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THE BRITISH ELECTIONS. The British general elections have already swept the wave of Liberal triumph so far over the face of the country that what was not only doubtful but regarded as improbable on the eve of the contest is a cer tainty at the present writing. Its a word, the Liberal following in the House of Commons will have a clear majority over all other parties, clear gain of at least 120 seats Now this fact is already being canvassed in disparagement of Trish aims and claims under a Liberal re gime. But a commonsense glance for disappointment to the friends of Home Rule in the Old Country and America. Quite the contrary. The than any other result the popular verdict could have recorded, though Treland remains independent of the Liberal party. In the first place, the Government is placed in a position to say to those members of the Cabinet who are lukewarm Home Rulers, that, if they do not like the policy, they can do as Lord Rose bery did-place themselves in fran opposition to it. In the second place the verdict strengthens the hands of Premier Campbell-Bannerman and Mr. Morley, the real leaders of the party, who from first to last during the campaign have never neglected to emphasize the adhesion o all true Liberals to the policy permanent and effective basis of an Irish elected and represented authority. Both at Forfar and Arbroath. when election heat was at its highed the country repeatedly that the Liberal party did not forget the Irish question, and that a Liberal majority would mean a Home Rule majority.

the election has not been True, fought upon the Home Rule issue which was overshadowed by the fisca question in every hustings. But let it be borne in mind that the fiscal question was the creation of Mr Chamberlain and the so-called "Protectionist" wing of the Unionist party. This fiscal question was developed, worked up and magnified by the ex-Colonial Secretary, whose influence upon British politics during the last 25 years has been of an sincreasingly diabolical character. His immediate purpose no doubt was to shut out the South African problem from the arena of political debate In this he did not succeed, because

in the power of the Liberal party to \$400,000 per acre-

Whilst Mr. Balfour has fallen in his wn tracks the ruin of Mr. Chamberlain in the rout of the Unionist-Protectionist allies is simply overwhelmtion of this man in the future of British politics need not be considered again. He is a condemned and deposed adventurer, in turn a demagogue or a jingo. His day is closed, let us hope for ever. overthrow is the greatest victory for Ireland that was possible short of the triumph of Home Rule itself. There is another feature of the elec-

tion returns that must not be lost must be reckoned with. Throughout Home Rule and labor were one and inseparable in the fight. Michael several of the successful labor candidates are Irish workingmen. English two sessions of the late parliament, when lingoism rode roughshod over it was the Irish party, united and that stood forth as the champion of the cause of the British workingmen. John Redmond and several of his lieutenants served upon the labor and day both in the House and out-Africa, and would restore slavery upon the soil of Britain itself had the fiscal deceits of his agitation.

In the next Parliament the Irish to the traditional enemies of the It is therefore a matter of time Irish cause in the fight now closing, it is not too much to expect that the new Government cannot forget the vagant destruction of their ancestors. dictates (we shall not say of gratitude, but of common sense)—that it tions assumes a national importance will not enter upon a reign of power when we consider the value of our resting entirely upon the strength of water falls and the influence which a huge majority. It is only a few our forests have upon the wateryears ago that Mr. Balfour enjoyed supply. It is no longer a question of such a majority, and where is he today? Majorities cannot forget belongs to the Dominion. There right, and when they do their days more power in the torrents and raof power are numbered.

OUR FORESTS. attention to the fast disappearing water sources, thus national woods is evident from the convention poverishment ensues. It is a ques held at Ottawa lately. The import- tion in which every Canadian is inance which this step has upon the terested. It may country must be judged not by immediate results but by the bearing it reach. A nation's life is not has upon the timber supply, climatic that of a man. Its greatness changes and water ways in the fu ture. Looking at the proceedings of generation by its talent and industry this convention we see that the early develops, alts life grows from more settlers, the railways and fire are to more according as this developchiefly accountable for the irrespon- ment advances. National life lan sible waste and destruction of our forests. From east and west came the same charge. The voice from the stops. A nation can no more East was that of Father Burke, of ford to be extravagant with Prince Edward Island. He pointed natural resources than an individual out that New Brunswick had no system of ferestry, and that every soick therefore, for the forests, to replace having long ago been consumed in the Island, the people were forced to use the coal of Neva Scotia. Another speaker declared that the worst ene my of our forests was the small set- waterways of whose far-off spring tler whose thoughtless haste to clear a small patch of land did damas are the perennial and faithful guar which could never be restored. With the new Government, by prohibiting in a few hours' journey from Otta-Chinese slave labor on the Rand, wa the speaker was prepared to Never make tears flow: God co

