

The Church.

Colonial.

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CROWN IN CHANCERY.

Montreal, 8th Sept., 1848.

His Excellency the Governor General has been pleased to summon to the Legislative Council the Honourable Frederick Augustus Quesnel, of the City of Montreal.

THE DEBENTURES.—We have spoken already of the Ministerial Finance measure, and the following announcement from the official Gazette, fully bears us out:

RECEIVER GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Montreal, 1st September, 1848.

Amount of Provincial Debentures, payable twelve months after date, with interest, at six per cent.:—

Previously issued £50,510 0 0

Issued during week ended this day 7,355 0 0

Total issued £67,465 0 0

Less received for Public Dues 9,352 10 0

In actual circulation £58,112 10 0

So the paper is rapidly returning upon Government, and we are getting rid of it as fast as they can! Every payment to a Government office is made in Debentures, for a very good reason—that it is only there they can be passed at their nominal value. Merchants take them at the current market value, and so on.

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FRANCE.—**Revolution in the French Protestant Communions.**—The Protestant Church in France have got rid of all their revolutions across less violent than that which has fallen before the body politic;—everything is reduced to a provisional state. The news of the revolution at Paris had scarcely reached Strasburg, when a number of members of the Lutheran Communion, who had long been dissatisfied with the Government of the Central Directory of the Confession of Augsburg, met together, and having obtained the resignation of the two remaining members of the Directory (a third being absent at the time, from ill health), and two seats being vacated, the other by resignation, formed a new Central Provisional Director Commission for the direction of all the current business of the Directory, and for preparing a project of re-constitution of the Confession of Augsburg, in France, upon the recognised basis of the ancient Church, that is, of sovereignty of the general body of the faithful. The Provisional Director Commission appointed has placed itself in communication with the local Lutheran Churches, and has sent a circular letter, in which it is stated, that it will be the constituent assembly of a new general consistory, which will be the constituent assembly of the Lutheran Communion. In the Reformed or Calvinistic Communion the progress of revolution has been, if possible, still more rapid. A general cry for reorganization, raised almost simultaneously with the revolution, was responded to by the appointment, in eighty-six out of the ninety-two "Consistorial Churches" of delegates to a constituent assembly of the Reformed Church, in Paris, where it held its sittings from the 10th to the 25th of May. By the admission of their own priests the debates were of the most disorderly, and occasionally, violent character.

To show the character of the movement, as well as the actual condition of these "Churches," it will be sufficient to quote from the session of the 20th of May, the different tests proposed for defining Church membership, and the consequent right to vote in the approaching elections. The following tests were successively proposed: To be baptized a communicant, and to believe that Jesus Christ is God manifest in the flesh: negative submission for the words, "that Jesus Christ is God manifest in the flesh"; to be baptized, to subscribe to the Son of the living God; negatively, to subscribe to the Apostles' Creed;—it retains only "baptism and communion without any expression of belief"; negative, on the ground that many of their Church members, nay even of their constituents, never receive the communion; to rest satisfied with baptism and the first admission to the communion: to negative, on the ground that members have never communicated at all; to let baptism be the only test: negative, on the ground that there were at least 60,000 persons present. We learn that quite a number of these electors should take part in the essential acts of religion."—negative, on the ground of its being too indefinite. The resolution ultimately agreed upon was, "That all shall have a vote who deserve that they heartily belong and adhere to the Reformed Church of France." After settling the electoral law upon this wide basis, the assembly appointed a "Provisional Commission" to undertake "the care of the ecclesiastical affairs" till the new assembly can be convened. An attempt was made to effect a fusion between the Lutheran and the Calvinistic, but it led to nothing but the unanimous adoption of a resolution, to the latter assembly, to effect the union of the two Concessions, if possible, which would be desirable: a position on which one of the speakers remarked that "Satan alone would refuse to consent to it."

TRAINING INSTITUTION FOR NURSES.—A public meeting to form an Institution for the above object, was held on Thursday at the Hanover Square Rooms, the Duke of Cambridge in the chair. The Bishops of London, Norwich, and Manchester, the Earls Harrowby and Nelson, the Rev. Dr. Wordsworth, and Dr. Todd, M.D., moved the several resolutions for the establishment of such an Institution on the following plan:—

In addition to a master and lady superintendent, the members of the Institution are to consist of—

I. Probationers: or young women of the age of eighteen or upwards, able to read and write, to be under training in the public hospitals of the metropolis, under the direction of the officers of the Institution for two years; at the close of which, if approved, they may become nurses. The probationers will receive board, lodging, and wages in the house, and certain fixed articles of dress, for which they will pay £15 per annum, or £10 per annum if nominated by a Governor.

