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In view of the fact that an effort is amendment made to the Code of Civil Procedure with the view of permitting agnostics and free thinkers to take judicial oaths, it will be inter-

This judgment was given upon the question of admitting the evidence of Mr. Joseph S. Leo, witness called for the defence in the Levetus case, the counsel for the plaintiff having made application to nine witness as to his religious be

After observing that the code allowed the parties in the case themselves to make this examination, His Honor expressed this examination, His Honor expressed the opinion that it was desirable that only the judge should have the right to put questions to the witness, which is the general custom in England. "The examination made by the parties themselves," continued His Honor, "takes unavoidably the aggressive character accompanying every examination where two parties meet one interested in excluding a witet, one interested in excluding a witness and the other in admitting him. the other hand, the most delicate feelings of a witness are aroused when he is per sonally brought in the trial to defend his religious principles. He is not so assured in his judgment and in his expressions; the fear of not saying enough and of put-ing his cause in jeopardy leads him to make explanations which necessitate further elucidation; and thus ensues an examina tion which it is difficult to conduct in a tion which it is difficult to conduct in a proper spirit. The witness has only himself to blame if by his too hasty answers, given spontaneously, he justifies the other party in asking minute explanations. It is, then, with difficulty that the Judge can protect him against himself, particularly when he does not claim that protection. If the Judge alone had the right of examining the witness, it would be a less difficult task to keep the examination within proper limits. What the law re-quires in the man called upon to take an oath, is his belief in God and in punishments and rewards after death. The judge, who is not acquainted with the inwardness of his belief, must take the witness' declarations as he gives them, without scrutinizing his faith. When the declaration is within the terms of the law the Judge must accept it. All questions with the object of obtaining an explanawith the object of obtaining an explanation or a justification of the witness' belief are not within the competency of the Judge. Courts are not theological classes, but organized for the maintenance and right operation of the laws. The tribunal applies the latter without discussing their merits. In the present case the lawyers, by the witness' declaration, have been obliged to enquire into the nature of his own fault if he has on oaths is universal, and if it varies as to the form of the oath, according to the religious belief of each nation, it is un changeable for every one in its essence, which is the belief in God, who will punish the transgressor and reward the just.
We have in our code a very positive law,
nobody can take an oath unless he believes
in God, and in punishments and rewards
after death; both these conditions are essential. In this case, the witness believes in the first, and rejects the other.

The learned judge then reviewed the answers given by the witness and said that they appeared insufficient to meet the reuirements of our code. The witness had ot the belief required by law to make him admissible to give his evidence under

It is not likely that the legislature It is not likely that the legislature will assent to any amendment proposing to permit agnostics and free-thinkers to take judicial oaths, as the libe in the public schools responsible for it?

How is it to be met and headed off? What are the political leaders and their can be party allegiance of Roman Catholic members of the Ontario assembly be depended on to back up either Mr. Mowat

had been in poor health about a year ago, but lately he had regained much of his wonted activity.

Mr. Murphy was by birth an Irishman,

likely to be made at the next session of the Quebec legislature to have an adopted home, and by dint of honest industry and good conduct rapidly rose to the position of trust now vacated by his untimely death. On Tuesday his mortal remains were removed, amidst the sorrow-ful tears of his wife and children, and a multitude of friends, to Trenton, for inesting to our readers to review a judgment lately given on the subject by Judge Loranger:

Handitude of Helands, to Irental, for the family burying ground. His afflicted family have the sincere sympathy of the community in their sad bereavement. May his soul rest in peace.

OUSTIC BAZAAR.

The following are the prizes won at the

The following are the prizes won at the Oustic bazaar on Friday:
Embroidered cushion, presented by ladies of Loretto, Guelph, won by Miss Susan Oaks, ticket No. 126.
Fancy table, disposed of by the Young Ladies' Sodality, Guelph, won by Mr. Peter Tracy, Guelph, ticket No. 20.
Oil painting, presented by Miss Rose McElderry, won by Mrs. Standish, Guelph, ticket No. 42.
Album, presented by Mrs. John Mc-

Album, presented by Mrs. John Mc-Mahon, Oustie, won by Mr. J. P. Coffee, Gnelph, ticket No. 82.

Hand painted bracket drape, presented

by ladies of Loretto, Hamilton, won by Mr. John McMahon, Oustic, ticket No. 49. Sofa cushion, presented by ladies of Loretto, Toronto, won by Mrs. George Duffield, Oustic.

Duffield, Oustic.

Quilt, presented by Mrs. E. McCarthy,
won by Mr. Jas. Farrell, jr., No. 50.

Bracket drape, presented by Miss
Dwyer, Hillsburg, won by Mr. John
Gibbons No. 10 Gibbons, No. 19.

