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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 certainty at the present writing.

such an election issue as was within the power of the Liberal party to accomplish.

Whilst Mr. Balfour has fallen in his own tracks the ruin of Mr. Chamberlain in the rout of the Unionist-Protectionist allies is simply overwhelming and irretrievable.

There is another feature of the election returns that must not be lost sight of. The labor party has come back to Westminster so strong in numbers that its influence upon any Government programme of the future must be reckoned with.

In the next Parliament the Irish vote and the labor vote will be united, though by no written bond; and even though the Campbell-Bannerman Government might be disposed to ignore Home Rule—which is most unlikely—it could not ignore the vigilant and effective allegiance of two powerful parties associated in the House of Commons by every democratic principle.

OUR FORESTS.

That Canadians are paying more attention to the fast disappearing woods is evident from the convention held at Ottawa lately. The importance which this step has upon the natural resources and wealth of the country must be judged not by immediate results but by the bearing it has upon the timber supply, climatic changes and water ways in the future.

covered with timber was worth \$400,000 per acre—and that five acres, worth, therefore, two millions, had been replaced by potatoes. Even 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 system were undoubtedly extravagant and destructive.

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EDITORIAL NOTE.

The Church of England in Australia having resolved to raise Melbourne to the rank of an archbishopric and to make it the capital of a new ecclesiastical province, trouble has arisen with the Catholic Archbishop of Melbourne, who has been there for thirty years.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

DOMINICAN PREACHER TEN SERMONS

Rev. Father Plessis, preacher, will occupy the Notre Dame Church during the season.

NEW VICE-CHANCELLOR

The Rev. Abbe Sylvestre appointed vice-chancellor Archbishop's Palace in St. Abbe Perrier, recently visitor to the Catholic

ST. BRIDGET'S NIGHT

Report for week ending 14th January, 1906: The following people had lodging and breakfast: French, 53; English, 8; nationalities, 7. Total, 68.

DIVISION OF PARISH

Complying with numerous presented by the parties Archbishop Bruchesi has divided the Catholic parish St. Paul and the pastor parish will be appointed date.

MGR. BERNARD'S COATS

Mgr. Bernard, the new St. Hyacinthe, has chosen coat of arms a shield crossed and two hearts motto will be "Fiat vol" ("Thy will be done.")

FOR THE REPOSE OF

HON. R. PREFONTAINE A number of friends of Hon. R. Prefontaine belong to a solemn requiem Mass, the repose of his soul at Tuesday.

ARCHBISHOP BRUCHESE'S CHARLES CHURCH

On Sunday afternoon last Bishop Bruchesi made a visit to St. Charles Church a large congregation was present, the repose of his soul at Tuesday.

PRESBYTERY AT LA POINTE ROBBE

Early Tuesday morning broke into the presbytery Pointe and carried off a lamb overcoat, valued at two overcoat, worth \$30 worth \$50 and \$25 belonging to Father Lecour broke open the safe where ornaments are kept, but to from it except the \$25 in

REV. FATHER BRADY'S SNEAK THIEF

As the above-named priest was hurrying to on Sunday evening, some up behind him and stole Although Father Brady gave chase, the thief managed to get away. A theft is always a theft, but it is doubly so when that a priest in the administration of his minister the victim.

HIS GRACE VISITS FOR INCURABLE

His Grace the Archbishop yesterday afternoon visited the for incurables. Much consolation was thus afforded suffering ones of this institution each of whom the Archbishop dressed words of comfort and his blessing. On Saturday His Grace celebrated hospital chapel, at which the inmates who could as

PROJECTED NEW CHURCH

The old Ryland mansion Chester street east, at 1-1-1, captured by the "Assistance" has been purchased by colony for the sum of five dollars, and will be into a Catholic Church for As a consequence of the then the directors of the "Public" have decided to once a building of their mise of sale of a suitable already been secured, and that aid is at the disposal of the work.

At last week's meeting directors, Messrs. J. Ald. T. Bastien and J. points each subscribed dollars. Mr. Bastien also