

they will scarce be represented at all, to one in which they will be still in a minority. Practically, then, the proviso on the School Question giving the "right of appeal" does not put the Catholic minority of Upper Canada on a footing of equality with the Protestant minority of the Lower Province. The bargain, we say, may not be a good bargain; but could we have got considering the circumstances, can we get, a better? That after all is the question.

It seems to us that the best policy for Catholics, is, frankly to accept the situation, and try to make the best of it; abstaining from useless repining, from factious opposition, and from factious approbation of the measure. Theoretically the Constitution may be very imperfect; but before either condemning it, or praising it, let us see how it works, and let us all do our best to make it work well. For the rest, we may be sure that the Clergy will be, in the future, as they have been in the past, the vigilant guardians of the spiritual interests of their flocks; and should these—the faith and morals of the Catholic laity—be put in danger, our faithful and vigilant guardians will sound the note of alarm and arouse us to action. At that moment we hope that we shall all be found ready for action; till it arrives, prudence and respect for their ecclesiastical superiors should suggest to the Catholic laity the policy of patience. Untimely action, and factious action, would in our circumstances be alike impolitic, and injurious to the cause which we, no less than the *Canadiens*, have at heart.

Many of our contemporaries are, or profess to be, indignant at the silly motion made in the Washington Legislature by a Mr. Raymond, calling upon the United States Government to interfere with the domestic affairs of Canada, with the view of preventing our new form of Government from coming into operation. The motion of Mr. Raymond was no doubt silly, impertinent, and offensive; but have not many of our Canadian journalists, by their slavish language encouraged, and in one sense justified, this silly and impertinent interference?

The legislative body sitting in Washington, and mis-called the Congress of the United States, has just as much right—neither more nor less—to interfere with the domestic affairs of Canada, and to dictate to us what form of Government we shall live under, as it has to interfere in the domestic affairs of the Southern States, and to impose on them a military despotism. That is to say, it has no right to do either the one or the other; and even the supporters of the Bill for superseding in the Southern States the civil, by military tribunals, admit the measure is, "unconstitutional."

But to their shame, and to the misfortune of this country, there are to be found amongst us editors of journals who loudly applaud the "unconstitutional" action of the dominant party in the United States. They qualify it as "just and liberal,"—see *Witness* 8th inst.—and in their abject, servile admiration of everything that is Yankee, of everything that is repugnant to British principles, they speak of it as great and glorious triumph. So it is; it is the triumph of democracy and the revolution, of might over right.

Now what can statesmen in the Northern States conclude from this? save that there is a large party in Canada, who for the sake of ensuring the triumph of democracy, are always ready to subordinate "right" to "might," justice to "expediency," and who care not one straw whether a measure be "constitutional," or "unconstitutional," so that it promote their revolutionary policy. They reason thus:—We have no right, according to the Constitution under which we hold, and according to the law in virtue of which we have our political being, to establish military tribunals in the Southern States, or to supersede their State Governments by one of our making; yet are we applauded by the Canadian Liberals when we do so. Will the latter then not also sustain us when we carry out, and apply to Canada, our theory that "might makes right?" that we, Yankees, are not bound by laws, and that we are under no obligation to respect the "constitutional rights of others?" If in this reasoning our Yankee neighbors are at fault, it is not because their premises are false, or their logic unsound; but because they give our Liberal Canadian publicists credit for more honesty, and more consistency than they are entitled to.

Amongst the many political rumors of the day we find one in the *Minerve* to the effect that Messrs J. A. Macdonald, and J. Ross are both spoken of as the future Lieutenant Governors of Ontario, or Upper Canada. For a similar office in the Lower Province, Sir Narcisse Belleau and Judge Caron are spoken of. Either of these appointments would give satisfaction, since both of the gentlemen indicated are justly esteemed for their personal qualities, and neither of them has ever taken an offensive part in political life.

Remittances in our next.

No change in the market prices.

THE ST. PATRICK'S HALL.—We publish the names of the Directors of this Institution, as incorporated by Act of Colonial Parliament and elected September last:—

Messrs. B. Devlin, M. P. Ryan, J. W. McGauvran, Ed. Murphy, Dr. Hingston, Messrs. Luke Moore, and C. J. Cusack.

The Corner Stone will be laid on Monday next, and the ceremony, at which, we believe that the Rev. Mr. Dowde will assist, will form part of the Celebration of St. Patrick's Day, postponed because the Festival falls this year on a Sunday.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—"A Friend of Youth" in our next.

