FOR THE "TRUE WITNESS."

DIVINE, YET HUMAN.

"O thou afflicted and tossed with tempests! there is a haven where thy weary bark shall find rest. I, who cuce bore the burden of life, know its sorrows and temptations, its wormwood and gall. I bore the infirmities of man, that I might pity and forgive; I bore the crown of thorns, that thou mightest wear the roses of Paradise. Is not My love passing the love of man, and worth the sacrifice of earth's fleeting joys?"

"I had no friends," said Dorothy, "my heart Left lonely, sadly looked upon a world Where all that, living, was of it a part, Lay where dead leaves were mournfully curled; Longing, I sought for human love and trust, But bitterly my heart bath grieved and burned, To find how mortal dust scorned kindred dust, And, pitiless, a suffering sister spurned.

"But oh, one even, I heard a voice which cried Within my heart, 'Why dost thou weep forsaken? There is a friend, who truly hath been tried, And wilt thou not to His great love awaken? To lowest depths of mortal woe and pain, From grandest heights of heavenly bliss de-

scending-Ob, look on Him for thy salvation slain, Love, mercy, sorrow in His pierced heart blend.

"O friend divine, yet human, all my years I bless Thee for that adorable kindness, And with atoning floods of sweet, sad tears Essay to wash away my spirit's blindness. The world still frowns on me, but I am blest While His strong arm is guiding and sustaining, That friend of friends, on His pierced heart I rest, And bear wrongs, sorrows, sufferings uncomplain-

ug." Lowe, P. Q.

D. C. DRANE.

IRISH INTELLIGENCE

Dean Mawe has consented to preside at the forth-coming county meeting on the Land Question in

A vacancy has been caused in the representation of Waterford county by the death of Sir John Esmonde, and it is stated that Mr. John Blake will be the Home Rule candidate.

The death-rate in Cork during the week ending the 25th ult., is reported by the Registrar-General as twenty-five per thousand.

The Commissioners of Stephen's Green and the Dublin Corporation, after a conference, have made an amicable settlement of their differences, and they will now unite to have power acquired to open the green as a park. .

The Freeman's Journal states that Major O'Gorman. M. P., has just registered two thoroughbred fillies under the names of "Lease for Ever" and "No Lease no Bent."

At the presentment sessions for the North Riding of Tipperary, which came off recently, the sum of £578 193. 7d. was passed for the half year's expense of extra constabulary. The expense for the corresponding half-year in 1875 was £2,853 198.

Mr. Kelly, a distinguished Irish member of the leading journal's staff, has just returned from Belgrade, Mr. Kelly has earned great distinction as a special war correspondent of the Times with the

The Belfast corporation acquired the gasworks in July, 1874. Since then, although selling gas at 3s 11d, per thousand, a profit has been made of 24 on property over £22 000. The polic £20 a year, and half that on property below that figure.

The late floods in the Lee and tributaries have enabled large numbers of salmon to ascend three rivers from the sea. The small streams near Macroom are teeming with spawning fish, and the bailiffs state that for many years they have not seen such large quantities of salmon in the

Great uneasiness is felt in the vicinity of Kilmallock relative to the anticipated scarcity of pototoes, farmers and others finding, on examination tack the house of a lone woman, when one of them of the pits in which they were stored, that the greater part of those that were put in sound are now

On the 29th ult., a man named James Dowling was crossing a field in the neighborhood of Maryborough, when he discovered a dog tearing at what heat first thought was a piece of horse flesh, but on examination it proved to be the body of a male infant. A woman named Anne Finlay, who is isupposed to be the mother of the child has been arrested.

B. McSweeney, of Tralee, recently sued his son for the sum of £500, the "fortune" the latter had received with his wife. This the father alleged was due him for assignment of real estate made at the time of the marriage. The jury found for the SOD.

At the Macroom Petty Sessions on the 28th ult., two men, named John Lynch and John Creeden, were charged with illegably fishing in the River Laney. They were fined, the former in £7,10. or three month's imprisonment, and the latter in £5 or two month's imprisonment; £1 costs in each case was also imposed.

