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As we did not have the article at our command at the time, we were unable to do so. But in the light of the evidence which we have received from Newfoundland bearing on the riots, the article only appears the more abusive, insolent and unfair.

We could not expect worse from the *Orange Sentinel* than the following which disgraced the columns of the *Canadian*:

"Party processions are entirely out of place in Canada, and should not be permitted, as they only serve to engender ill feeling between rival factions. As they are permitted, however, by the laws which govern us, the law-makers should see to it that they can be carried out without fear of molestation. The attack on the Orange procession in Harbor Grace, Newfoundland, seems to have been a most cold-blooded affair, and the action of the mob of rowdies who attacked the Orangemen on their way to church will, we doubt not, be deprecated by Catholics everywhere. To shoot down a number of unarmed men was a cowardly act, and we sincerely hope the murderers will be speedily brought to justice. We are told the Orange banners were trampled upon and a green flag substituted for them, but we can see no good object which this will accomplish. It will only probably result in the Orangemen attacking the first procession of Catholics which takes place in Harbor Grace, and very likely more blood will be spilled. If, however, the law permits these processions, punishment swift and sure should be meted out to those who attack them in such a cowardly manner as did the mob at Harbor Grace. Mob law is a curse to any country where it obtains, and it should be suppressed with an iron hand. In Ireland, where Orange and Green processions were first organized, the efforts of pure minded patriots to secure redress for the wrongs of the people have been seriously retarded by just such men as fired on the Orangemen at Harbor Grace. Let us have no more processions, and we will have no more Hackett murders, or no more Orangemen shot down as were the unfortunate men who lost their lives at Harbor Grace."

We hope the *Evening Canadian* is satisfied with the length of the quotation from its article. Such a barefaced misrepresentation of facts and one-sided comments have seldom occurred in the most anti-Irish and anti-Catholic sheet as are contained in that article of the *Canadian*, which has the effrontery to assert that "it reviewed the riots from an impartial standpoint." The *Canadian* displays all the zeal of a convert in the advocacy of its new faith.

The following gentlemen have consented to act as agents in their respective localities for the Poor and True Witness, and are empowered to enroll subscribers and collect subscriptions:—J. H. Morley, Blenheim, Ontario; B. Ingoldby, Lockton, Ontario; N. Mahlot, Chambly, Ontario, Quebec.

"HIGH MORALITY OF FREE-THINKERS."

To the Editor of THE TRUE WITNESS:—
DEAR SIR,—While perusing the columns of an evening contemporary I came across a report of the "Pioneer Free-thought Club," and curiosity led me to read it through—not, however, experiencing any particular feeling of gratitude to its founders for the inestimable favors which it has conferred on mankind. If much harm is done, even when the utterance of such opinions is confined to the narrow circle of the sympathizers of free-thought, how much more when a newspaper disseminates them, thereby giving to the young and simple material for the foundation of an atheistic belief. Human nature is very weak, and, unless the young mind is sustained by that glorious faith which the Catholic Church upholds and teaches, it is apt to founder in the waves of atheism, free-thought, and other kindred pools, ready to grasp the shadow of a belief which holds eternal oblivion at the soul's hearer. These are men aiming at the regeneration of society, who hold that the function of religion is now nearly decayed, that there is no more use for it, that it must inevitably grow more and more effete until it shall no longer retain an existence amongst us. But how, may I ask, are they to attain that high state of morality to which they aspire without the controlling aids of religion? Voltaire, atheist and free-thinker, held the opinion that man was a very poor thing, and that he should seek to erect himself above himself as a heathen. If so, the prospect of free-thinkers in attaining high morality must look rather dubious, for the world can over distinguish between the showy glisten of the tinsel and the mellow lustre of the true gold. I would ask those enterprising pioneers to leave their dupes one consoling thought amidst the mazy of which they would deprive them—viz., faith in the promise of One alone among mankind whose morality was divine in its origin, and who has said, "Every one that shall confess me before men I will also confess him before my Father who is in heaven."

Apologizing, Mr. Editor, for trespassing on your valuable time and space,
I remain
J. V. D.
Montreal, Jan. 18.

THE LATE JOHN McLEOD.