We will commit ourselves neither to an unqualified approval, nor to an unqualified censure of the new Constitution. We hold that it is the duty of every Catholic, of every loyal subject to abstain from factious opposition to it, and to give it a fair trial. It may, in spite of theoretic imperfections, work well; why then should we stultify ourselves by condemning it before trial? Or it may work badly: and why then should we stultify ourselves by a premature approbation?—We will do neither; we will wait and hope for the best, remembering the old proverb, "The proof of the pudding lies in the eating thereof."

The *Echo*, an Anglican paper of the low or evangelical type, makes in its issue of the 6th inst., the following statement:—

"A young priest, officiating in the Jesuit Church in Montreal, has joined the Methodist Church."

It may appear presumptuous on our part to contest the right of an evangelical to state that which is false of his neighbors: and to many it would appear ridiculous if we were to ask such a one to retract an untruth once emitted. We will however, leaving it to the *Echo* to do as it pleases in the matter, merely state that there is no truth in the assertion of our evangelical contemporary, no semblance even of a foundation for the infamous calumny which he has circulated through his columns. There are in the Jesuit establishment of Montreal several converts from Protestantism; but thank God there never has been either here, or in any other part of the world, an instance of a conversion from amongst the Jesuits to Protestantism. We therefore denounce the above paragraph copied from the *Echo* as a wilful and groundless falsehood.

We think that it is Madame de Sevigne, who complained of one of her male acquaintances, that he "abused the privilege that men have to be ugly." With equal justice, one of our French contemporaries complains that certain English journals abuse the privilege accorded to them to maltreat, or massacre the French language. As a specimen, he cites the following, which appeared in the form of an advertisement in the *Granby Gazette*:—

"Avis.—La sous-signée, retourne remerciement au public pour le patronage liberal, annonce respectueusement qu'il a juste aide patent parles a son moulin mouture, et avec meilleur effient l'us attention constant, excellera en autre moulin dans la ville pour la quantité de la farine donne au boisseau. Venez et essayer encore une fois. Bonnes salutes a main."

S. H. C. MEXER.

Granby, Jan. 4, 1867.

We would not attempt even a translation, for the above piece is not susceptible of translation into any known language. Our French readers and others acquainted with French, will be able to appreciate its beauties without a translation.

THE VILLAGE ON THE CLIFF.—A Novel by Miss Thackeray.—Dawson Bros.—The name of the authoress—daughter of the late ever to be lamented Thackeray, the first and foremost of modern English humorists—will assure for the work named above a favorable reception, from a public by whom the name of the father is held in honor. Miss Thackeray is evidently, though perhaps unconsciously, an imitator of her father's style, nor could she find a better novel; but she must beware of mannerism, and servile imitation. Her plot is confused, nor is her delineation of character—in which her father excelled—much to be praised except perhaps in the case of Kate George. But it is unjust to compare a young female authoress with Thackeray, when there is no living writer that could stand such comparison. In one sense therefore, the name on the title page of *Village On The Cliff* will do its authoress as much injury—as in another it will do her good, by securing for her a number of readers out of respect to her gifted and amiable father.

HARPER'S MAGAZINE.—March, 1867.—We publish a list of the contents of this number of which as usual the illustrations are the best part:—The Dodge Club; or, Italy in 1869—Personal Recollections of the War—It Were Rich—Two Hundred Thousand Spiders—Our Expected Guests—A Brace of Boys—Rum Creeters is Women—The Virginians in Texas—Laura's Lovers—How We Get Our News—Alexander T. Stewart—Editor's Easy Chair—Monthly Record of Current Events—Editor's Drawer.

The following gentlemen have kindly consented to act for the Town Witness in the undermentioned localities:—

Mr. Timothy Sullivan, for Fergusons Falls and vicinity.
Mr. James McOrse for Burnstown and vicinity.
Mr. P. McEvoy for Wolfe Island and vicinity.

UNION OF PRAYER.—On Tuesday 19th, the 16th Anniversary of the Society will be celebrated in the Parish Church. Great preparations are being made, and the Musical Department has been carefully organized. The following pieces will be sung, and executed on the organ:—

Entrée—Organ Solo.
De Profundis—Organ and Choir.
A sermon will follow; after which the following pieces will be sung:—Vir Fidelis, Lambillotte; O Cor Amoris Victim, do; Sub Tuum; Tantum Ergo. After which Benediction, and the Laudate Dominum.
March, from Prophete—Meyerbeer.