A case of small-pox proved fatal in Longford on Nov. 27. A man named Corrigan, a blacksmith, residing at Newtownforbes, was attacked by this disease some time previously, while working at his trade. He was at once removed to the Longford workhouse, and lingered on to the 26th ult, when he succumbed to the disease.

The late Hon. Dorcas Olivia, wife of Percy Fitzgerald, Esq., High Sheriss of the county Louth, has bequeathed to the parish priest of Collum the sum of £500 to be distributed among the poor of that parish. Lady Fitzgerald died on the 27th December, 1875, and the poor of the country have lost in her person a useful and munificent friend, this charitable act being in consonance with the previous actions of the deceased lady.

The house-to-house canvas on the Sunday Closing Question has been completed at Kingstown. The following is the result of the vote :- For Sunday closing, 2,733; against, 248; declined to

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ported that she had picked up, on the 17th ult, a landed property to his brother. The jury, after a others evangelists, and others pasters and teachers, blown-away boat, containing three survivors of a short deliberation, returned a vedict for the plain-points out that until lately the children of this crew of four Galway fishermen, and that being too far out from land, she could not return, but was carrying them to America.

On the 28th ultimo, a largely attended meeting of the inhabitants of Birr, King's County, and the ad-joining districts was held in the Catholic chapel, for the purpose of raising additional funds for the Christain Brothers' schools now in course of erection in that town. The chair was occupied by the Very Rev. Dr. Bugler, P.P., V. G., who briefly ex-plained the object of the meeting. Notwithstanding the large sum that has already been been expended, it is said that nearly £1,000 more will be required.

The deaths registered in the Dublin Registration District during the week ending 25th November, represent an annual morality of 33.5 in every 1,000 of the population, by the census of 1871. The births registered during the week amounted to 148-89 boys and 59 girls; and the deaths to 142-77 males and 65 females. The average numbers in the corresponding week of the previous ten years werebirths, 160; and deaths, 162.

The first public lecture in connection with the Limerick Catholic Literary Institute was delivered on the 30th ult., by the Rev. Father O Dwyer, C.C., before an audience which included the Mayor, Mr. William Spillane, J.P.; Mr. Robert M'Donnell, J.P.; and others. Mr. Richard O'Shaughnessy, M.P., presided at the conclusion of the address of the rev. lecturer, who took for his subject "The Turks," and gave a most interesting and retrospective historical account of that people, a cordial vote of thanks was duly proposed and seconded.

The Carlow Post says :- "At last the Carlow Town Commissioners, after years of hard work in rectifying the effects of the gross mismanagement of their predecessors, have succeeded in placing their municipal affairs in such a satisfactory position as to warrant a reduction of the rate from the maximum of one shilling to ten pence in the pound. and even at that figure to leave a margin. The prosperous state of things which has led to this has been the result of years of hard and unceasing toil

At the recent Queen's County Presentment Sessions Mr. Alexander Comelins was allowed for the malicious burning of a cottier's house, on the 30th of May last. In the barony of Portnahinch, Mr. W. H. Cobbe was allowed £15 for the malicious poisoning of a valuable dog a Ballycullane. In the barony of Maryborough East, Mr. J. T. Quigley was allowed £9 for the wanton destruction of two cocks of hay on the 21st of July at Mary borough, and £19 of Sheffield, as a gift, land worth £30,000 for a peofor the malicious destruction of three ewes and one valuable ram, at Beladd, on the nights of the 30th of October and 22nd of November.

The Freeman asserts—with a slight reserve—that of Cruelty to Animals is infected with bigotry. Some facts are given. Cardinal Cullen was named as a vice-president, but not appointed because of the furore raised against him. A few months ago a secretary was elected, and when it was known he was a Catholic, eight or nine members threatened to resign. One Protestant, who supported him, was reminded of his want of fealty to "Protestant interests." At a recent meeting a member produced a resolution to dismiss the officers—and so get rid of his Catholic-on the ground of the society's insolvency and another was provided with the copy of an advertisement soliciting successors at the same salaries. These little things need exposure.

