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WEDNESDAY.....JANUARY 18, 1888.

COMPARISONS are said to be odious. How does this look? The United States is piling up a surplus at the rate of \$15,000,000 per week.

OLD Montrealers will learn with regret of the death of ex-Judge Matthew Lyon, which sad event occurred at Winnipeg recently.

RECENT big labor strikes have emphasized in a remarkable manner the fact that while protection has increased prices all round for the necessaries of life, wages have not increased.

OUR friends of the United States Government are in a quandary what to do with their surplus. We can tell them how to get rid of it—

AND, like an insubstantial pageant faded, leave not a track behind.

WE will lend them the loan of Sir John Macdonald for a month and guarantee that not only will their surplus have disappeared at the end of that time, but their old war debt will be back again on them with all its glories and beauties.

NAPOLEON III. and his son, or rather their remains, have been placed in a final resting place. Let us hope this will be the last we shall hear of the man who waded to a throne through the blood of thousands of his innocent countrymen, and who ended his career in the dismemberment of France.

A RECENT cable despatch says: John Bright, in a long letter picturing some of the results of the granting of home rule to Ireland, warns the country that if it returns Gladstone to power he may appoint Parnellites to the highest offices in the State.

THE CATHOLIC DIRECTORY for 1888 contains a vast amount of information concerning Catholicity in the British Empire, within which there are twenty-five archiepiscopal and ninety-six episcopal sees, nineteen Vicarates-Apostolic, and ten Prefectures-Apostolic, in all 150 sees, seven of which are vacant.

TORY papers are trying to divert sympathy from Mr. Wilfred Blunt by calling him a crank. His career, however, is an emphatic contradiction to the slander.

WE would remind the esteemed Ottawa Citizens that its table of coercion acts has done service so often that it is worn out. The question is not which party passed the most coercion acts since 1800, but which is now the coercionist, which the Home Rule party?

WHILE people in the large Atlantic seaboard cities are showing a nervous dread of a possible visitation of cholera, a New York physician points out that since 1866, when 1,137 persons died in that city from cholera, not one has there perished from the disease, and since an epidemic visited the place in 1866 only thirteen persons have died from yellow fever.

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REV. CHARLES STERLING, Vicar of New Malden, Surrey, England, has published a correspondence in the papers which took place between himself and General Ponsonby, secretary to the Queen, on the "Romish tendencies" of Her Majesty.

AS many of Her Majesty's Protestant subjects are persuaded that by the renewal of "communion with the See of Rome" the Throne has, according to the Act of Settlement, become vacant, I deem it necessary to forward the correspondence to the public press.

That settles it! Queen Victoria is deposed. The throne is vacant. All because the Queen has done what everybody does sometime or another, attend service in a Catholic church.

MR. WALTER, proprietor of the London Times, has been made a peer at last. He worked for his reward, and having got it he may be congratulated on the honor.

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Rule resolutions. In fact our Canadian Tories are in perfect sympathy with the English Tories, as may be seen by their press, by their votes in Parliament, and the precise manner in which they agree in all things.

ENGLISH Tories are absolutely furious at the Marquis of Ripon and the other signatories of the address of English Catholics to Mgr. Persico, whereby they so speedily and effectively obnoxious the Coercionists' game in sending the Duke of Norfolk to the Vatican.

THE Liverpool Catholic Times, commenting on Lord Salisbury's attack on Lord Ripon, points out "that the address does not betray the slightest indication of an attempt to influence Mgr. Persico's conclusions as to the state of affairs in Ireland.

ACCORDING to the London Times Ireland absorbs a very large portion of the military home establishment. Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar has command of about 27,300 officers and men, with 3,600 horses and 60 guns, the whole being divided into three commands.

A MILITARY authority on European armaments gives a comparative statement of the armies of Austria, Prussia and Russia now the frontiers in anticipation of war.

AUSTRIA keeps in Galicia 2 army corps of infantry, 2 divisions of cavalry, and 22 field batteries. Germany has in the Provinces of Prussia, Posen and Silesia, 51 army corps, 3 cavalry divisions, and 60 field batteries.

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from diphtheria were 12,944, from scarlet fever 10,491, from measles 5,374 and from whooping cough 4,487. In the eleven months from January 1 to December 1, 1887, 1,933 persons died from diphtheria, 400 from scarlet fever, 743 from measles and 178 from whooping cough.

SIR CHARLES DILKE, whose articles on the British Army and the Canadian Militia have attracted so much attention of late, is quoted by the St. John Globe as having written some very sensible things to an English Cabinet minister. Here are his words:—

"At bottom it would seem as though no one gained by the retention of our hold on Canada. Were she independent, her borders would never again be wanted by Fenian hordes, and she would escape the terrible danger of being the battle-field in which European quarrels are fought out.

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This shows what absurdities even scientists may be led into when they try to do away with the old faith and substitute their own imaginings in its place.

A GREATER outbreak against landlordism in Scotland, and the starting of a Land League in Wales, show how the movement, against which the Salisbury Government is struggling in vain in Ireland, is spreading throughout Great Britain.

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bury in the pursuit of its infamous policy towards the Irish nation. The ferocious vindictiveness of the Times, displayed on all occasions towards the Irish people and their leaders, more especially in its villainous diatribes under the head of "Parnellism and Crime," has been an astonishment and a disgrace to journalism and public decency.

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