DEATH OF A WELL-KNOWN CITIZEN.—The great bell of Notre Dame tolled on Saturday for the death of Dr. Luc Eusebe Larocque, brother of Bishop Larocque, who died on Saturday after a short illness. He was, pre eminently the friend of the struggling settler, recognizing in this that the first duty of a good citizen is to act on the patriotic motto of the St. Jean Baptiste Society,—"Rendre le Peuple Meilleur," and in so doing personally assisted in erecting and establishing the flourishing Parish of St. Agathe and several other settlements. He was also distinguished for his magnificence to the poor, and for his kindness in attending them without fee or remuneration.—*Montreal Gazette.*

HENRY.—A young man, named Bisson, called at the Central Police Station on Saturday last, and mentioned he had found a gold watch, chain attached, but a few hours previous. He resided in St. Charles Barre street, and desires it to be known that on the owner giving a description of the article he will return it.

DIED IN THE STATION HOUSE.—On Friday, 8 inst. last policeman on duty on Craig street found an old man, named Peter Thomson, lying on a heap of snow, and deceased with cold and completely drunk. The constable, with the assistance of another, placed the old man in a sleigh, and had him conveyed to the Clubbille square station, where he gradually sank, dying at about six o'clock in the evening. The person with whom he resided in Inspector street, testified to the intemperate habits of the deceased. He had been drinking hard during the last three days.

The *Minerve's* correspondent writes to it from Paris to the effect that the Rev. Mr. Boiduc, of St. Roch, is having made by the house of Secretan, of that city, a telescope that will be the finest and largest in Canada, and, perhaps one of the most complete and powerful in America. The body will be 30 feet in length, and the glass 41 centimeters, or about 16 inches in diameter. The cost of the instrument will be £1000 to £1200.

Le *Canadien* mentions several reports in circulation amongst them the following: that the names of the Rev. Messrs. Boiduc and Racine were sent to Rome, as candidates for the appointment to the new bishopric of Rimouski; that the Rev. Mr. Brunet will succeed to the office of the late Principal of the Normal School; that the Rev. Mr. E. Langevin will be named Grand Vicar to his brother the Bishop; and the Rev. Mr. Boiduc is to be elevated to the bishopric of Quebec.

At grand mass on Sunday, 3rd inst. at St. Patrick's church, Quebec, Rev. E. McGauvran called the attention of his congregation to the misery existing among a class of population who seldom if ever "solicit charity," namely, the wives and children of men who left that city last fall to seek employment in the United States, and being unable to do so have not sent them any money.

St. Jones, C. E., March 9.—The St. Johns Jail was broken open some time last night, or early this morning; three prisoners escaped. It is supposed they were assisted by outsiders. They have gone in the direction of Rouse's Point with nooses stolen on the way. Up to this moment they have not been recaptured.

MR. BROWN'S SUCCESSION.—It is supposed that Mr. Bowdell, a well-known politician in the Riding, will succeed Mr. Brown as the representative of South Oxford. At the farewell dinner given to the latter the new candidate made a very sensible speech for one of the "Government impossibility" tail. Speaking of the men needed for the present crisis in affairs, he said:

"In the present transition of Canada, it is necessary that the men sent to represent her in the new Parliaments should be men of sterling integrity, ability, and uprightness of character. With such men, and representation according to population, we may hope that at last the country will be well governed, and that our progress will be more rapid than it could have been under the old system."

If the Americans wish to control our destinies they must not something more than bluster and lay ridiculous and impertinent resolutions before the legislature: they must prepare themselves (we speak in plain terms) to wage a war of extermination against a peaceful, prosperous and unoffending people; they must accept the chances of a desperate conflict, which will undoubtedly involve them with Great Britain, and probably with France, and their own conquered Southern territories, out of which it may be that, all life is not yet crushed out, in a most dishonourable cause, and they must be content to exhibit democracy once more as the deadliest foe to freedom, the most ruthless oppressor of the human race.—*Montreal Gazette.*

SUPERVISING IN QUEBEC.—A statement of the ship-building trade of Quebec furnished by the *Chronicle* shows that there are now only nine shipyards open, while there were twenty-one last year. The number of vessels built in course of construction, as compared with those built last year, shows a decrease of twenty-eight vessels. The number of men employed is now 1,243 against 2,897 in January of last year, showing a falling off of 1,654 in the number of men working.

The Crown Land Agent at Belleville has been instructed to withdraw all the lands north of Marmora, Madoc and E. E. from the market, and Government evidently intends to erect them into what they should be—a gold district. This action of the Commissioner of Crown lands will be very generally approved, as it will immediately put a stop to the speculation which had been going on to the exclusion of the honest investor, and tend to place all parties on an equal footing, under the license system.