Previous to the dedication of the intended new altar for the Carmelite Church, Kinsale, which has been almost entirely renovated through the exertions and under the supervision of the Rev. Father Edward Southwell, a large group of figures has been recently placed in the apse of the sacred edifice. The subject, which was entrusted to Mr. Joseph O'Reilly, sculptor, Cork, is "The Presentation of the Scapular," and he has embodied the beautiful religious sentiment and act in a striking and effective group, occupying an alcove 18 feet high, and 10 altar. The group is divided into two parts, the Angus MacDonald; and sub-deacon, Rev. J. B. Macfeet wide, and forming a reredos for the intended entire being surrounded by a frame-work consisting Cluskey, the Rev. Dr. MacFarlane acted as master of a tiara of angels descending from Heaven honor of the Blessed Virgin.

On the 30th ult., two soldiers belonging to the 1st Royals, stationed in Mullingar, were arrested, charged under the following circumstances:—It appears that they went to a house in Bishopgate street, accompanied by a woman, named Mary Mc-Donnell, and knocked at the door; not being admitted they burst it open. A woman, who was in bed, ran to the window and screamed for assistance, A man named Connolly, living opposite, went to her assistance, and upbraided the soldiers with atseized a pitchfork which was standing near the door and stabbed Connolly in the head, inflicting also two wounds on his body. A gentleman who came up at the time followed the soldiers and procured their arrest. Connolly was removed to the infirmary, where he lies in a precarious state.

The house to house canvas on the Sunday Closing Question, carried out under the auspices and direction of the Irish Sunday Closing Association, has just been completed in Wexford. The question put to each householder-" Are you in favor of the entire closing of public houses, beer-shops, taverns, and spirit groceries on Sundays in Ireland?" resulted as follows:—Ayes, 1,928; Noes, 40: Declined to vote, 308. There are 81 licensed traders in Wexford, and their vote has been given thus:— Ayes, 47; Noes, 10; Declined to vote, 24. The population of Wexford in 1871 was 12,077, occupying 2,127 houses. It will be seen by this that the poll has been an exhaustive one, and, considering the fact that the vote has been recorded after twenty years' experience of Sunday closing by ecclesiastical law, its importance is enhanced. A similar canvass is proceeding in all the towns with over 10,000 inhabitants in Ireland.

In the Court of Probate, Dublin, on the 1st ult, the case of Bunton v. Scanlan came up. This was a suit to establish the will of Mr. Wm. Scanlan, lately resident in Drewsborough in the county of Clare. The defendant relied on a plea of want of testamentary capacity. The plaintiff was the executor of the will of the deceased. The avidence for the plaintiff was to the effect that the will propounded was made by the testator at his residence on the 18th June last, and his death took place on the 16th of July following. The will dealt with all the testator's property, amounting to £1,400 per annum realty, and £8,000 personal property. The will directed the landed property to be sold, the proceeds to be distributed in various proportions amongst his relations with a residuary legacy, which it was cal-culated would amount to £6,000, to any charity that his trustees might think proper. The due execution of the will was proved. Several physicians were examined and concurred in stating that vote, 505. There are 76 licened traders given in the disease of which the testator died, and from "Thom's Directory" for 1876. They voted as which he was suffering at the time of the making follows:—For Sunday closing, 27; against 22; of the will was softening of the brain, but they declined to vote, 27. The population of Kingstown in 1871 was 16,378, occupying 2,784 houses. The voting papers were only supplied to the head of families.

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tiff, establishing the will.

AN AMUSING WILL CASE, -An amusing will case has just terminated in the Probate Court, Dublin. An old maiden lady, named Hards, died in Harcourt street some months ago, possessed of about £1,500 in stocks and two houses. She bequeathed her property to Dr. White, who was her medical adviser, and to Kate Berry, a servant grl who had lived with her for five years. Miss Harris's first cousins disputed the will, and charged White and Berry with fraud and undue influence. It appeared that the testatrix was of very eccentric habits; she lived alone in a large house in Hamourt street. The house was covered with placard, and appeared to be vacant. Miss Harris did no object to the advertisements, as they led the tix-collectors to be-lieve the house was uninhabited and in fact it was so returned by them. She was in the habit of ringing a bell from the drawing-room until a mob collected before her house, and she would then throw water on them; at other times she appeared on the roof of the house, flourishing a delf vessel over her head. She summoned Dr. Masos, who lived next door, for galvanizing her through the wall and sending 20,000 devils down the chimney. She kept her money very loosely, and it was alleged that she lost large sums from time to time. The Judge, in summing up, remarked that the case was one of importance far beyond anything connected with the parties. Perhaps for some years he had not heard of a case so important for the administration of justice. The will had been signed by an elderly lady, whose mind was disordered by at least one insone delusion, and it was made in favour of a medical attendant and a servant-maid, and prepared by an attorney who was an entire stranger to testatrix. Judge Warren intimated emphatically his opinion to the jury that the weight of evidence was against the charges of undue influence and fraud. The jury found in accordance with the Judge's summing, and a verdict for the defendants was directed to be entered.

