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A MODEL CABINET MINISTER.

The contest now in progress between the Ontario political parties is one in which men rather than issues are concerned. This is not only the case in point of fact, it is the definite and settled understanding of the situation by the electorate.

That the popular valuation of the campaign has been complacently accepted by the leaders themselves is sufficiently evident from the Government battlesign, "Remember Ross," and the counter solicitation of the Opposition, "Don't forget Whitney."

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THE DECISION

We have read the two column judgment of the Lord Chief Justice of England, touching the legal status of Jesuits in the United Kingdom under the Catholic Emancipation Act.

The origin of the case was in the police court of a London magistrate, to whom a lot of cranks known as the Protestant Alliance, made application for summonses against Fathers Sydney Smith, Herbert Thurston and John Gerard, on the charge that they were Jesuits.

But really life is too short to be devoted to the study of these heavy deliverances. We are waiting now to see whether the Protestant Alliance will go after a mandamus against the learned Lord Chief Justice.

The rebalancing in the French elections was held last Sunday, and the result is again favorable to the Government. This matter of rebalancing is at least something for which the French deserve credit.

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J. Pierpont Morgan is of the same mind. Mr. Morgan has undertaken to finish the task of the Hoers and "stagger humanity" by putting England out of business. He has tormented an Atlantic shipping combine, which, at one fell stroke, makes an end of British supremacy on the sea and transfers the altitudes of practically all the subsidized mail carriers to the State of New Jersey.

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responsibility. Mr. Borden is not the man to raise a demagogic cry against the interests of Canada like the Ottawa minister with the Yankee name, who has made a dead man's brief letter his excuse. Principal Grant was a man of unstable opinions. His thoughts were impulsive and subject to quick change.

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force to a high state of profecy — and I may be excused for repeating to you what Sir Andrew once said to me. He said that he never took part in any election in which right was not on the side of the tenant. I have stated these things," continued Archbishop Kelly, "on the steps of the Papal Throne. There ought to be an Ireland for the Irish, just as there is an Australia for the Australians." And he declared that if the King was in a position to act as a wise king should in regard to Ireland, he would call in John Redmond and John Dillon to form a native Government to solve the Irish question. "It was noticeable," says the Sydney correspondent of one of the London papers, "that Mr. Barton, himself a Protestant, frequently cheered the Archbishop's remarks, which have been quoted widely and with approval throughout the Colonial Press."

CONSUMPTION CURED.

An old physician, retired from practice, had placed in his hands by an East India missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Asthma, and all Throat and Lung Affections; also a positive and radical cure for Nervous Debility and all Nervous Complaints. Having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, and desiring to relieve human suffering, I will send free of charge to all who wish it, this recipe, in German, French or English, with full directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail, by addressing, with stamp, naming this paper, W. A. NOYES, 847 Powers' Block, Rochester, N. Y.

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