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CATHOLIC CALENDAR.

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THURSDAY, 21—St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Confessor.

FRIDAY, 22—St. Mary Magdalen of Pazzi, Virgin (May 27). St. Paulinus, Bishop and Confessor.

SATURDAY, 23—St. Margaret, Queen of Scotland, Widow (June 10). Vigil of St. John Baptist.

SUNDAY, 24—Sixth Sunday after Pentecost. St. John Baptist. Leas. Isaiah lix. 1, 3, 5, 7; Goss. Luke i. 57-68; Last Goss. Mark. vii. 1-9.

MONDAY, 25—St. William, Abbott.

TUESDAY, 26—St. John and Paul, Martyrs.

WEDNESDAY, 27—Of the Octave of St. John Baptist.

Mr. William O'Meara, of Sherrington, subscribed \$5 to the Irish Relief Fund.

During the past eleven months the revenue of the United States Government amounted to \$363,371,000, a sum which shows a decrease of over \$7,000,000 compared with the same period of the previous year.

This present year has already been quite remarkable for the numerous calamities which have resulted in a frightful destruction of life and property.

Yesterday the election contest in Leval County resulted in the victory of Dr. Gaboury over Mr. Leblanc, the Ministerial candidate.

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that "no one in the township was able to pay for a newspaper in order to know what was being done in the outside world." The rents are so high that they have not a halfpenny to indulge in the luxury of a newspaper, and the children who ought to be at school have to go to the sea shores to gather cockles to keep the life in them.

Some of the Castle officials started a story that certain obnoxious persons had been poisoned by the Invincibles. The English Government allowed the horrible charge to be published and commented, on throughout the world, to create prejudice and feeling against Irishmen.

The funds for the Farnell testimonial are rapidly reaching national dimensions. The success of this movement will be the best answer that can be given by the Irish people to the slanderous accusations of Ireland's enemies against their chosen leader, as it will also be a most practical proof of their appreciation of the benefits conferred on the country by Mr. Farnell, and an emphatic declaration that their confidence in his political rectitude and sagacity has never been shaken.

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It is the intention of Sir Stafford Northcote to call John Bright to order for his speech at Birmingham.

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unexpectedly characterized all the despatches relating to the series of celebrations in honor of the Autocrat of all the Russias. Russia is evidently a close imitator of England in the way of manipulating the wires, of coloring events, and doctoring the news to suit the exigencies of the moment.

In reply to Mr. O'Donnell, member for Dungarvan, Mr. Gladstone stated yesterday in the British House of Commons, that no steps had been taken to ascertain the opinion of the Canadian people in regard to the appointment of Lord Lansdowne to the Governor-Generalship of that colony.

We have heard a good deal of late about those so-called "murder plots" in Mayo, which, if true, would by no means be creditable to the inhabitants; but it seems additional facts in connection with these plots are to be unfolded, which will be much less creditable to the Government itself.

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THE REPORTER AND THE KING.

The New York Herald reporter, not satisfied with having interviewed the Cardinal Prefect of the Propaganda, dropped in at the Quirinal and sent up his card to King Humbert of Italy.

His Majesty declared that he had the sincerest respect for the person of the Pope, and regretted deeply that a reconciliation between the Church and State in Italy seemed so far distant.

His Majesty next remarked that "when a people wished to diminish taxation it does not increase its expenditure;" from this, it is plain that the king understands financial economy, and would be quite able to give our Quebec Government a few points on the question, that would certainly prove very valuable to our politicians, as they seem to think that the expenditure should be increased when the taxation is already inadequate for the administration of affairs.

THE HIGHLAND CROFTERS AND SCOTCH LANDLORDISM.

The Scotch crofters have not fared much better than the Irish peasants under the feudal system of landlordism. The agitation for reforms on the Irish land question has not been without results in Scotland, and considerable light is being thrown on the shocking condition of the poor people of the Highlands. A heavy indictment against the landlords, their factors (agents) and taskmen is being framed and based on the evidence taken before the Highland Crofters' Commission.

CARDINAL SIMONEI AND THE CIRCULAR.

The Boston correspondent of the New York Herald has given to the world the results of an interview with Cardinal Simonei, prefect of the Propaganda, and author of the famous circular, which will completely turn the tables against those who had fondly nursed the idea that the Holy Father was opposed to Irish agitation and to the Irish National League.

That does not look like an order to effect a severance between the clergy and the people. Pope Leo XIII. was also said to have gone completely over to England, and to have taken a stand against her oppressed subjects in Ireland.

Holy Father to attend public and political meetings and of voting thereat. We also held that the publication of the letter was unauthorized, and in consequence should not be acted upon, and we find that we were perfectly right in our assumption for the Cardinal, in answer to a question whether it was to be inferred that certain more or less diplomatic agents—Mr. Errington, for instance—had assumed imaginary importance in making it appear that they had been influential in bringing about the issue of the letter of the Propaganda, replied:—"If Mr. Errington or any person has asserted such a thing, he has misstated the case. But for the indiscretion of the person who had the letter made public through the London Times, it would have remained private. Mr. Errington was certainly not authorized to publish it."

ERRONEOUS CENSUS RETURNS.

This Dominion Government has failed miserably to give the country any kind of reliable statistics. The third volume of the census, issued by the Department of Agriculture, is so filled with palpable and unparadigmatic errors as to throw the utmost discredit upon the returns and to leave the truthfulness and accuracy of the whole census open to question and to doubt.

Our Canadian statisticians will gain an unenviable notoriety by admitting that "the part is greater than the whole." But Montreal is not alone in having more land occupied than it really contains.

Such statistics as these will work not only negative but positive harm, especially when the figures deal with the manufacturing and industrial interests and resources of the country.

The Longueuil authorities will undoubtedly bring disgrace upon themselves if they allow the ruffians of the place to continue to destroy the property of the Protestant Church and endanger the lives of the persons therein by breaking the glass and throwing stones through the apertures.

to turn out \$7,400 worth of finished goods, making a profit of 688 per cent. In fact the entire table is nothing but a tissue of misrepresentations, errors, and absurdities and justice is done to no trade. The best thing that the Government could do under the circumstances would be to put an immediate stop to the circulation of a work that will create an unlimited evil by quotations of false and unreliable figures in regard to the trade and industries of the country.

THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT AND PEASANT PROPRIETARY.

It is wonderful what changes time can work even among the landlords and Tories of the British Parliament. But one year ago the Land League was suppressed as a seditious and communistic association; its policy and programme were denounced from the house-tops, and its advocacy was followed up by imprisonment, and the application of other minor "resources of civilization."

It was the "pinch of starvation" Secretary Mr. Trevelyan who performed the task of accepting the principle of Lord George's motion in the name of the coerced Government.

The report of the Civil Service Commission, appointed by the Quebec Government, is posted in about a week.