GREAT BRITAIN.

A serious epidemic of small-pox prevails in Liverpool.

At the Thames Police Court, London, William Lawrence, spiritualist, was committed for trial on a charge of fraud.

The Duke of Norfolk has presented to the town ple's park. His Grace will also plant and prepare it at his own expense.

At the Glasgow Quarter Sessions a committee of justices have been appointed to inspect the different the Dublin branch of the Society for the Prevention | theatres of that city, to see that every precaution is adopted to provide ample means of exit.

> An alarming outbreak of small-pox has occurred at Chatham. At a meeting of the board of guardians it was stated that several families in one street have been attacked, and that the small-pox ward in the union workhouse was full.

> On Sunday evening, Dec. 10th, the Most Rev. Archbishop Eyre administered the sacrament of Confirmation in St. Mirren's Church, Paisley, to 316 persons, mostly children. The Confirmation was followed by Benediction of the Most Holy Sacrament, given by His Grace the Archbishop, the Very Rev. Dr. McLachlan acting as deacon, and Rev. J. MacDonald as sub-deacon. His Grace confirmed a large number of children who had been especially prepared by a children's mission given by members of the Redemptorist community from St. Mary's, Kinnoull, Perth.

> THE FESTIVAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION WAS observed with especial solemnity and devotion in all the churches in Glasgow. On Sunday solemn High Mass was celebrated in Our Lady and St. Margaret's, Kinning Park, where the Most Rev. Archbishop Eyre assisted at the Mass. The celebrant was Rev. D. A. Mackintosh; deacon, Rev. of ceremonies. His Grace the Archbishop preached on Devotion to Our Lady. In the evening there was a procession of the various guilds of the Mission, after which several new members were enrolled in the Confraternities of the Sacred Heart and of the Daughters of Mary. Similar services were held in other churches; and sermons appropriate to the feast were preached in St. Vincent's, by Rev. Dr. Clancy : St. Alphonsus', by Rev. Father Pies ; St. John's, by Rev. Dr. MacFarlane; and Our Lady and St. Margaret's, by Rev. Father MacDonald.

> The Scotsman opposes any steps upon the part of England that may lead the country into war. Looking at the bread question, it remarks : - "The average price of wheat for the whole of 1875 was 45s 2d so that the total value of the quantity required for the United Kingdom in that year was a little over £59,000,000. This year, owing chiefly to fears of war, the price of wheat has gone up until now it is 18s Id per quarter. If that had been the price last year, the country would have had to pay about three millions and three-quarters more than it did for its bread. Supposing the Russian supply to be lost because of war, and the demand to continue the same, the price must rise at the least 5s or Gs a quarter, and in all likelihood would rise double that amount. Taking the latter sum as a basis, it would follow that a year of war with Russia would add eighteen or twenty millions to the cost of the bread supply in 1875. That is not a matter to be overlooked in considering, as Lord Beaconsfield said he had to consider, 'the interests' of the country."

