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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 1891.

FIELD MARSHAL VON MOLTKE is no more. The great military genius that did so much for Germany died peacefully, at the age of ninety-one, on Friday last.

The entry of Mr. Curran, M.P., into the Cabinet of the Dominion would give the Irish Catholics live representation and the Toronto Globe is most anxious that they should have nothing of the kind.

Mr. HUNTER, M.P., has introduced into the Imperial Parliament a bill ostensibly for reforming the divorce laws. Mr. Gladstone, it appears, has astonished his followers by deciding to support the measure, against which they firmly believed, his religious convictions would cause him to make a firm stand.

The attitude of neutrality adopted by the Irish press on this continent, in relation to the present crisis in Ireland, is the only one that is likely to induce the people in the old land rapidly to close their ranks and become one united party again.

DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

To-day His Excellency Lord Stanley, our Governor-General, will open the seventh Parliament of the Dominion. The Government, it is generally supposed, will have a majority of about thirty members, quite sufficient to ensure the carrying out of their policy.

unless he be forestalled by the Government taking the initiative, owing to the name of the Minister of Public Works having been mentioned in connection with the alleged irregularities, but, it is generally supposed, that the present session will be short, and that little legislation will be offered in connection with tariff changes.

BROTHER ARNOLD.

The Toronto Catholic Weekly Review reproduces our remarks published in last week's issue upon the subject of the proposed testimonial to Brother Arnold. We have no doubt that what we wrote will meet with a cordial endorsement in Toronto.

DEAR SIR—At a meeting of a number of the old pupils and friends of Rev. Bro. Arnold, of St. Ann's Brothers' school, it was decided to present him with a purse as a testimonial of the esteem in which he is held. As it would be impossible to reach all who have in the many years of Brother Arnold's successful career as a teacher and director passed through the classes under his charge, the committee ask you to make known through the columns of your widely circulated journal that the presentation will be made about the 10th May, 1891.

THE U. S. NAVY.

The State of Louisiana put on high and mighty airs when its right to lynch offenders was called in question and made the Federal authorities in the United States distinctly understand that they could not interfere in the local concern of the sovereign people of that or any other commonwealth of the union.

"antagonist, Italy, has a very strong navy, that for a sum very little greater France has a superb navy, and that for about double that sum Great Britain has a navy that could whip creation, and that the United States the while for all its spending of such a gigantic amount has not a navy, in any proper acceptance of the term, but only the mere nucleus and promise of a navy, then are we driven rather in self-abasement to ask what has become of the money?"

SOME WISE WORDS.

We are not aware for what, if any, special branch of study Brown University, U.S.A., is established, but there can be no doubt that its students, as long as they are directed by their present head, will never leave its walls in any degree stamped with the brand of bigot.

A GROWING EVIL.

The Archbishop of Montreal has issued an address which must command the consideration of every thinking person. The prevailing inattention to the sanctity of the day, so evident on Sundays, is certainly a social evil which threatens a storm the consequences of which are not easy to calculate or pleasant to think about.

fruitful sources of demoralization which exists in the community. What might be an elevating and instructive institution is too often degraded into a reflection of all that is low, degrading and suggestive of evil.

SIR CHARLES TUPPER.

Toronto seems anxious to maintain her ancient reputation for narrow-minded bigotry and the cultivation of violent fanaticism. The "County Lodge" has recently censured the mayor of Toronto for taking part in the proceedings connected with the civic resolution of condolence on the occasion of the death of the late Father Laurent, a priest to whose memory, we should have imagined, everyone who knew him would have spontaneously hastened to do honor.

BIGOTRY.

Sir Charles Tupper is reported in the Globe as having given expression to the opinion that he believed that if the so-called Liberal party had adhered to the principles laid down in the Malvern speech of the Hon. Mr. Blake, the party now in opposition would have been victorious at the polls.

SUNDAY OBSERVANCE.

