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IRISH NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Address of the Quebec Branch.

TO THE IRISHMEN OF QUEBEC.

BROTHER IRISHMEN.—At the recent Irish National League Convention in Boston, Mr. Sexton expressed himself pleased with the fact that Canada was falling into line with the United States in helping the Irish cause.

We are about to commence another year and the struggle for Irish liberty is still being waged with courage and perseverance notwithstanding the inequality of the contending forces.

The ancient kingdom of Ireland is not a colony. A nation venerable for its antiquity and its magnificent service in the cause of early civilization, our country has been separated by nature from all other lands, as if the Almighty desired to prove to all men that Ireland should be ruled by only her own people and by the laws adopted by them alone.

Seven hundred years of tyranny on the one hand and fierce resistance on the other have amply proved the truth of General Wolsley's words, and have shown indisputably the injustice and impotence of one nation attempting to govern another against the will of the latter.

After these weary centuries of massacres and famines, executions and confiscations, we are still defiant and refuse to submit voluntarily to British usurpation. Every resource of wickedness has been employed and failed to conquer us. To-day every lover of human freedom worthy of the name sympathizes with the Irish cause, while the contempt and scorn of the civilized world is being spat at a Government so utterly debased, that it shields from justice men guilty of unnatural abominations, because these worse than dogs were favored administrators of British law in our unfortunate country.

By this usurpation of our legislative rights our commerce has been destroyed, our internal industries, once so flourishing, have been torn up by the roots; and our agricultural classes reduced to a level that barbarism has scarcely reached.

to that of the whole Dominion of Canada. Imagination cannot grasp this terrible story of death and exile, but the naked facts stand out in all their horrible reality, mutely appealing to the Omnipotent Judge for justice on the murderers and destroyers of an innocent people.

Irishmen! the hand of God alone has saved us from utter extermination. Human malignity and devilish ingenuity have exhausted every effort to destroy us and have failed. It was for a noble future that God preserved us.

A responsible government for Ireland with or without the link of the crown is within the radius of a very near future; but its nearness will largely depend on the organized aid of the Irish in America.

We appeal to you then, Irishmen of Quebec, to do your duty to your living kindred, and to the dead from whose loins you sprang, by helping the Irish cause. That help cannot be more efficiently rendered than by enrolling yourselves in the Irish National League of America.

TRADE IN THE STATES.

CONTINUED DULLNESS IN THE GREAT CENTRES—FARMERS BEGINNING TO SELL.

NEW YORK, Oct. 10.—Commercial agency reports show better trade at southern distributing centres, but no gain recorded in leading commercial centres. The money markets in the West are still close; loans are made only on exceptionally good paper.

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THE IRISH LABOUR LEAGUE.

CORK, Oct. 12.—A number of labour delegates to-day inaugurated the South of Ireland Labour League, which will be devoted exclusively to the interest of labourers.

LAVAL-VICTORIA.

Circular of His Lordship the Bishop of Montreal to the Clergy of his Diocese—The last Decision of the Sacred Congregation of the Propaganda on the University Question.

EPISCOPAL RESIDENCE, Montreal, Sept. 28th, 1874.

BELOVED FELLOW-LABOURERS.—My pastoral letter, bearing date the 14th instant, has conveyed to you in substance the last decision of the Sacred Congregation of the Propaganda in relation to the university question.

Montreal, Sept. 8th, 1884.

By order of the Sacred Congregation of the Propagation of the Christian Name, I bring under the notice of your Lordship the underwritten decision of the aforesaid Congregation issued the 11th day of August last past, and on the 14th of the same month approved by Our Most Holy Sovereign Pope Leo XIII.

ROME, August 23, 1884.

MOST REV. FATHER.—In the General Congregation of the 11th inst., the Most Eminent and Most Reverend Cardinals examined into the difficulty between the University of Laval and its Succursal at Montreal.

To the question proposed: What are the provisions, if any, it is desirable to adopt on this subject? The Most Eminent Fathers replied as follows: In decisio juxta dicta 1870 et 1883 et ad mentum Mensei. (1) That the Holy See having recognized the University of Laval and its Succursal at Montreal as the only Catholic University, exhorts all the Bishops of the province to put themselves in accord, that it may lack nothing necessary for its subsistence and prosperity.

And the aforesaid decision having been approved in all its parts by the Holy Father, in the audience of the 14th instant, you are in consequence charged to make, in one copy, the inventory of the said Succursal, and to communicate the same to all the Bishops of the Province that they may conform to the prescriptions it contains.

Yours, Most Rev. Father, Very affectionately, JOHN CARD. SIMONI, Prefect. D. ARCHBISHOP OF TYR, Secretary.

To the Most Rev. Father Henri Smeulders, Commissary Apostolic in Canada, Montreal. The decrees of 1876 and 1883 have already been communicated to you. In these decrees and in this latest decision, the Holy See openly manifests its intention and follows the same line of conduct in regard of the University question.

SIX MILES UNDERGROUND.

EXPLORATION OF A WONDERFUL CAVERN—BEAUTIFUL NATURAL FORMATIONS.

PRITTSBURG, Oct. 9.—For years the existence of a large opening in the hill-side near Dunbar, Fayette county, was known, yet nobody ever seemed anxious to explore it, probably on account of the cold water and narrow entrance one must pass through before getting into the main entrance.

After wandering around for some time the explorers finally came to the main passage, and went on and on into the centre of the mountain. They were determined to find the end of the cave, and so pushed on until the sides began to narrow and the ceiling to slope until there was just room enough for water to pass through.

I am very sincerely, My beloved fellow-labourers, Your very devoted servant, EDWARD CHAP., Bp. of Montreal.

THE CONGO.

ENGLAND'S POSITION IN THE CONFERENCE—THE OCCUPATION OF THE NEW GUINEA COAST DECIDED UPON BY GREAT BRITAIN.

LONDON, Oct. 13.—Lord Granville has accepted the invitation to attend the Berlin conference on Congo affairs, provided the business is confined to questions concerning a Congo commerce and shall not include French disputes relative to territory in West Africa.

PARIS, Oct. 13.—Le Paris urges upon the government the necessity of reinforcements for Corbet at Kéling and De L'Isle in Tonkin in order to place them in a position to strike a final blow at the Chinese.

THE SOUDAN.

THE STEWART MASSACRE—ANOTHER SLAUGHTER REPORTED—EL MAHDI'S CONTEMPLATED ATTACK ON DONGOLA—WOLSELEY'S COMPLAINT.

WADY HALFA, Oct. 11.—A messenger sent out by Col. Kitchener has returned and confirms the report of Col. Stewart's murder. The only survivors are four black slaves. All the Europeans, including Nicola, the Greek consul, have been killed.

CAIRO, Oct. 12.—The Khedive has written a letter to Nubar Pasha saying the Egyptian government will consider itself responsible for the indecision of Nubar and the Minister of Finance in event of the tribunals sanctioning their seizure of their property on account of the sinking funds suspension.

LONDON, Oct. 13.—Wolsley complains to the War Office that his advance has been paralyzed through the failure of the commissariat and transport service. He says the railway to the first cataract has broken down, the stores at Wady Halfa are inadequate, the camel corps without camels and the equipments of the corps in a rotten condition.

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HE NOTIFIES PRIESTS AND JUSTICES NOT TO MARRY HER TO ALFRED PECK.

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RETURN OF THE NEPTUNE—THE STATIONS SUCCESSFULLY ESTABLISHED.

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