Sr. Many's, Lowe House, Sr. Helen's .- At the conclusion of the eleven o'clock Mass on Sunday, Dec. 10th, the Rev. Fr. Ullathorne, S.I., rector of this church, announced the result of the Confirmation service which had been held on the preceding Friday evening. Fr. Ullathorne said that his lordship the bishop of Liverpool had on that occasion been called upon to fulfil the arduous duty of administreting the sacrament to 599 persons. Of the number, about 100 belonged to the Holy Cross congregation, and a few to other neighbouring parishes. These deductions, however, left the gratifying total of over 400 confirmati belonging to Lowe House district. And when it was remembered that not three years had elapsed since Confirmation was last conferred in that church, there was much cause for congratulation on the growth of Catholicity in their midst. Fr. Ullathorue then went on to severely censure the disregard which persons about to marry showed for any impediments to their purpose. The bishops throughout all England had become shocked at the increasing number of applications for dispensations, and they had unanimously determined not to grant such dispensations lightly. Young people, therefore, should be careful to satisfy themselves, before entangling themselves in any engagement to marry, that no impediment to marriage existed. They should lay every circumstance candidly before their pastors, and remember that if they wilfully concealed an important fact (one for instance which formed an impediment to their union), then the marriage would be null and void in the eyes of the Church and in the eyes of he even

country had always been taught that there was a gospel of Christ, aho that the knowledge of it was immeasurably more useful, important, and necessary than any other knowledge, since it led them to salvation and to a parcipitation of the life of God, Now, however, that gospel must be taught, if it be taught at all, in an "unsectarian" way, so as to leave the children with the fatal impression that the most sensible thing they can do is to disbelieve and utterly disregard it; and his lordship warns us of our consequent obligations in the following terms:--" It is our duty then, to resist with all our strength the introduction and extension of this unchristian system, and at the same time to develope and increase those Catholic schools, by the number. excellence, and efficiency of which that system will be most effectually defeated and neutralised. The unchristian schools, it is true, will be magnificently built, thoroughly furnished, and ably taught by highly-paid teachers, entirely with money which we and the vast multitudes who despise them will have to provide, while we shall have to do the best we can out of our poverty for our own Christian schools, geting repaid only half the amount of the poor pittance we may be able to collect for them The odds in favour of the infidel Schools are fearfully great, but the power of truth and the blessing of God are with us, and we must not be afmid." The pastoral then deals with the importance in some professions that Catholic youths should take a university degree; and recapitulates a number of resolutions by which the students are guarded, and to which the faithful are strictly charged to conform. The chief of these reems to be the fifth, which states " that no Catholic youth ought to be prepared for the philosophical examination of the London university degree by any non-Catholic tutor or professor." In continuation, the pastoral calls attention to another and more positive duty, and asks how many hundreds of thousands are there in the diocese to whom the sound of the gospel does not reach? how many considerable and flourishing towns are there in which there is no Catholic mission, and no priest of God to preach and teach the gospel of Christ! how many large towns again in the existing missions with their schools which so poor, so small, and so wholly inadequate, that the great bulk of the inhabitants are almost equally destitute of spiritual succour? and concludes with an appeal to the charitable for alms to the diocesan mission.

UNITED STATES.

The New York Express says :- Emigrants arriving at this port with money rush straight home

During the year ending Nov. 30, 54,947 persons went west via the overland route, and 35,684 came

The records of the New York Produce Exchange seem to confirm by irrefutable evidence the opinion that the grain trade of New York is retrograding or not advancing in proportion to that of some other

The new York Times publishes a report, the acceptance of which demands some caution, to the effect that the South Carolina Congressional Committee have admitted a victory for Hayes and Wheeler in that State, and that Wade Hampton will now withdraw his opposition to the Republican claims.

Speculations .- Suppose Grant should die before the 4th of March and the Senate should recognize Hayes, and the House should stand by Tilden, and the Indians should scalp Sheridan, and the House should impeach Sherman, and the Bulldozers should capture Don Cameron, and the European war should homologate Secor Robeson, and the Supreme Court should go cracy over the complications, then who would be President?—Alexandria (La) Democrat.

Mr. Blair, of New Hampshire, has intruduced in the House of Representatives a resolution providing for the amendment of the Constitution so as to prohibit the importation, manufacture, and sale of in toxicating liquors as a beverage anywhere within the United States and territories. This federal Maine law is not to take effect until the year 1900, so that the States have twenty-four years in which to decide whether they will ratify the amendment should it he passed.

The President of the Western Union Telegram Company has published certified copies of two letters addressed by him to the Chairman of the Louisiana Investigating and the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections respectively. In the first of these he requests to be excused from attendance before the Committee at New Orleans and in the second declares his in ability to furnish despatches relating to the Oregon election which have passed through the hands of the Company.