Silver butter cooler, presented by Mrs.
John Gray, won by Mr. D. Heffernan,

John Gray, won by Mr. D. Heffernan, Eramosa, No. 37.

Mink cap, won by Mr. P. Blanchfield, Eramosa, No. 33.

Silver butter cooler, presented by Mrs. McCann, Oustie, won by Miss Mary Mc-Elderry, Guelph, No. 120.

Handsome lamp, presented by Mr. G. W. Smith, Guelph, won by Mr. Patrick O'Hern, Eramosa, No. 63.

Lace curtains, presented by Mrs. Hutcheon, Oustie, won by Mrs. B. Savage, Guelph, No. 72.

Handsome doll, presented by Sisters of St. Joseph, Guelph, won by M. J. Robertson, Chicago, Ill., No. 360.

Large picture of Rev. P. Hamel, S. J., presented by Mr. Jas. Blanchfield, Rockwood, won by Mr. McCarthy, Shiloh, No. 114.

Valuable plough, presented by Mr. James Gibbons, Oustic, won by Mr. J. Tobin, No. 4.

by a gentleman in Fergus.

Handsome toilet set, won by Mrs. Jas.

Handsome toilet set, won by Mrs. Jas.
O'Brien, Eramosa.
Picture, presented by Ladies of Loretto,
Niagara, won by Mr. J. Mutrie.
The silver desert set presented by Sisters of St. Joseph, Guelph, was won by
ticket No. 238. The person who holds
this number can have the above by applying to the hazar committee.

THE SEPARATE SCHOOL MOVE-MENT.

Toronto World, Nov. 23.

ing to the bazaar committee.

Toronto World, Nov. 25.

There are several questions of the deepest public interest connected with the new separate schoolmovementpromoted by the twin organs of the Roman Catholic hierarchy, the London Record and the Toronto Tribune. Why is it started at the present time? How far is the agitation about the use of the bible in the public schools responsible for it?

or Mr. Meredith in a refusal to accede to the demands of Archbishop Lynch and Bishop

posing to permit agnostics and irection thinkers to take judicial oaths, as any such proceedings were a mere faree. Those claiming to be either agnostics or free thinkers may, however, be allowed to give unsworn testimony, upon which the tribunals will, no doubt, place a proper, estimate. We must say, however, that it is, in our estimation, not only unwise, but positively wrong to give any legal recognition whatever to this class of men.

ST. PATRICKS BAZAAR, OTTAWA.

We feel genaine pleasure in laying before our readers the full returns in connection with the Bazzan talety held in did of St. Patrick's Orphan Asylum, Ottawa. The Bazzan was, all things considered, the most successful ever held in the capital. This fact will be at once apparent when the most successful ever held in the capital. This fact will be at once apparent will be refore the fact which speaks volumes for the zeal of the ladies in charge of the Bazzan kaled in that city, all successful ever held in the capital. This fact will be at once apparent will be refore the first which speaks volumes for the zeal of the ladies in charge of the Bazzan kaled in that city, all successful ever held in the capital. This fact will be at once apparent will be a seen to strike, and then press their demands to have a seen to strike, and then press their demands to a seen to strike, and then press their demands to a seen to strike, and the press their demands to a seen to strike, and then press their demands to a seen to strike, and then press their demands to a seen the seen that city, and the press their demands to a seen to strike, and then press their demands to a seen that the seen that the seen to a seen the seen that the seen that the seen that city, all the seen that the seen th

separate school principle. He can afford to go out of office on such a question better than he can afford to retain office on better than he can afford to retain office on better than he can afford to retain office on better than he can afford to retain office on better afford to the separate school principle. He can better afford to remain in opposition than to accept office on such conditions.

The duty of the Protestant supporters of each leader in the assembly is no less clear. It is to make him understand once for all that there must be no tampering with this question, for hesitating in such a case is apt to be fatal. Let there be no false hopes either inspired or encouraged. Need we tell the leaders of opinion in the churches what their duty is at this juncture? If they are satisfied to lie still like sleeping sentinels, or to cry "Peace, peace." when there is no peace, their own people will require at their hands their reason for pursuing such a course.

But most important of all is the duty just

hands their reason of all is the duty just now devolving on the press of all shades of political opinion. The hierarchical demand has, as yet, been put forward only in their organs, and what have the secular journals to say about it?

PUBLIC AND SEPARATE SCHOOLS. Toronto World, Nov. 26.

We noticed a few days ago the demand of the London Record—an avowed organ of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy—for certain chanses in the school law of this province. The changes asked for amounted to the complete extinction of our puolic school system and the substitution for it of two separate and distinct systems—one Protestant and the other Catholic. Since that time the demand of the Record has been in substance endorsed by the Toronto Tribune, another avowed organ of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy.

