the Bill was re-read agreed to.

Mr. Martin asked the Leader of the Government to lay on the table a statement showing the amount expended during the last two years for the purchase of books for the Legislative Library, the cost of books purchased during the same period, the number and list of books lent out of the said Library during the last six months.

Mr. Sullivan, as a member of the Executive Council, presented the statement.

Mr. McFadyen asked the Leader of the Government if the Executive Council have received petitions from the inhabitants of Murray Harbor, asking for the appointment of prosecutors under the Canada Temperance Act of 1878, and what action the Government intend to take in the matter.

Mr. Sullivan—There were some petitions received yesterday. They have not yet come before the Government.

Mr. Perry asked the Leader of the Government if it be the intention of the Government, during this Session, to press on the Government of Canada the propriety of giving to this Province its share of the Halifax Fishery Award.

Mr. Sullivan said: It is the intention of the Government. We have been pressing the matter upon the attention of the Dominion Government, and do not intend to give up the claim of the Province to its share of the Award.

Mr. Hooper asked the Commissioner of Crown Lands for the full amount in detail paid to J. C. Underhay, Esq., for the services performed by him for the Public Lands Department, in the year 1887.

Mr. Ferguson—There has been no amount paid to Mr. Underhay. But I will give the hon. member a statement of the account, which will serve his purpose just as well as any other.

Mr. Martin moved the motion to go into Supply. He said the Province could not be congratulated on its financial condition, and the comparison instituted by the Leader of the Government is not fair. At the end of 1878, there was a balance in favor of the Province of about \$13,000; but now the balance was against the Province to the extent of \$12,000. It was much worse than that. Included in the assets of the Province were old city bonds to the amount of \$5,850.14; and on the other hand, the Public Works Department owed about \$11,000, not included in the accounts. These accounts, added to the balance against the Province at the end of the year, make up a total deficit of \$29,198.07. While the Province was in this unfortunate position, the Public Works Department had neglected; and with all due respect for the ability of the Commissioner of Public Works, the country has suffered for the want of a competent engineer. China Point Wharf and Seal River Bridge, were cases in point. We were told that there was a saving in terms. But Southport Ferry should not be let in conjunction with West Bay Ferry. Evidence which cannot be gainsaid, shows that the receipts of the Land Office were on the decline, and that the office cannot be expected to yield, during the current year more than \$40,000—instead of \$55,000 as estimated by the Leader of the Government. But the Leader of the Government depended upon getting a refund from Ottawa. We were not justified in depending for a revenue upon a claim which had never been acknowledged. At any rate it was to be hoped that the Government had something more tangible to depend upon than the evasive expressions used in the minutes of the Canadian Government.

Mr. McFadyen listened with attention and interest to the Budget Speech, and gave the Leader of the Government credit for putting his figures very ingeniously. But they were misleading. The comparison of the expenditure of 1878 and 1882 was grossly unfair. The statements of this year did not agree with the statements of last year. According to his figures of last year, the Leader of the Government was astray to the tune of \$66,538.36. The country was deceived by the Government. In 1878 they led us to believe that the Assessment Act would at once be repealed, the debt wiped off, and the financial position of the country could be kept up within the ordinary revenue of the Province. But the Assessment Act was not repealed until just as they were again about to appeal to the country. And what did we see to-day? A deficit this year of \$40,000. There was evidently in store for the Province a great deal of trouble and financial difficulty. The Government have, it is true, economized as much as possible. But the revenues had fallen off. In the land office, next of more, and year after year they would be less still. The people who owed the land office were poor and cannot pay their instalments, let alone more, and year after year they would be less still. The people who owed the land office were poor and cannot pay their instalments, let alone more, and year after year they would be less still. The people who owed the land office were poor and cannot pay their instalments, let alone more, and year after year they would be less still.

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Mr. J. R. McLean had told the people in 1878, that the Assessment Act was necessary; and for doing so, he would have been popular with some of his fellow constituents; but the expense to the country would have been greater.

Mr. Parquharson said that if Mr. Davies was bluish Mr. Ferguson was also bluish. Though an official of the Government, he had charged \$6 a day for services while on a delegation to Ottawa.

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