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CATHOLIC CALENDAR

For October, 1890. THURSDAY, 7.—Office of the Blessed Sacrament... FRIDAY, 8.—St. Bridget, Widow... SATURDAY, 9.—St. Dionysius, Rusticus, and Eleutherius, Martyrs.

ADJOURNED ANNUAL MEETING.

The Adjourned Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of THE POST PRINTING & PUBLISHING COMPANY will be held in TOUPIN'S BLOCK, McGill Street, on

WEDNESDAY EVENING, 13th INST., at EIGHT O'CLOCK (Sharp). Every Shareholder is earnestly requested to attend, as the Auditors' Report will be submitted and a new Board of Directors elected for the ensuing year.

JNO. P. WHELAN, MANAGING DIRECTOR.

As will be seen from the above notice, issued by the manager of the Post Printing and Publishing Company, a meeting of the shareholders is called for this day week, the 13th of October, to consider the auditor's financial report and to elect a board of directors.

We have much pleasure in announcing that Mr. THOMAS KAVANAGH, Old Brockway, St. Clair Co., Michigan, has kindly consented to act as agent for the True Witness in his district.

The Montreal Gazette has enlarged itself to an eight page fifty-six column daily paper without the slightest parade. It adopted the new size for exhibition time only, but now that the exhibition is over, it announces its continuation.

The latest news from South Africa is not reassuring. The warlike feeling of the Basutos has manifested itself in a general advance upon the Colonists to such an extent, as to necessitate the calling out of 3,000 militia to repel their attacks.

the legacies of Sir Burle Frere, one of the poets of Lord Beaconsfield. If the author of Vivian Grey were left another year at the head of affairs, it is no exaggeration to say that he would have ruined England, financially at least.

In our report of St. Mary's Church, published in last issue, the subscription of Mr. P. Wright, dry goods merchant, St. Mary street, was put down as one dollar, whereas it should have been one hundred dollars.

We are informed that Mr. Handford (the newspapers have ceased prefixing the word reverend to his name) has given up preaching the gospel and is about to start on a lecturing tour through Canada and the United States.

The Irish, English, Scotch, and Welsh landlords are in the greatest agony lest Irish tenants will not come forward and give evidence before the landlords Royal Commission. They were not in such agonies, however, when they learned that the tenants were not represented on the commission.

It is with regret we read of the late murders in Ireland in connection with the land troubles. Agrarian assassinations have the tendency to injure the cause of the tenant, and though landlords like Lord Leitrim and Lord Mountmorris were bad and immoral men, besides being tyrants and racketsmen, their death at the hands of those pursuing the wild spirit of revenge is deeply to be deplored.

The English papers, for excellent reasons, are giving due prominence to "outrages" in Ireland, both raw and manufactured, which as a matter of course, are copied by certain portions of the Canadian Press. For this we can hardly blame them as it is difficult for them to travel out of the grooves in which they have unfortunately placed themselves, but what we do object to is the piling on of the agony and adding to the "outrages" wherein it is not necessary.

There is a boom just now in affairs Canadian, and long may it continue. We have written on the subject frequently in the True Witness of late, and we have written on it with pleasure, and though it may become monotonous, we love to dwell upon it, for, verily, it is a pleasant subject. One short year ago we prophesied that the era of depression was passing, and a period of prosperity advancing on the country, and now we may safely assume that the prophecy has been realized.

It would appear that the combined powers have this time caught an unmistakable Tartar. "Captain," shouted a French soldier, on the retreat from Moscow, "I have caught a Tartar." "Yes, well, bring him along." "But he won't come." "Well, then, come along yourself." "But he won't let me." "Captain," History does not inform us what happened eventually to the unfortunate captor of the Tartar, but it is not probable he ever saw his commander more.

enough to cause them considerable annoyance, and certainly unpleasant enough to make them wish they had never demonstrated. It must be evident to the most simple intellect that a demonstration is valueless unless, when it falls in effect, the actors are prepared to go further, for if they are not their notes are just as good. The Turks are fine diplomats, and they know well they are not in accord on the question. They are aware of the mortal hatred existing between France and Germany, England and Russia, Italy and Austria, and they rightly judged such a patent combination would not hold together any length of time.

THE COMMISSIONER OF CROWN LANDS.

We learn from the Quebec Telegraph that the rumors from the Hon. Mr. Flynn's withdrawal from the Cabinet was something like a "put-up job," and emanated from the fertile brain of place hunters. The Hon. Mr. Mercier was to have taken his place, according to the same rumors, and if so, the place hunters aforesaid might have obtained the situations they were seeking.