THE IRISH ELEMENT IN THE RANKS OF THE CLERGY -The Irish and their descendants have given the Catholic Church of the United States the majority of its clergy. As an instance it may be stated that there are to-day 400 priests in this Republic bearing only nineteen Irish names. They are as follows:—Breanan, 15; Brady, 22; Carroll, 13; Doherty, 16; Kelly, 25; Lynch, 21; McCarthy, 15 McGuire, 14; Meagher, 14; Murphy, 33; O'Brien 24 : O'Connor, 24 ; O'Neill, 18 ; Reilly, 31 ; O'Sullivan, 18; Quinn, 16; Ryan, 31; Welsh, 33-From the Catholic History of the United States, by J. K. Murray.

Boston merchans are seeking a new route to Chicago. The route proposed begins at Boston, passing over the Fitchburgh, Vermont, and Massachusetts, and using the road of the State from Greenfield to the New York State line; thence will run a new road down the Hoosac River, due west, to Schenectady, which is the terminus of the first section of the proposed line. This point is in round numbers 200 miles from Boston, making a saving of twenty miles over the Boston and Albany and New York Central to the same point, and a still greater saving in grades. From Schenectady west-ward, the proposed line runs on the south or canal side of the Mobawk, through Utica, Rome, to Oswego, where it connects with Lake Ontario and a road already completed and in operation, called the Lake Outario Shore Railroad, to the Niagara River at Lewiston. This, with the Great Western of Canada, and the Michigan Central, opens an independent through line from Boston to Chicago, shorter than the New York Central Only 130 miles of new road are required to complete all these connections. At Schenectady the line connects with the Delaware and Hudson Railroad to the Binghamton, the Eric Rallway, and to the anthracite and bituminous coal fields on the shortest possible line. By building twenty miles of new road Boston will have a through and independent line to Chicago and Cincinnati for freight and passengers, and this, it was stated, could be constructed in three months. A dramatic scene recently occurred in the

Supreme Court-room in Salem, Mass., when Mr. Foster asked for the custody of his child, his wife having petitioned for a divorce. On cross-examination she was brought to the point of confessing THE BIRDLY OF NOTTINGHAM ON EDUCATION.—The that she had no objection to living with her hus-Advent pastoral of the Bishop of Nottingham, after band when she fainted and fell down. There was

common sense, and try to live together in peace. He then ordered them to appear again at court on a certain day for a further consideration of the case. The New York Tribune says :- The new line to Chicago by the way of the Chicago and Port Huron Railroad; connecting at Port Huron with the Grand Trunk Railway of Canada, was practically opened on Thursday, when 200 freight cars were sent to Chicago to be loaded with freight for the East. This route will form an independent competing line with the Michigan Central, the Lake Shore, the Baltimore and Ohio, and the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne, and Chicago Railroads between the east and west, The Chicago and Port Huron Road will be used only as a freight railroad this winter, and has secured the loan of 2,000 freight cars from the Grand Trunk, in addition to 300 that are building for the line.

The December report of the Statistician of Agriculture makes the corn crop only two per cent short of the great crop of last year, and 50 per cent greater than the crop of 1874. The aggregate, subject to possible future revision, is 1,295,000,000 bushels. The product of the South is 10,000,000 bushels greater than that of last year. Illinois is credited with 250,000,000 bushels, and Iowa with 155,000,000. Next in runk are Ohio, Indiana, Missouri and Kansas. These six States produce six-tenths of the total product. Tennessee which once held the highest rank in the country, now stands first in the Southern States. The crop is in better quality than its predecessor. There has been an increase in area in all sections, aggregating about 2,000,000 acres. The average price of corn per bushel is highest in Massachusetts and lowest n Kusas, 95 and 23 cents respectively.

CANADA.

A Mechanics' Institute is being organized at Port Colborne.

There have been 33 buildings erected in Crediton during the past summer.

New Brunswick lumbermen have for some time been anxious for snow.

The number of lockages through the Welland Canal this year was about 400 in excess of 1875.