such an election issue as was with- covered with timber was worth acres, worth, therefore, two million admitting changes of prices and the necessity which obliged the early settlers to provide for food, admitting also the difficulty they were under, their policy and want of sys tem were undoubtedly extravagant and destructive. With them it was not a question of white pine or pulp wood. It was the barren tree which His had to make room for the more quickly reproducing cereal. But we must not be severe upon the pioneers. When markets were distant, sight of. The labor party has come cleaning the ground upon which now back to Westminster so strong in stand the fair homes up and down numbers that its influence upon any the country side. They sowed in the Government programme of the future tears of poverty and hard labor their children reap in joy. Whatever the length and breadth of Britain destruction to valuable timber marks their pathway through the land, more lasting monuments of civilization Davitt was the chief spokesman of rise from the broad acres which their the labor party in England; and sinewy arms were the first to cultivate. Circumstances have entirely changed With the large areas of wheat disabor has not forgotten that during tricts in the boundless west our forests ought to be subject to less disturbance. These districts are much every constitutional form and right, more alluring to the farmer than the typical Canadian forest. They afford mafraid in the House of Commons, a speedier return for labor and money. One thing the settlers in the older parts ought to do, is to re store by judicious planting some of the beautiful trees which once in too commission, and worked night great numbers crowded upon their land. Elms and maples and beech side of the House to resist the arro- planted with taste and care would gance of the new "Unionism" that afford a shade for the lowing herd had imported slave labor into South in the hot weather. They would break the monotony of field culture. They would serve as a guard against Mr. Chamberlain been able in this snow drifts in winter. A cluster election to wrest the power of the where a little stream had its spring people from their hands again upon would protect the water which form- worship known as the sactifice of the ed duite a source of wealth to the old Mass. In Portugal the Mass in farm in other days. But farmers vote and the labor vote will be unit- look at these things with the cold ed, though by no written bond; and eye of business. To preserve forests In every part of the United States even though the Campbell-Banner- is a far vaster scheme. Its import- and the British Empire it is called man Government might be disposed ance to Canada is to be found in the the Mass. wealth which has been obtained by unlikely-it could not ignore the vi- the price of its timber. By soil and gilant and effective allegiance of two climate our country will produce powerful parties associated in the many of the most valuable species of House of Commons by every demo- timber in the market. The work of party is more gratifying to Ireland cratic principle. So that while it replanting is started; and the reis too early to anticipate the full sults show that about eighty-five crop of retributive justice dealt out per cent. of the trees are growing.

> individual wealth or provincial. It pids of our country than poet can imagine or monopolist covet. let that supply be diminished, and diminished it will be by the cutting down of our forests at the to raise a cry of alarm when such abundance of power lies within our measured by the resources which each guishes when the development lar guishes and ceases entirely when it can wish his capital. To care them as far as possible, is a nation al work important alike for the for ests themselves—such a fruitfu source of wealth-and also for

when the near generations will re-

ceive some recompense for the extra-

The interest in our forest preserva-

these giant pines and sturdy tree

EDITORIAL NOTE.

The Church of England in Austra clesiastical province, trouble of Melbourne, who has been ther a public protest against the tion of his title by his Anglican val. Not only, he says, has it oc casioned "confusion in the delivery noring his territorial title. fore, for the future he will not open any letters, "no matter from what quarter they may come"-a hint + the King's representative that are not addressed to him as Archbishop of Melbourne. In the sister city of Sydney there was a long struggle for precedence at Viceregal functions be tween the Anglican and Catholic Archbishops. It was eventually de cided in favor of Cardinal Moras apparently in conformity with the Continental practice, under which Cardinals rank as spiritual princes and as such come next to the bloodroyal. King Edward, it will be re membered, recognized this principle when, in the official list of the Royal Commission on the Housing of the Poor, the name of Cardinal Manning was placed immediately after his own and above that of the Archbishop of

