

and of mental training that public schools were designed; it is for children only that they are rightly supported by the taxation of the whole community, and yet it is in regard to them that our public school system fails utterly.

I am asked if I would teach children to read, write and cipher and sew, and then send them out of school to learn no more. Certainly, I would teach them nothing more in the way of book learning (not the most admirable possession in the world) at the compulsory expense of their neighbors.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Free Press of this city says the Advertiser is the biggest liar in the Dominion. The Advertiser unhesitatingly characterizes its neighbor as the biggest fool in the Dominion.

COLONEL ROBERT INGERSOLL may be set down as the champion infidel of the United States. But the Colonel is very inconsistent indeed. He claims that every man has a perfect right to think for himself, yet, at a recent meeting of his followers in Chicago, he wanted to force his particular views on the gentlemen present, and resigned because they did not see fit to adopt them.

THE FRENCH infidels are beginning to be afraid of their scheme of suppression of the religious orders. The government, it is said, have now determined that the expulsion of the Jesuits and other religious will be gradually carried out.

SWITZERLAND is just now basking in the sunshine of a little nineteenth century enlightenment and progress. They have divorce laws in that country, and thoughtful people are beginning to feel uneasy in consequence of the facility afforded man and wife to separate and marry again.

THE letters of instruction issued by the government to the Irish Constabulary authorize them to send in the names of all persons found obstructing legal processes, preventing sales of farm produce, preventing sale and transfer of land, and otherwise deterring owners in the enjoyment of their legal rights.

In a recent lecture on Ireland, Mr. James Ralpath made the following reference to a noble lord who found it necessary to oppose the Compensation Bill: "The Marquis of Lansdowne spoke in the House of Lords of the Irish landlords as a class who had spent fortunes, lives and energies in endeavoring to ameliorate the condition of their country and set an example of order and industry within it."

then, Last Christmas a tenant named Dennis Downing got the marquis to visit his rickety cabin, and pointed to his naked children and begged for mercy. With a cold, unmanly sneer, to use the published words of a local writer, the noble marquis told the starving peasant that he was not responsible for his large family and refused to have pity on him.

Mr. J. BRYAN PURCELL, an Episcopalian, writing to the Baltimore Church News concerning the supremacy of the Holy See, says in conclusion: "Though we may say 'universal' to Rome's great claim of universal sovereignty, temporal and spiritual jure divino, still she is the apostolic chair, and the only one in the West. She has stood forth as the champion of popular rights, as the custodian of the faith once delivered to the saints and the promoter of civilization.

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Prof. H. A. WILLIAMS turned to Hamilton after a short tour on the European continent. At the exhibition now in progress in this city the worthy Professor obtained two first prizes in the department of Artistic Models.

HAMILTON LETTER.

ECCLIASTICAL-FAIR NOTES—THE GOVERNOR GENERAL—THE FIREMEN'S DISPLAY—WHERE DUTY CALLS WE FLY TO SAVE—BREVITIES.

A solemn anniversary Requiem Mass was celebrated in St. Mary's Cathedral on Monday morning last for the late Bishop of Hamilton, Right Rev. John Farrell.

The Provincial Exhibition which opened on Monday, in the Crystal Palace premises, did not attract much attention in the early part of the week.

The display of agricultural implements runs to the other extreme. They are here in every variety and style, with the latest improvements, and in the greatest quantities.

The abundance of matter of fact items non-obtainable has forced our brilliant city editor to exercise his pen in the line being and waste their efforts on matters grave and serious.

The Scott act men in the County, after considerable labor have succeeded in procuring the required number of signatures and have posted up 176 names in the town hall, Dundas, for public inspection.

The most interesting feature connected with the fair in the estimation of the public was the visit of the Governor-General. A nineteen gun salute announced his arrival about noon on Friday, and a large committee of citizens with a handsome

address welcomed him at the G. W. R. station. The thousands who lined the streets on his way through the city received him well, and the lengthy array of banners through which he passed added eclat to his journey to the exhibition grounds.

His stay lasted four days. During that time the exhibition was honored twice with his presence; he also attended the reception of Burlington Day, Saturday afternoon, and the grand concert by the thirteenth on Saturday night.

The city officials and the citizens committee did everything in their power to make things comfortable for his Excellency while among us, and it is to be hoped that he went away well satisfied with his reception and with a good opinion of Hamilton and its surroundings.

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QUEBEC LETTER.

In my last I promised to give the particulars of an episode in Canadian history which could not fail to interest your readers. I send you, accordingly, an account of the circumstances surrounding le crucifie outrage or "desecrated crucifix," translated from l'Abbe Casgrain's history of the Hotel Dieu, and I have no hesitation in directing attention to it.

Our Lady of Sorrows, or the Transifixion, (Lake St. Louis) was celebrated. The sermon was preached by Rev. Father Flevez, C.S.S.R., of St. Anne's. His Grace the Archbishop occupied the throne.

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Seguin, a Catholic clergyman in Canada, who is probably ready to get married, has written to Bishop Fabre, announcing his conversion to Protestantism.

The Christian Brothers are about to erect a new schoolhouse on a lot of ground in St. Joseph's street, St. Roch's, given them by the churchwardens of that parish, the present one in Desfosses street having become altogether too small.

Governor Robitaille paid a visit to his natal parish, Varrennes, near Montreal, on Sunday, for the first time in twenty-two years.

Amongst the banes of marriage published in St. Patrick's on Sunday were three in which Irish and French Canadian Catholics are the contracting parties.

The oldest parties in the hotel business in this city declare that they have never seen so fine a season in Quebec as the present for summer travel, and never saw it continue as this year so late into the present month.

The courses at Laval University open on the 25th proximo. The Commission appointed to inquire into the working of the civil service, arrived here on Saturday.

Some of the French city papers are making a heavy onslaught on Mr. Collector Dunscomb. The courses at Laval University open on the 25th proximo.

We have another newspaper called Le Courrier, edited by Mr. James Smith, formerly of New Brunswick, I believe. It is published in the interests of education, and it is announced that a portion of its revenue will be forwarded to His Holiness the Pope and the Holy See.

The popular ex-M.P. P. for Megantic Co., Mr. Andrew Kennedy, has arrived in town on route for his home. He has spent over a year in Arkansas, Texas and other parts of the West, whether he went to try the effects of the sulphur springs, and his friends are happy to see his health quite restored.

Mr. James J. Skellington, of this city has been appointed in succession to the Bank of Commerce in Sarnia, and will enter upon his duties at once.

Mr. Margaret Finn, mother of Mr. Timothy J. Finn, printer, of Detroit, died on Thursday morning, aged 76. Mrs. Finn lived in London for many years.

There is at present in Ottawa, on a visit to his mother, a man named Ryan, who left that city twelve years ago a penniless boy, but is now worth over six millions. He made his money in mining in Utah.

At St. Michael's Cathedral on the 22nd, a very large assemblage witnessed the marriage of Mr. G. P. Eliot, of the Receiver-General's office, and Miss Annie Crawford, youngest daughter of the late Lieutenant-Governor Crawford.