At a meeting of St. Bridget's Total Abstinence, Benevolent and Literary Society of Acadia Mines, held the 14th day of January, 1884, the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, it has pleased the Almighty God to take to himself one of our best and most respected members, one whose we all cherish in our hearts with pride, John McLeod,

Resolved,—That we the members of St. Bridget's Total Abstinence, Benevolent and Literary Society, tender to the parents and relatives of our lamented brother our heartfelt sympathy in this hour of their affliction and bereavement, and we earnestly pray God that he may give them strength to bear their sorrow with Christian patience and humility.

Resolved,—That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved parents of our late brother, and also be inserted in the Montreal True Witness, St. John Freeman and Colchester Sun.

Committee on Resolutions:—D. O. Sheehan, Austin O'Connor, Frank Mahem.

For COUGHS and COLDS there is nothing so good as DR. FARRIS' SOUTHERN PINE. Every bottle of it is warranted and can, therefore, be returned if not found satisfactory.

CATHOLIC NEWS.

Mgr. Carberry, the new Bishop of Hamilton, will leave Rome for Canada on the 17th of February next.

Archbishop Tache, of St. Boniface, is in Quebec, and visiting the government departments and public institutions.

The Catholic presbytery at Bayou de Large, La., was burned on Sunday morning. Father Constantine perished. It is not known whether the fire was accidental or incendiary.

It is reported that the Most Reverend Dr. Moran, Bishop of Osnabrück, recently named for the archbishopric of Sydney, N.S.W., has been summoned to Rome by the Vatican to be created a cardinal.

The Queen has decorated a Franciscan Brother, the Rev. Manuel Beners, of Alexandria, Egypt, for services rendered during the war last year, and also during the time cholera was so prevalent in that city.

A new society has been formed in England called the Catholic Gregorian Association, whose object is to encourage the singing of sacred music. Cardinal Manning and the Bishop of Southwark are the patrons of the association.

There will be a religious profession at the Bon Pasteur Convent, Sherbrooke street, on the 24th instant, when a large number of young ladies will take the first vows. His Lordship, Bishop Fabre will officiate at the ceremony, which will commence at 8 o'clock a.m.

The Bishop of St. Hyacinthe celebrated on Wednesday last the eightieth anniversary of his consecration. His Lordship officiated pontifically at the Cathedral, assisted by Very Rev. J. A. Gravel and Rev. Messrs. Pines and O'Donnell, and cures Richard, St. Pierre and Cormier. A large number of other clergymen were present.

An attempt to steal the remains of the late Right Rev. V. Whelan, Bishop of the diocese of Wheeling, W. Va., in the Catholic church, from the vault in Mount Olivet cemetery, was discovered and prevented. The object was to secure a reward for the remains. The theft was prevented by the accidental discovery of the operations by the sexton.

A circular was read on Sunday from Archbishop Lynch in all the Roman Catholic churches in Toronto, stating that he had received a letter from Rome asking if it were true that the Freemasons' society was recruiting large numbers of Catholics in this province as reported in the *Freemason's Journal* and that he had answered that very few had joined, and those only who had neglected their parochial communion and were otherwise religious, who looked only to worldly gain and not to the eternal salvation of their souls. The circular pointed out the penalties for joining that forbidden society.

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THE APOSTOLIC DELEGATE.

His Excellency at the Jesuit Church Yesterday—Address from the Papal Nuncio—The Reply.

Last Sunday being the feast of the Holy Name of Jesus, the services at the Jesuit Church were very imposing, and largely attended. At High Mass His Excellency the Apostolic Delegate officiated, assisted by Rev. Father Tanguay, Rector of St. Mary's college; and Rev. Father Longueau, of St. Edouard; and Rev. Father Moran, of St. Boniface, who acted as deacon and sub-deacon of offices. The sermon of the day was delivered by the Rev. Father Poncho. The choir sang, with an efficient string band accompaniment, Faucouet's beautiful Mass E, which produced a grand effect. At the offertory, Mon. H. St. Pierre rendered Wagner's *Jesu, refugium nostrum*, his solo. Gutoud's *Marche de Pie IX.* was performed before Mass, and Mendelssohn's "Frieze's March" at the close. The singing throughout the whole service was rendered in the usual superb manner and fully sustained the good reputation which the choir has gained.