The whole security of the Dominion is given for all deposits in the Post-office Savings Banks.

The Post-office Savings Bank allows interest at the rate of 4 per cent, per annum upon deposits.

The Passumpsic Railroad Company has reduced the rates of freight between Stanstead and Sher-

A staff of engineers is now surveying the route to Listowel for the Stratford and Lake Huron Railroad.

The Windsor police force now numbers five patrolmen, who receive a monthly pay of \$27 50 in Sarnia market fees have been let at \$46 per month.

The butchers' stalls, (except one at \$4.) have all been relet at \$5 per month. The people of Lindsay are pretty well satisfied

that the Victoria Railway will give that town a very large trade with the back country. Hatley, Bury, Stoke, Cleveland, Stanstend, and other municipalities have voted subsidies to the

Canadian Meat and Produce Company. Deer killed before the 1st of December cannot be sold after the 1st of January. The time for partridge and duck shooting expires on the 1st of Janu-

There is considerable agitation now going on in North Crosby in favor of separating from the county of Leeds for all purposes and being annexed to the county of Lanark.

Mr. Orrin Webster, of Sherbrooke, has acquired a valuable deposit of other and other valuable clay in the township of Dudswell. He is successfully organizing a company to develop this new resource.

The Montreal Inspection District of the Internal Revenue Department consists of the Revenue Divisions of Montreal, St. Hyacinthe, Terrebonne Beauharnois, Sherbrooke, St. Johns, and Three

By the amended Post-office Act, which came force on the 1st October, 1875, any in postmaster issuing money orders on credit, and any person aiding or abetting, or procuring the issue of such orders, will be guilty of misdemennor,

It is stated that the Beatty Line of steamers, Manitoba, Quebec, and Ontario, have been purchased by the Windsor and Lake Superior Line Company, and that in future Windsor will be made the starting point and headquarters of the combined line in running to the upper lake ports.

The Halifax Herald says :- " Nova Scotia is better off to day than she has been for three years, the farmers slap full pockets, obtained by good prices for produce, while the fishermen rub their hands and smoke their pipes contentedly over large fares of fish at top prices."

The Coaticook Knitting Company have declared a small dividend for the past year. The mill is to be started at once on full time. The old Board of Directors was unanimously re-elected, and L. Sleeper was chosen President, and J. L. Gibbs, of Quebec, Vice-President.

The Waterloo Advertiser says :- " A commission has been issued to investigate the alleged irregularities in the administration of justice by the District Magistrate's Court in this district. C. P. Davidson Esq., a well-known Montreal lawyer, is the Commissioner, and we understand he will hold his sittings at Sweetsburg.

THE CAUSE OF THE 'SPLOSION.—" I would invite you to my house, brudder Jackson," said Deacon Johnson, as he emerked from church last Sunday evening, " but I dunno as we'll get any supper dis night. the cook-stove am so dreffully out of repair." "What's de matter wid de stove."

"Why, you see cold wedder am comin' on, and wood's getting skase an' high, an' I've 'structed the folks to be berry eknocomical in de usin' ob it. We'se been buyin' in small lots, an' last night, bein' out ob fuel, I sent one of my boys ober to a neighbor's to borrow a few sticks. De man or his family had gone to bed owin' to the lateness ob de hour, an dat boy, who would 'spise to do a unbonest transaction, wrote out his note for de value ob de wood. an' droppin' it in a prominent place in de wood shed shouldered an armful an' brought it home."

" Jess so." Well, a fire was kindled, de tea kettle put on, de ole woman she is gettin' de supper. All ob a sudden, puff went de stove, zoom; ke swish, kushlush went something, and as I tumbled over I saw de ole woman makin' for de roof wid de tea kettle and de stove plates followin' her, while de boys an' de gals was as brack wid smut as de ace of spades. De stove's goose was cooked for a fact."

"What was de cause ob de 'sploshun?" "I'm strongly clined to believe dat dar was pow-der in dat wood, an' dat de powder was done put in dar by dat white man to ketch some thievin' darkeys wat nebber buys no wood, and bressed ef I don't think dat man spects me, case he couldn' find.

that note, and won't make any 'pologies."
"Dat am an outrage."