NEW MONTREAL STEAMER.—The *Austrian*, a magnificent iron-screw steamer of about 2500 tons register, intended for the Montreal Ocean Steamship Co.'s line of Transatlantic steamers, was successfully launched on Wednesday from Messrs. Barclay, Currie, and Co.'s works at Whiteinch. The passenger accommodation is of the first order, and the vessel will be, in point of elegance, comfort, and safety, exactly similar to the screw steamer *Neslorion*, constructed by the same builders for this line of steamers at the close of last year.—*Glasgow Herald.*

DIED.
At the Hotel Dieu, Point Levis, Quebec, on Tuesday evening, the 12th February, Alexander Albert, aged Twenty-one years, second son of Donnan McDonald, Esq., of Point Levis. The deceased who was employed on the Grand Trunk Railway, was standing on the point of an engine in slow motion, from which he jumped, and unfortunately slipped across the rail, the engine passing over his feet, horribly contusing them. Medical aid was of no avail. The rites of the Catholic Church were administered to him, in the full enjoyment of his speech and senses. He expired in a few hours, much lamented by a large circle of friends and acquaintances. May his soul rest in peace.



GRAND PROGRAMME

PROCESSION

OF THE
ST. PATRICK'S SOCIETY,
TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATIONS,
SAINT PATRICK'S BENEVOLENT SOCIETY,
CATHOLIC YOUNG MEN'S SOCIETY,
ST. ANN'S YOUNG MEN'S SOCIETY,
MEMBERS OF THE HOSE COMPANY,
CHILDREN OF THE CHRISTIAN BROTHERS' SCHOOLS,
ON THE ANNIVERSARY
OF THE
NATIONAL FESTIVAL
OF IRELAND.

JOSEPH CLORAN,
GRAND MARSHAL, ON HORSEBACK.
IRISHMEN OF THE CONGREGATION OF ST. ANN'S CHURCH,
(Not being members of any of the Irish Societies)
Two abreast.

CHILDREN OF THE BROTHERS' SCHOOLS,
ST. ANN'S WARD,
Two abreast.

ANGEL GUARDIAN SOCIETY,
Marshal on Horseback.
ST. ANN'S BAND,
HOSE COMPANY,
ST. ANN'S YOUNG MEN'S SOCIETY,
Marshal on Horseback.

Members of the Society, two abreast.
ST. ANN'S TEMPERANCE SOCIETY,
Marshal on Horseback.

(With Flags and Banner.)
Members two abreast.
Stewards with Wands,
Vigilance Committee,
Executive Committee,
Secretary and Treasurer,
Vice-Presidents,
Clergymen of St. Ann's Church.
CHILDREN OF THE CHRISTIAN BROTHERS' SCHOOLS, ST. LAWRENCE AND QUEBEC SEBURES,
With Flags, Banners, and Bands,

IRISHMEN OF THE CONGREGATION OF ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH,
(Not being members of any of the Irish Societies)
Two abreast.
CATHOLIC YOUNG MEN'S SOCIETY,
Marshal on Horseback.

Sup. with Pike FLAG, Sup. with Pike.
MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY,
Two abreast.
MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL,
Secretary and Treasurer,
President and Vice President.

ST. PATRICK'S BENEVOLENT SOCIETY,
Chief Marshal on Horseback.
BAND OF THE CHASSEURS CANADIENS.
Sup. with Pike FLAG, Sup. with Pike.

Members two abreast.
ST. P. B. S.'s BANNER, Sup. with Battle-axe, Sup. with Battle-axe.
Drawn by Six Gray Horses with Three Postillions.
Committee of Enquiry,
Treasurers,
Secretaries.

2nd Vice-Pres't: PRESIDENT 1st Vice-Pres't: CHAPLAIN.
Stewards Assistant Marshals Stewards
with Wands on Horsebacks with Wands.

ST. PATRICK'S TOTAL ABSTINENCE SOCIETY,
Marshal on Horseback.

BAND.
Supported with FATHER MATTHEW'S BANNER. Supported with Battle-axe.
Two Stewards with Wands.
Members two abreast.

Sup. with BANNER of the B. VIRGIN. Sup. with Spear.
Stewards with Wands, Vigilance Committee, Executive Committee, Secretary and Treasurer,
2nd Vice-Pres't: PRESIDENT 1st Vice-Pres't: Stewards with Wands.