His Grace then exhorts all the faithful to observe the Sabbath, and to keep away from all the dangerous amusements which he has pointed out; to attend mass and other religious exercises, and in the interval to remain with their families so that "the day consecrated to God be one of thanksgiving and blessings."

voluntarily the moral direction of the priest. They are not conducted by leaders who are strangers to our religion or entirely unknown; they do not bind their members and are not bound by oath, and have not the ceremonies which recall the masonic rite; in a word, far from being to be feared by their organization, their principles, or their tendencies, they recommend themselves highly, as well by the sincerely Catholic spirit which animates them as by the spiritual and material advantages which they derive from them as well as their families.

CARD.

Life of John Boyle O'Reilly.

To the Irishmen of Montreal:— Messrs. A. T. Moore, John McGowan and John Mahony, representing Cassell's Publishing Co., of New York, are now in the City of Montreal. They intend visiting in the mid-summer months every Irish home in this city and hope to be able to place therein a copy of the "Life of John Boyle O'Reilly."

OBITUARY.

His many friends will learn with regret of the death in New York of Mr. Thomas Buchanan, of this city, which melancholy event occurred on Saturday last. The funeral took place this morning from his late residence, Palace street, to St. Patrick's Church, thence to the Cote des Neiges cemetery.

Mr. Michael Skelly, of Rawdon, died on Saturday morning, April the 25th, 1891, at that place, after a few weeks illness in the 57th year of his age. He was a justice of the peace and municipal councillor for many years, mayor for over 20 and postmaster for 30 years.

At St. Philomene, Chateauguay, the 29th of April, at 10 a.m., died, Matthew Bannan, aged 77 years, with all the blessings of the Church and surrounded by his children and friends. His wife survives him after 45 years of happy wedlock and a prosperous life. He and she both came from Ireland with their parents in 1827.

O'Kane Cameron, the great Glengarry piper, died recently at his home in Greenfield, being 82 years of age. He was a remarkable person, and from his proficiency must have come from a race of pipers.

NEARLY POISONED.

Toronto, April 26.—It was announced on Saturday in the evening papers that Mrs. J. C. Smith, on 92 Isabella street, and Miss C. Todd, her guest, would render solos at the morning and evening services of St. Paul's and St. Basil's churches. Neither lady sang. A reporter passing St. Paul's shortly after the hours of Mass to begin noticed a number of ladies standing upon the sidewalk near the church conversing in a most excited manner. They were approached and asked the cause of their apparent perturbation. The answer was astonishing: "Why, Mrs. Smith has been poisoned and is dead."

NEWFOUNDLAND FISHERY.

Lord Knutsford's Bill in Parliament To Support International Obligations.

LONDON, April 27.—In moving the second reading of his bill known as the Newfoundland Coercion bill in the House of Lords to-day, Lord Knutsford, secretary of state for colonial affairs, contended that the bill did not interfere with local questions in Newfoundland nor with the independence of the Colonial legislature. He also said it was a matter of Imperial obligation that the arrangement affecting the fishing rights of France should be as binding upon the colonies as upon the Empire.

The Earl of Kimberley said the Newfoundland Government ought to have been notified of the Imperial intention in regard to Newfoundland. The present position of affairs demanded that the bill ought not to be carried further until the Newfoundland Legislature had further considered the matter.

Thanks from Omagh, Ireland. At a meeting of the Committee, formed in connection with the erection of a new Catholic Church in Omagh, held in the parochial house, Omagh, on Sunday, 12th April, 1891, the Very Rev. B. McNamee, P.P., V.E., presiding, the following resolution was passed unanimously:—

That we, the priests and people of Omagh, return our most grateful thanks to the generous and warm-hearted people of Montreal, not only for their very liberal donations towards the erection of our new Church, but also for the very kind and enthusiastic reception given by them to our beloved curate, the Rev. J. McGlade.

A DONAL.

LONDON, April 27.—In a letter Mr. Gladstone says the statements made by Parnell in Clonmel that Gladstone and his colleagues had deprecated and afterwards approved the plan of campaign for party purposes are entirely without foundation.

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