As in the case of the Record we do not deem it necessary just now to argue the mat-

As in the case of the Record we do not deem it necessary just now to argue the matter with the Tribune, though we are prepared to do so whenever the occasion arises. We do not believe that the great majority of the people of Ontario need to be convinced of the expediency of maintaining their public school system as far as possible from further encroachment. What they need is warning, and the best warning they can have is the demand of the hierarchy as made public in the organs named above. The theorem is the organs named above as made public in the organs named above the proposition of the public shool by the proposition of the public shool and his fellow-ecclesiastics is unwarraned at hy soon be set at rest by a disclaimer; if you disclaimer is put in the public will be justified in assuming that the demand for the entire abolition of the public school system is made by the recognized authorities of the Roman Catholic Church, and that in their opinion the time for pressing that demand has come. The sooner the malter is forced to an issue

the time for pressing that demand has come. The sooner the matter is forced to an issue the better, for nothing can be gained in the public interest by postponement.

LETTERS OF COMMENDATION.

FROM BISHOP MACDONALD. Harbor Grace, Newfoundland,

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Respectfully yours, P. M. Cotter.

THE NUTSHELL HISTORY OF IRELAND. We have received from the office of Don-ohoe's Magazine, Boston, a neat little volume, bearing the above title. It will be sufficient to mention that the author is Mr. A. M. Sullivan, to prove that the work is one of absorbing interest, and written in a style peculiarly fascinating.

MARKET REPORT.

LONDON.

Wheat—Spring, 170 to 189; Deihl, \$\psi\$ 100 lbs. 7.9 to 189; Treadwell, 169 to 189; Clawson, 59 to 179; Red, 169 to 180. Oats, 102 to 140. Sorn, 139 to 149. Barley, 105 to 115. Peas, 25 to 135. Rye, 105 to 110. Beans, per. Dush, 125 to 175. Flour—Pastry, per cwt, 300 to 32; Family, 275 to 300. Oatmeal Fine, 25 to 270; Granulated, 269 to 275. Corn-3 09 to 3 29; Family, 275 to 3 00. Oatmeat Fine, 2 55 to 2 79; Granulated, 2 60 to 2 75. Cornmeal, 2 00 to 2 50. Shorts, ton, 18 00 to 22 00. Bran, 14 00 to 16 00. Hay, 7 00 to 9 00. Straw, per load, 2 00 to 3 00. Butter—pound rolls, 22 to 25c; crock, 20 to 25c; tubs, 15 to 20c. Eggs, retail, 25 to 25c. Cheese, 1b. 11 to 12c. Turnips, 30 to 40c. Turkeys, 75 to 11 to 12c. Turnips, 30 to 30c. Turkeys, 75 to 260. Chickens, per pair, 49 to 60c. Ducks, per pair, 50 to 60c. Potatoes, per bag, 90 to 110. Apples, per bag, 60 to 1 00. Onions, per bushel, 60 to 80. Dressed Hogs, per cvt, 550 to 575. Beef, per cvt, 400 to 6 00. Mutton, per 10, 5 to 7c. Lamb, per 10, 5 to 7c. Hops, per 100 lbs, 3) to 50c. Wood, per cord, 6 00 to 6 50.

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Toronto, Dec. 10.—Wheat—Fall, No. 2, 1 ll to 1 ll; No. 3, 1 07 to 1 07; spring, No. 1, 1 16 to 1 l8; No. 2, 1 lt to 1 lt; No. 3, 1 08 to 1 60; No. 2, 1 lt to 1 lt; No. 3, 1 08 to 1 60.

Barley, No. 1, 72 to 72e; No. 2, 63 to 66c; No. 3, extra, 63 to 63c; No. 3, 52 to 55c. Peas, No. 1, 76 to 75c. No. 2, 74 to 74. Oats, No. 1, 34 to 35c; No. 2, 37c. Corn, 00 to 00e. Wool, 00 to 00e. Floar, Superior, 50 0 to 515; extra, 4 85 to 4 99. Bran, 12 00 to 12 09. Butter, 12 to 13c. Hozs, street, 7 C7 to 7 00. Barley, (street), 63 to 00e. Kye, street, 60 to 00e. Wheat, street, spring, 1 05 to 11; fall, 1 01 to 1 03. Oatmeal, 5 09 to 0 00. Cornmeal, 3 75 to 3 99.

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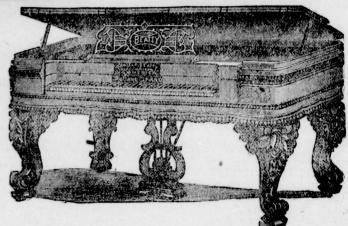
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