#### MASEATH, OR MASS.

To the Editor of True Witness:

Dear Sir :-The word Mass its various forms is found in nearly all languages. In every land under the blue canopy heaven this word is used to denote that great central act of Christian called Missa: the Daries German and French call it Messe. In Spain South America anh Mexico it is Misa

The etymology of this word has long been a mooted question. Man eminent theologians and philologist written on the subject, but not of of them, so far as ever traced the word Mass to the Hebrew word Maseath which signifies the elevation or lifting up of hands whilst offering sacrifice

In the Old Testament the Mass was foreshadowed (Gen. 14, 18) and foretold (Mal. I, 11). In the New Testament we find it promised (St. John, 4, 23: 6, 51, 62); institut ed and commanded by our Savior Jesus Christ (St. Luke 22, 19, 20); and celebrated by the first Apostles

Now the first Apostles were brews, and the Hebrew word for the elevation of the consecrated host in the Mass is "Maseath." This word found in the second verse of the 140th psalm in the Hebrew Bible : 'Let my prayer be directed as in Thy sight : the elevation of my hands (Maseath) as evening sacrifice."

The word Mass, therefore, was al probability first applied to daily sacrifice of the New Testamen by the Christian Jews of the early ages, who were ac ness the elevation of the priest's anointed hands in sacrifice (Mas seath. every day, immediately after the con ecration, when the bread of earth became the living bread from heaven and the blood of the grape be came the blood of the true Vine-Jesus Christ.

(Rev.) ALBERT McKEON, S.T.L., St. Columban, Ont.

A bitter or unjust word irritates Let it pass; he from whom it escapes will be only too happy to se that we have forgotten it.—Golde Sands.

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ST. BRIDGET'S NIGHT Report for week ending The following people ha lodging and breakfast: French, 53; English, 8 tionalities, 7. Total,

DIVISION OF PAI Complying with numero presented by the parties Archbishop Bruchesi has divide the Catholic parish St. Paul, and the pastor parish will be appointed

> MGR. BERNARD'S C ARMS.

Mgr. Bernard, the new St. Hyacinthe, has chose coat of arms a shield crosses and two heart motto will be "Flat vol ("Thy will be done.")

FOR THE REPOSE OF HON R. PREFONT

A number of friends of Hon. R. Prefontaine below electoral division of Maiso solemn requiem Mass, the repose of his soul at of the Immaculate Coace

ARCHBISHOP BRUCHE

On Sunday afternoon l bishop Bruchesi made visit to St. Charles Chur a large congregation was Grace, who was received Father Bonin, parish pric ed an address to the fait with the most important and afterwards gave his t

PRESBYTERY AT L

POINTE ROBBE Early Tuesday morning roke into the presbytery Pointe and carried off a lamb overcoat, valued at cap worth \$50 and \$25 nging to Father Lecour broke open the safe where ornaments are kept, but t from it except the \$25 in

REV. FATHER BRADY SNEAK THIEF

As the above-named re tleman was hurrying to on Sunday evening, some up behind him and stol Although Father Brady i gave chase, the thief man away. A theft is always ble, but it is doubly so wh that a priest in the aidr of the duties of his minist the victim.

HIS GRACE VISITS

FOR INCURABLE His Grace the Archbish day afternoon visited the for Incurables. Much pl consolation was thus affe suffering ones of this ins each of whem the Archb dressed words of comfort ed his blessing, on Satu ing His Grace celebrated hospital chapel, at which the inmates who could as

PROJECTED NEW 1 CHURCH

The old Ryland mansio chester street east, at cupied by the "Assistance has been purchased by celony for the sum of and dollars, and will into a Cathelic Church f As a consequence of ti tien the directors of the Fublique" have decided onee a building of their mise of sale of a suitable already been secured, and tial aid is at the disposa-

moters of the work,
At last week's meetin
directors, Messrs, J
Ald T. Bastien and A
pointe cack subscribes
dellars. Mr. Bastien