After High Mass His Excellency proceeded to the library of St. Mary's College, and was there presented with an address by forty of the Papal Nuncios, who were present in full uniform. Mr. Gustave Drolet, President of L'Union Allée, read the address, which was as follows:

To His Excellency Monsignor Smolders, Apostolic Delegate of the Vatican to Canada:

YOUR EXCELLENCY.—It is with an indescribable joy that the Canadian people greet the arrival in our Province of the illustrious ambassador which His Holiness the Pope has chosen to represent him among us. All people go forth to meet Your Excellency, as much to honour in your person a man eminent in science as well as in virtues, as to show the respect and devotion which they bear to the representative of the Father of the Faithful. It is natural that we soldiers of the Faith should wish to approach the representative of the Father of the Faithful, who is still so near to us.

It is the first time since the sacrilegious events of 1870 that it is given to us to receive the visit of the most respectable elective monarchy in Europe, the temporal power of the Popes, who, overthrown, robbed and pillaged of its patrimony by the descendants of the oldest reigning family on the continent, the House of Savoy, this house, founded by Humbert of the White Hands, which furnished saints to the Church, sovereigns to the world, and prime ministers to the world, lived like monks, and died like martyrs, will probably have another Humbert to close its history and seal its fate.

Ambition and ingratitude have replaced in the hearts of the successors of St. Humbert III, the great and many qualities which distinguished the great and many qualities which distinguished the House of Savoy. Devoured by pride and desire for self-aggrandizement, we saw the present king and his father in exchange for liberty to plunge the neighboring kings and princes into a cowardly manner to a foreign power the throne of their family at Chambéry and the crown of their kingdom in the Abbey of Haute-Combe.

Sooner or later, Your Excellency, God, whose decrees are impregnable, will punish the traitors, and the traitors will live in the eternal fire of the damned. The Pope only to prove the truth of the old proverb, "Que la rouille Tarpeienne est près du capitole."

It has been said by a great and illustrious servant of the Papacy, "the word is to men, but the hour is to God." We will wait, then, till the hour is to God, and we will all be ready at the cry of "Dieu le veut!" to once more tread in the paths of honour and devotion.

His Excellency, in the name of His Holiness the Pope, accepted their expressions of

fidelity and devotion, and said that he hoped God would not ask the actual aid they had offered once more. In regard to the prediction, according to which the salvation of the Pope would come from America, His Excellency admitted that they were the vanguard of the army of salvation, nor did he think that they had failed. He assured them that God had accepted their devotion and would reward them. His Excellency hoped that the solution of the religious question would be arrived at in a more pacific manner. He had first seen the Zouaves at the Pia gate of Rome when the sacrilegious attack was made, and they remained until peace was signed. He recalled the fact that he had seen their comrades on St. Peter's Square, with tears trickling down their cheeks, while preparing to leave Rome, and heard the Roman mob shout to them to go home. He had since seen that very people crushed under heavy taxation, with communism spreading through every section of society, and now they look back regretfully to the paternal government of the Pope. As to the royal family of Italy, we should pray God that he would so dispose matters that they would escape the eternal vengeance. In conclusion he said:—"There are two powers in Europe—might and right. At present might governs right, but I hope that before long things will be re-established in their normal condition. Let us pray that they may."

The imposing services closed with solemn Benediction, after which His Excellency retired.

RELIGION AND LOVE.

A ROMANCE OF THE BELLEVILLE CONVENT MURDER.

Among those who escaped from the burning Immaculate Conception convent, at Belleville, last Saturday night, says the *St. Louis Republican*, was a very pretty young lady, an orphan from one of the interior villages of Illinois, who is now lying in one of the wards of the St. Elizabeth hospital, Belleville, recovering from injuries she sustained in jumping from a third-story window. Although in moderate circumstances, her beauty and amiable disposition have won for her many ardent admirers, and among them several wealthy young men, who have sued for her hand. One of these lovers, with the exception of one, the son of one of the wealthiest merchants in East St. Louis, were unsuccessful in their suit, and even he, in pressing his claims, encountered obstacles which for a time threatened to prevent him from leading her to the altar. While she was visiting the friends of the young man in question in East St. Louis, he met her and fell

and she reciprocated. He was about to propose marriage when his father, learning she was a Protestant, objected to the match, saying that any son of his who married any other than a Catholic girl would be disinherited. The unhappy lover called on the young lady and laid all the facts before her. She said that she had no objections to becoming a Catholic. The lover was happy again. It was decided that she should enter the Catholic convent at Belleville. When she informed her guardian that she had determined to change her faith and spend the remainder of the year in the Immaculate Conception convent, that individual, who happened to be an uncompromising Protestant, refused to furnish the money necessary for her expenses while at the institution. She informed her lover of her predicament, whereupon he volunteered to pay her tuition. She objected to this arrangement at first, but was finally prevailed upon to allow the young man to foot her bills with the understanding that she

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GREAT FIRE IN CORNWALL.