ST. PATRICK'S SOCIETY.
Assistant Marshal on Horseback.
BAND.
Sup. with GRAND BANNER OF IRELAND. Sup. with Battle-axe.
Stewards with Wands,
DRAWN BY SIX HORSES.

MEMBERS OF THE ST. PATRICK'S SOCIETY,
Two and two
Assistant Marshal on Horseback.

Sup. with GRAND HARP BANNER OF IRELAND. Sup. with Battle-axe.
Two Stewards with Wands,
Members of the Committee, Secretaries,
Treasurer,
MAYOR OF MONTREAL,
2nd Vice-Pres't: (PRESIDENT) 1st Vice-Pres't: CHAPLAIN.
Clergy of the St. Patrick's Church.
Assistant Marshal on Horseback.

THE MEMBERS OF THE ST. PATRICK'S SOCIETY OF THE DIFFERENT TOTAL ABSTINENCE SOCIETIES, the ST. PATRICK'S BENEVOLENT SOCIETY, the CATHOLIC YOUNG MEN'S SOCIETIES, the ST. ANN'S SOCIETIES, will assemble at the ST. PATRICK'S HALL, BONAVENTURE BUILDING.
The Procession will form in front of the St. Pa-

trick's Hall, at 8 o'clock sharp, and thence proceed through Craig, Blenny, and Lagouchiere streets to the St. Patrick's Church.

On arriving at the Grand Entrance of the Church, the Procession will form a double line, facing inwards leaving an open space of at least eight feet.

Flags and Banners will fall to the right, and the Bands to the left. Headed by the grand Suburban Banner of Ireland, the President and other Officers-bearers of the St. Patrick's Society—followed by the Grand Harp Banner of Ireland, the President and Officers-bearers of the St. Patrick's Total Abstinence Society, the St. Patrick's Benevolent Society, the Catholic Young Men's Society, the St. Ann's Young Men's Society, and of the St. Ann's Temperance Society—will then enter the Church, the Bands playing the National Air—St. Patrick's Day.

N.B.—Marshals are particularly requested to use speed in organizing the Procession after Divine Service.

After Grand Mass, the Procession, joined by the male portion of the various Irish Congregations, not members of any particular society, will reform in St. Alexander street and proceed along Craig, Place d'Armes Hill, Great St. James, McGill and St. Joseph streets to McCord street, returning through McCord, Wellington and McGill streets to the New St. Patrick's Hall Grounds, corner of Victoria square and Craig street, where the Procession will disperse.

JOSEPH CLORAN,
Grand Marshal.

ST. PATRICK'S SOCIETY.

A SPECIAL MEETING of the above Corporation will take place in the
BONAVENTURE BUILDING,

On FRIDAY EVENING, the 15th inst.

A full attendance is particularly requested. Members proposed for membership at previous meetings can be elected at this meeting.

Chair to be taken at Eight o'clock.

P. O'MEARA, Sec. Sec.

ST. PATRICK'S TOTAL ABSTINENCE SOCIETY



THE MEMBERS of the above named SOCIETY are notified to meet in the YARD in FRONT of SAINT PATRICK'S ORPHAN ASYLUM, at HALF PAST SEVEN o'clock, on MONDAY MORNING, the 19th inst., where they will form in Procession, and proceed with Band and Banners to St. Patrick's Hall, and there join the St. Patrick's Society and proceed to St. Patrick's Church. After Divine Service they will again form in the same order, and accompany the Procession through the City; at the close of which they will assist at the ceremony of laying the Corner Stone of the new St. Patrick's Hall.

(By Order)

MICHAEL SCANLAN, Sec.

CATHOLIC YOUNG MEN'S SOCIETY.

NOTICE.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the above Society for the ELECTION OF OFFICERS, will take place in the ST. PATRICK'S HALL (Bonaventure Building) on THURSDAY the 19th inst. at 5 o'clock P.M.

A full attendance is requested, as other matters of importance will be brought before the meeting.

JOHN MOYNA, Secretary.

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INSOLVENT ACT OF 1864.

In the matter of J. B. MILETTE, Trader, (formerly of Sherbrooke, C.E.) Montreal.

Insolvent.

THE creditors of the insolvent are notified to meet at the office of the undersigned Assignee, No. 1 St. Salpêre Street, in the City of Montreal, on Tuesday, the Twenty-sixth day of March instant, at Four o'clock P.M., for the Public examination of the Insolvent, and for the ordering of the affairs of the estate generally. The Insolvent is hereby requested to attend.

T. SAUVAGEAU,
Official Assignee,
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Montreal, 6th of March 1867.

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July 1st 1861.