

The Irish troubles is qualified by the words, 'It is believed'.

Such paragraphs are generally either the unsupported guesswork of correspondents or else the story which the English press wish to have believed.

In most cases they prove false. Unless the associated press can get a prophet, or the son of a prophet, as correspondent it would save money by cutting hazardous guesses, and sticking to well-authenticated news.

The Y. M. C. A.'s appeal to be on a delicate. Like the mechanics' institutes they have had their day.

They get to be mere machines, many of them managed by men who make a living out of them, and when this is reached their usefulness is gone.

At a Baptist conference in New York the other day a reverend delegate said, 'The greatest hangup in New York is the Association palace at the corner of Twenty-third street and Fourth avenue.'

And other clergymen endorsed the remark.

The Turf, Field and Farm of last week contains a letter pointing out that none of the Toronto papers have editorially condemned the Lady Reveller frauds.

The resolution of the Jockey Club was, in our opinion, sufficient condemnation. It is not the custom of the newspapers to editorially refer to every fraud that is perpetrated.

The particular case usually given to the public of criminal practices and they carry their own condemnation. It is true the Mail, first in the lottery proceedings and subsequently in the Lady Reveller case, has shown a desire to condone, and thereby stand confessedly convicted of aiding and abetting, offences against the law, but, to the best of our knowledge and belief, in such respect it is the solitary exception of all the Canadian daily papers.

We must, however, even at this late date acknowledge that in taking the stand it has, and in its general endeavors to suppress fraud, the Ontario Jockey club has earned the gratitude of every lover of the sport it fosters.

The boys of New York must be very bad, for they need a great deal of protection. There is a law prohibiting a sale of liquor to them, another prohibiting the sale of dangerous weapons, and now the legislature of that state has just passed a bill providing a severe penalty for any person who shall loan, sell or give to any minor under 16 years of age any firearm or work of fiction without first obtaining the written consent of his parent or guardian.

It is somewhat singular that the runner-mongers in their endeavor to select a successor to Lord Lorne, have not hit upon the name of Lord Dufferin. A man of thought, of action, and an extensive traveler, he would be just the man to adequately fill such a position as that of governor-general of Canada.

While he belongs to the younger generation of the house of peers, his opinions are always listened to with marked attention. A few days ago, he delivered a very able speech on the condition of the Irish laborers; and subsequently he called the attention of the peers to the distress in Ireland with a view of promoting some scheme of migration or emigration.

His lordship quoted statistics to show that the land had gone out of cultivation to an alarming extent, and that with one exception all the home industries had decreased.

The falling-off being most extensive where the population was most dense. He urged the government to relieve the distress in these congested districts by promoting some method of migration by which family ties would not be completely severed.

Lord Lansdowne, who is an extensive landowner in Ireland, gave a qualified support to Lord Dufferin's proposition. He declared that there were about a quarter of a million holdings so small that if the tenants had no rent whatever to pay they would still be in a chronic state of poverty.

Such testimony from such men gives a clearer insight into the real state of Ireland than all the quibbling of the agitators. It shows the absolute necessity there is for the promulgation of some broad and comprehensive scheme which will relieve the population from the immediate pressure of the trammels of poverty, shall open up to Irishmen an opportunity to gain a fair living in the future, that as long as the government's time is devoted to the suppression of agitators there can be no real hope for the regeneration of the country.

The Rev. Heber Newton's New York congregation adheres to him in the matter of the charges to a man. Only one member has withdrawn from the church because of displeasure over the sermon on the bible, and she is a woman. On the other hand there have been many accessions, and the church was never more prosperous.

A cablegram announces that instead of the two thousand pounds annually that was to be given to Lord Walsley and Alcester for their services in Egypt, a lump sum of money will be given. This change is a sensible one. It was provided in the original bill that the pension should descend to the heirs of the beneficiaries in perpetuity.

This is the thin end of the wedge that will in time lead to the entire abolition of the pension system in England. It is absurd that people should be directly paid for what their forefathers did, apart from the fact that the present generation has no right to saddle future generations with burdens that they are unwilling to bear.

Their sympathizers in New York allege that attempts are being made to kidnap Sheridan and Walsh. Some people are fools enough to believe anything, but few will be found sufficiently simple-minded to believe that the English government would countenance such proceedings, or would even avail itself of the opportunity that kidnapping would give to bring the men to trial.

Another step in the application of electricity to the general uses of mankind was taken yesterday when Thea. A. Edison and others, representing a capital of \$2,000,000, filed papers, at Albany, N. Y., incorporat-

ing the Electric railway company of the United States, the project being to develop electricity as a motor for trains.

The American correspondents are writing that her majesty is much more seriously ill than the British public is led to believe. They say that none but attendants are allowed to approach her person, and on her recent journey to the Isle of Wight only those whose business required it were allowed near the station or the docks.