HALF THE TOWN IN FLAMES—AN IMPROVISED FIRE SERVICE—A LIST OF THE VICTIMS.

CORNWALL, Jan. 22.—At 1.10 this morning a fire broke out in the kitchen of the Commercial Hotel, corner of Pitt and First streets. The outbreak was noticed by Mr. A. V. Macmillan, collector of customs, who lives next door. He at once rushed to the hotel, and with great difficulty aroused the inmates, having to force in the door for that purpose. The alarm spread rapidly throughout the house and the guests and servants were enabled to escape, most of them having little beyond the clothing which they hastily assumed. Among the former was Mr. Ohlsholm, barrister, who is in feeble health, and who was with difficulty rescued. The proprietor, Mr. A. B. Macdonald, had not time to put on his clothes, but carried them out and completed his toilet on the sidewalk. The alarm was promptly sounded, but some time elapsed before the fire brigade with their steamers arrived on the scene. The fire in the canal was very thick and a delay ensued while it was being cut through to reach the water. Meantime the fire spread to the new brick wing of the Commercial, the ground floor of which was occupied by N. Phillips, dry goods, and Dr. Pringle, drugs. The stocks in both premises were removed, but placed across the street, so that when the flames burst through the front windows, the goods caught fire and were consumed. The next to fall a victim was the splendid brick block opposite occupied by Kirkpatrick Bros., D. McKee, Turner & Son, G. H. Wagan, dentist, Masonic lodge, St. Jean Baptiste Society, W. Ohlsholm, barrister, Catholic Benevolent Society, and Odd Fellows' lodge. To the north the flames caught on the building occupied by W. B. Thompson, druggist, Farlinger & Armstrong, grocers, and McAdam, confectionery works and dwelling. All these premises were completely destroyed and hardly any of the contents were saved. Particulars of losses and insurance will follow.

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The following is an estimate of the losses:—Adams estate, owners of the Commercial Hotel, \$3,000; A. B. Macdonald, on furniture and stock, \$5,000; Dr. Pringle, drugs, \$3,000; N. Phillips, dry goods, \$5,000; W. B. Thompson, drugs, \$5,000; J. K. McAdam, confectionery works and shop, \$3,000; J. K. McAdam, this, \$700; Kirkpatrick Bros., dry goods, on building, \$8,000, on stock, \$20,000; D. McKee, grocer, building, \$5,000, on stock, \$6,000; N. Turner & Son, hardware, building, \$7,000, and stock, \$12,000; Farlinger & Armstrong, grocers, \$2,500; Miss D-rochers, milliner, \$500, on which the insurance amounts to about \$32,000, principally in the Royal, Lancashire and Quebec. The insurance agents are reluctant as to the amount of insurance of each item, but agree as to the total amount. The losses by theft from the stocks left exposed on the streets before daylight were numerous. The police are now at work hunting up the offenders. Pitt street is blocked by the fallen debris, but Mayor Kirkpatrick, although himself the heaviest assailed, has the corporation gauge at work clearing a passage for traffic. The least said about the efficiency of the fire apparatus the better. The men are worthy of all praise. The following suffered loss by removal:—E. H. Brown, M. G. Carey, McIntyre & Campbell, W. H. Dunlop, H. Pitt, D. McMillan, W. J. Wagoner, Mrs. Davis, D. McDonnell, A. T. Porteous. The *Freeholder* newspaper, Baptist church meeting rooms, is a total loss. Young Men's Christian Association, Ross Brothers, Campbell Brothers, T. Castonguay, D. Carpenter, Cameron & Macdonald, Ottawa Hotel, A. Jacobs, besides a few minor losses by lodgers, &c.

IN FATHER WALSH'S MEMORY.

ADDRESSES BEFORE THE MANHATTAN BRANCH OF THE IRISH NATIONAL LEAGUE.

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—The Manhattan Branch of the Irish National League held a memorial meeting last night at Brevoort Hall, 156 East Fifty-fourth street. Resolutions commemorative of the death of the Rev. Lawrence Walsh, late Treasurer of the Law League, were read by Major Haggerty, and were adopted.