2. Nurses: who may be admitted with or without probation in the Institution. They will nurse the sick in hospitals and private houses, and attend upon young women. They will receive remuneration for their services from the Institution, and also board and lodging, &c., as in the case of the probationers. The nurses will be expected to remain in the service of the Institution for five years at least; and at the expiration of that period they will receive from the council a certificate of competency and respectability, if they are found to deserve it.

3. Sisters: to whom, especially, the Institution will look for the maintenance of a high moral and religious tone in the common family of the establishment; and, consequently, for the attainment of the important general objects which it has in view. They will either be resident in the establishment, or reside in their own houses, and keep a schoolroom, board, lodging, washing, &c., within it; or they will live with their friends, or in some private family approved by the master. The resident sisters will be admitted at no less than twenty-five years of age; and no one will be received as a sister without satisfactory testimonials of piety, industry, and zeal, from the minister of her parish. The resident sisters after six months' trial and approval, will be expected to continue in the Institution for not less than two years. The duty of all the sisters will be to attend upon the sick, to visit the poor, to visit the sick at their homes (as may be appointed by the lady superintendent) and in the hospitals, accompanied by one or more probationers; and to take part in the religious and other instruction and training of the probationers within the institution.

United States.

NEW YORK STATE AGRICULTURAL SHOW.

(Adressed from the Correspondent of the Colonist.)

The local position of Buffalo, being within a few hours journey of the principal parts of Upper Canada,—coupled with the circumstances that the inhabitants of the Province are not restricted on account of distinct nationality from competing with their neighbours for the various premiums offered by the New York State Agricultural Society, creates for "State Fair" a feeling of more than usual interest in the eyes of Canadians.

On Wednesday morning, at 9 o'clock, the show grounds were opened for the admission of the public; while the vast enclosure soon became crowded with their spectators; so numerous indeed was the attendance, that any object passing the slightest attention soon drew a little crowd of the curious and gazing "around it." The various halls, fruit stands, and displays to the popular church, [Rev. Mr. Hodges'] the Sand Methodist church, the Brooklyn Star office, and very many first class stores and dwellings. The entire loss is estimated at upwards of 60,000 dollars. The amount received at the gates of the show grounds was nearly 6,500 dollars—the price of admission being a York-shilling, so that the number of those who witnessed the fair must have been enormous.

I am yours respectfully.

SPECTATOR.

TREMENDOUS FIRE AT BROOKLYN.

New York, 11th Sept., 1848.—7½ P.M.

The city of Brooklyn was visited by a tremendous conflagration on Saturday night. The fire broke out at 120 Fulton St. at half past six. 200 buildings were destroyed.

The district includes eight blocks in that part of the city bounded by Sands, Washington, Court, Pine, Henry, and Fulton streets. The buildings destroyed are the Post Office, the Baptist church, [Rev. Mr. Hodges'] the Sand Methodist church, the Brooklyn Star office, and very many first class stores and dwellings.

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There was a great scarcity of water in the cisterns and wells of Brooklyn, and the fire was finally arrested by running hose to the East River and by blowing up buildings. Two New York firemen, and one Brooklyn fireman, also a child, were killed, and several others injured. There are

now about 200 or three other deaths.

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The UP-UP CANADA BUILDING SOCIETY.—At a recent meeting of this society, held on Tuesday the 12th inst., W. Antrobus Holwell, Esquire, Vice President, Chairman, six shares of the stock of the society were sold at an average bonus of 5½ per cent., viz.:—

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(From a Correspondent.)

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STATE OF IRELAND.

The State of Ireland is at this moment under military control, it is divided into four districts, of which it is headed by an officer of distinction, whose name is already known to the world as "done the State some service." Gen. Napier is at Limerick, Sir C. O'Donnell at Waterford, Sir C. Napier and Major-General Turner at Cork. These are the established military districts by which the south of Ireland is held in command, the rebellion is overthrown, and the people remained that there still exists such things as the Crown and Government of Ireland. The rebellion has had a small effect on the people, but the rebels have been easily put down, and the rebellion is overthrown.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES.

Sir, I have the honor to inform you that the rebellion

is overthrown, and the rebellion is overthrown.

Yours very truly,

John O'Brien, Esq.

Editor of the *Irish Times*.

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