The Vanderbilts are going out of the railway business, the change made in the control of the New York Central and Lake Shore lines on Friday last indicating that they are tired of railroading.

Most of their money is now in government bonds producing only three per cent. But it is said, and there is no worry. Jay Gould is going to retire for two years for travel, which probably means for good. There is a limit to men's accumulations, and in the case of these two it appears to have been reached.

Nothing is more likely than the speedy disposition of their millions.

We like to see the farmer getting a paying price for all his produce, 'hen-and-egg' included. But it seems to be too much of a good thing that, at a season when eggs ought to be abundant at 10 or 12 cents a dozen, we must pay 20 cents, chiefly because Wisconsin is not taking them away from Ontario by several car loads at a time.

With abundance of wheat tallings and, or wheat not quite good enough for milling, which there ought to be in the Northwest even in the best years, eggs ought to be cheaper there than in Ontario. And so very probably they will be a year or two hence, if the climate don't prove too severe for wintering tows cheaply.

'Hail to the thief!' is the welcome given by a San Francisco paper to a distinguished citizen of that place, recently returned from Mexico, who made his triumphal entry home accompanied by two detectives as a guard of honor. It is a case of 'appropriation,' improper use of funds, &c.

THE POSITION OF ORANGEMEN IN ONTARIO.

To the Editor of The World.

Sir: Your correspondent, Protestant British Canadian, refers to my letter in your paper, last written, and in commenting on it, thinks I am too severe on Sir John A. Macdonald in the matter of the rejection of the late orange incorporation bill at Ottawa. I am satisfied I have done Sir John no wrong in my two letters on the subject. The whole thing—I mean Sir John's promise last time, his negotiating with John O'Donoghue and Mr. Boyle, his putting off the just indignation of the orangemen then, and his promise of incorporation at Ottawa this session—are very disgraceful to him. He never intended to carry out his promise, and knew he could not do so without a rupture with his constituency.

Sir Hector Langverin is more powerful than he is on political matters at Ottawa. According to Roman catholic principles, it would be as illegitimate for him to incorporate a society which is founded ostensibly to oppose it. The society dates back to the name of the Prince of Orange who drove the big game James II. from the English throne, and this monarch was the representative of popery in England. The society is now the ally and confederate of the Roman catholic hierarchy, as now seen, would be an end. Withdrawal of the orange bill from the House of Commons, and the Roman catholic still exist, and the small fraction of the Roman catholic could not put it down at elections. Presbyterians, methodists, baptists, congregationalists and members of the church of England are opposed to the Roman catholic system. The Roman catholic hierarchy would like to peacefully carry out their religious views, but should not have separate schools, creating their own private schools, apart from the great body politic.

Probably orangemen and separate schools are both evils in our society. They are used by politicians as tools of election, by wily office-seekers, such as we have seen consenting to back the orange bill at Ottawa by certain members of the House of Commons, and by the government itself.

Now going back for a moment to Protestant British Canadian's letter, that Sir John A. Macdonald says that he has no right to blame Mr. Blake on his following. The liberals were no party to the silly and corrupt promise of Sir John at Yorkville, and he had no right to expect their assistance, and knew he could not get it. As it often happens with him, he tried to gain two ends by the promise and movement at Ottawa, and being dishonest in his motives, now stands before the public in the position of a bad political trickster, not as a straightforward statesman. He wished to make the orangemen believe he was a true friend to their principles and told them to carry Ontario in the Tory interests, and at the same time to make the Roman catholic of Ontario and Quebec believe he was for the political ascendancy of them as a sectarian class by consenting with O'Donoghue, Coe, and Boyle last year, when he had not a particle of love for them. In other words he wished to outwile (like the ivy) the wily ones of the oak, the green and the orange together! Oil and water will not mix. He has fallen between two stools. If it were not that Sir Hector knows the use he can make of Sir John, there would even now be a rupture at Ottawa.

What are the orangemen to do? Let them call meetings of the brethren in Toronto and every part of Ontario—even if they are small ones—and determine that this continued movement of a few wily office-seekers, who are put into office by Sir John in Ontario shall end. I say this under the impression that the wily ones of the oak, the green and the orange together! Let them call meetings of the brethren in Toronto and every part of Ontario—even if they are small ones—and determine that this continued movement of a few wily office-seekers, who are put into office by Sir John in Ontario shall end. I say this under the impression that the wily ones of the oak, the green and the orange together! Let them call meetings of the brethren in Toronto and every part of Ontario—even if they are small ones—and determine that this continued movement of a few wily office-seekers, who are put into office by Sir John in Ontario shall end. I say this under the impression that the wily ones of the oak, the green and the orange together!

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