Dr. W. B. Wallace said that if the American cause did not grow cool in the support of the cause, many of them would like to see Ireland writhe from England the right to make her own laws. "We Irish," he said, "can tell the American politicians, Democrats and Republicans, that without us they can't be elected, and we will tell them in the coming election that we are not freetraders, and that we will not vote to let a pound of English goods come in here free of duty to compete with American free labor." (Applause.) The name of Minister Lowell was received with hisses from all parts of the house, and the speaker said: "That's not necessary. He does not represent the policy of the nation. He is only a Minister. He represents the policy of a few politicians, that of the detested Freelinghuyzen and others."

Col. F. A. Conkling expressed his sympathy for the cause of Ireland. He said: "Although I have not a drop of Irish blood in my veins, still I love Ireland, and I can venture to assert that no man in this assembly prays more devoutly than I for her freedom, and that I may live to see the green flag above the red on the 'ould sod.' [Applause.] And it will come. The titled classes in England will soon have to choose one of two things—to go to work or to starve. [Laughter and applause.] The blow which is to be dealt to the aristocracy of England will come from this country; it will come from the wheat fields of our Western prairies; from the liability of England, under her tyrannical form of government, to compete with us in agricultural production. The hope and malady of a free country is a landed democracy."

Ex-Senator Fitzgerald was the last speaker.

THE SOUDAN REVOLT.

Baker shows considerable adroitness in working simultaneously on the pockets, the superlatives and the bloody feuds of the Arabs. He has succeeded in bribing some of them and in getting others excommunicated. Through his machinations others are clearing the route to the beleaguered garrison by cutting each other's throats. He cannot advance, however, until the arrival of Zebehr and his black troops. That worthy is taking his time. The policy of Gladstone, meantime, continues to alternate between hesitation and abrupt resolve.

The *Sun's* London despatch says:—"Khartoum has become the most important city in the world to the Gladstone Cabinet. Whether the garrison is saved or massacred, it is the central political interest of the hour, and it apparently involves the life or death of the English ministry. Reports are contradictory as to the chances of the city, but their general purport is gloomy. Below the frontier fixed by the English Cabinet there are scattered 45,000 soldiers, and as many thousand civilians. Six thousand camels and a large would be required to relieve them, and a

dollar for every cent the Khedive can afford. Several small garrisons south of Khartoum have already been cut off and the Mahdi is reported to massacre freely. The Nile is blocked both north and south of the doomed city. Hosts of Arabs are swarming toward it, and make a good half of the population believe in El Mahdi. Who shall help us; we are deserted! are the words of a letter just received from the town. Baker Pasha at Suakin has almost as momentous a task in rescuing the garrison and the women and children of Suakin, and the prestige of the foreign government which is involved in their fate. Provisions are getting scarce. Twenty-five thousand rebels stand between Suakin and Suakin."

Telegraphic Summary

FOREIGN AND CANADIAN NEWS.

The Hamilton Tribune is to be sold on Jan. 30th by tender.

Reports that a financial crisis exists in France are denied.

An ice-bridge has formed over the St. Lawrence at Quebec.

New and rich phosphate discoveries have been made in North Carolina.

Reports to a New York commercial agency anticipate a good spring trade.

Wm. S. Guion, of the steamship firm of Williams & Guion, has fallen.

Massachusetts cotton mills are giving notice of a reduction of wages on the 1st prox.

In the case of Bradlaugh vs. Newdegate M. P., the court has awarded £100 damages and costs.

The opening of the New Brunswick Legislature will take place on Thursday, 28th February.

The repairs of the Caillou dam were recommenced on Monday on an artificial structure of ice.

A scheme has been submitted to the Porte for a ship railway from the Mediterranean to the Red Sea.

The election of Hon. Mr. Ross, Minister of Education of the Ontario Government, is to be contested.

The Toronto inland revenue inspector has seized 300 cask of oil barrels because the stamps were not affixed.

The legislature will meet at Fredericton, N.B., the last week in February for the despatch of business.

The mediation of America between China and France after the capture of Benichu is considered certain.

An election under the Canada Temperance Act will be held in the County of Yarmouth, N.S., on March 6th.

It has been proposed by Paris communists to raise a monument to their brethren shot after the siege of Paris.