"Mr. Flynn, we are happy to say, has not retired; neither is there any likelihood of such an event taking place but at his own good pleasure. Hon. Mr. Flynn carries his much moral and political influence with him into the Ministry, as any other single member of which it is comprised. His colleagues, more especially the premier, Hon. Mr. Chapeau, are perfectly cognizant of these facts.

CANADIAN PROSPERITY.

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higher wages and a more assured continuance of work. Even as it is, we have none out of employment, who are willing to work, and the rate of wages is steadily increasing. But we are only beginning. We are only on the edge of the good times coming. Europe has now its eyes open, and sees what a splendid field Canada is for investment, and it is not only the capitalists who see this but the laborers, the mechanics, who follow in the wake of capital.

THE IRISH LAND LEAGUE.

Ireland is at this moment in a troubled state. There has never been a time within the past seven centuries when Ireland was not in a troubled state, and through causes too obvious to mention, except during the few years immediately subsequent to a civil war, or suppressed rebellion; but a crisis has arrived of such an unusual nature, that the trouble at present is greater than it has ever been before.

The anger of the leading organs of English public opinion over the present state of affairs in Ireland may be therefore easily understood. The tenants have risen against the landlords, they refuse to pay their rents, they have established a land league, which has money and real Irish leaders; this land league is dealing deadly wounds to the aristocracy of Ireland directly, and of the United Kingdom indirectly, for the oppressed tenants of England and Scotland look upon Ireland as a vice corpus on which to experiment.

rights were trampled under foot, and, without a war or rebellion it came to pass that in fifty years no Irish Catholic, known as such, possessed an acre of land in the country. It is inconvenient to go back to such a remote period perhaps, but right and truth are eternal and are not confined either to time or space. Why were the Catholic landholders disposed? Because they were Catholics. It is alleged by the Land League that the wretches who through the penal laws obtained the lands of those Catholics have no legal right to them, and that the tenants have many of whom are descendants of the prescribed. It is then, we repeat, no wonder that the Times and other organs of the oligarchy should be angry at the Land League and denounce them as Nihilists or Communists, or that their owners should hire others to denounce them as such.

HOMOGENEITY AND THE IRISH CATHOLIC ELEMENT.

Widely divergent as may be the views of the people of this country on most questions, they are happily united in the wish that the day may come when Canada will be a nation with a homogeneous population all rejoicing in the name of CANADIANS. Some of our orators and editors are of the opinion that the time is approaching when this wish is to be realized; others on the contrary think it looms in the very distant future, while others again there are, who shake their heads and solemnly assert that the thing is impossible: that the Greek Kalends and Canadian homogeneity will arrive on precisely the same day. The mean is about the most cautious in this particular instance, as in most others, as neither optimists nor pessimists are safe prophets.

Irishmen is dying away in the provinces of the British Empire—that we wot of except one, and singularly enough that one is exactly the province which should extend sympathy and fraternity. We allude to this Province of Quebec, inhabited as it is for the most part by French Catholics, that is to say, allies in race and religion. And yet the French are prepared to go in with the Anglo-Scotch element, to vote for their Parliamentary candidates, and to mix with them in terms of perfect political equality, and rest thankful, even, if their organs do in times of excitement abuse their religion, and call their race an unprogressive one.

It is rather inconsistent for one advocating homogeneity, to complain of the exclusion of the Irish Catholics from place and influence in this Province of Quebec, but the fault rests with those who preach much and practice precious little. One of an almost prescribed element may be at least allowed the privilege of laughing at the absurdities and contradictions he sees around, and of which he is the victim. Previous to the death of the late Recorder Sexton, the Irish Catholics of Montreal justly complained of the small number of them who held municipal or Provincial situations, but promised themselves that matters in this respect would mend as vacancies were made. And they have with a vengeance. Let us see. Mr. Sexton died some seven or eight months ago, and surely an English-speaking Catholic, which almost means an Irish Catholic, would succeed him according to the tacit understanding in existence. But, no; the Chapleau Government waited more than a half year, and now Mr. de Montigny is placed in the position. Judge Maguire, of Quebec, died two months ago, and the place is yet vacant, but we are pretty safe in assuming that if it was Mr. Chapleau's intention to give an Irish Catholic the position the appointment would have been made ere this.