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In vain will you build churches, give missions, found schools—all your works, all your efforts will be destroyed if you are not able to wield the defensive and offensive weapon of a loyal and sincere Catholic press.

—Pope Pius X.

Episcopal Approbation.

If the English Speaking Catholics of Montreal and of this Province consulted their best interests, they would soon make of the TRUE WITNESS one of the most prosperous and powerful Catholic papers in this country.

I heartily bless those who encourage this excellent work. PAUL, Arch'bishop of Montreal.

THURSDAY, JULY 15, 1909.

ANOTHER FLAG INCIDENT.

After having declared that no Catholic would be employed by it, there was nothing surprising in the order issued by the Board of Education that the flag was to fly over all school buildings in Toronto on July 12th.

"I am now paying and have always paid taxes for the support of public schools, but I do not intend to support Orange schools, and I consider the flying of flags over the public schools on the 12th of July is an outrage to the feelings of the non-bigoted citizens."

"I yield to no man in loyalty to my King and to my country, but, from what I can read, the 12th of July is in no sense a national or even a Provincial holiday, but merely celebrates the defeat of the Irish, who were loyal to their legitimate King, by an army of Dutch mercenaries led by a foreigner."

NOTES OF WARNING.

The Loyal Britons, the Protestant Boys and the True Blues were busy pounding the Big Drum this week and sounding notes of warning so that there is now no excuse if this country goes to the wall, or becomes ensnared of Rome.

this country through the medium of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Of course, that had been said before, but the person thought it was matter worth repeating and anything like that sounds well in Ontario.

CATHOLIC UNITY.

Two suggestions offered at the annual meeting of the Catholic Union of Great Britain affects Canada immediately, while one is of interest throughout the Empire.

CATHOLICS IN THE WEST.

In a general way we of the east are aware that there are many tongues in the western provinces, but it is with amazement that one discovers that Catholics of the French and English tongues do not amount to fifty per centum of the population over which His Grace of St. Boniface rules.

THE AGE OF CHIVALRY.

Pessimistic persons grow doleful occasionally and weep because the age of chivalry has departed, but they err in their conclusions. Men are as ohivalrous to-day as in those long gone days when it was the duty of every knight to go to the aid of women in distress.

THE UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS.

The number of pupils from Catholic schools who go up for the McGill matriculation examination is not large. It is therefore pleasing to find a Catholic boy head the list in the Applied Science examination.

ORANGE AND GREEN.

When the lion and the lamb consent to lie down in peace then we may expect universal quiet. But the lion and the lamb—using full metaphorical license—have lain down in peace.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The dog days weather seems to have a strong influence on the Montreal City Council. Some of its members ought to take a rest.

"Six tickets for a quarter" is the latest Philadelphia slogan. There are several places on the map considerably behind Montreal in traction matters.

A council of the Knights of Columbus will be instituted in Toronto on Civic Holiday in August. Another invasion of the Orange stronghold.

J. P. Morgan is reported to have sent a twelfth century psalter back to its rightful owner. He can get a modern one much cheaper than three thousand dollars, and at the same time much easier to read.

The chain letter is again extending. The editor has received one, accompanied by a threat that some misfortune will befall those who break the chain.

In the first half of the handball championship for the championship of the world, Bowles, of Limerick, the Irish champion, outclassed Kelly, of Brooklyn, the United States champion, winning all seven games. Good for the old land.

The Knights of Columbus are now instituted in Buenos Ayres, where the organization is known as Los Caballeros de Colon. In Quebec they are Les Chevaliers de Colomb. These titles should be sufficient to embrace the peoples of the western hemisphere.

The Action Sociale seems troubled over the nationality of the future Bishop of Ottawa. Whatever language he may speak in ordinary conversation, it is safe to predict that the language used in offering the Holy Sacrifice will be the time-honored Latin.

On the occasion of the recent parade in Toronto, Canon Dixon, so the papers say, charged the Orangemen to be sober, Christian, law-abiding men, and to obey the police. If the brethren takes this advice there will not be as much as a corporal's guard to honor the pious and immortal memory next year on the glorious twelfth.

One good turn deserves another, as the dog said when looking for the head of his bed. The pulpit of the First Baptist Church of Washington, D.C., was occupied on Sunday, June 7, by Rabbi Simon, of the Washington Hebrew Congregation. Likely enough the minister of the First Baptist Church preached on deep water in the obliging Rabbi's Synagogue.

They were not all suffragettes at the International Council of Women gathering. "If they would put half the work and enthusiasm into other things—say, into work amongst the children in school, playgrounds, etc.," said a thoughtful lady from Great Britain, "that they are putting into this campaign for the vote, what splendid results there would be—results which would go far deeper than over a mass vote will go."

Current Topics.

BRITISH REVENUE SHOWS INCREASE.

The return issued of the total revenue of the United Kingdom for the first quarter of the current fiscal year, shows an increase in receipts as compared with the first quarter of the previous year of £1,382,005, the revenue for the quarter just passed amounting to £31,694,678 compared with £30,312,613 for the first quarter of 1908.

CONGO AND INDIA UNDER DISCUSSION.

By an ironical coincidence the London Daily Mail on Monday published a severe arraignment of Belgian rule in the Congo, and the Paris Eclair published a not less scathing impeachment of British rule in India.

The Eclair remarks that "a few weeks ago five natives were flogged to death by the English in Nigeria, this fact being admitted in the House of Commons by the Secretary of State for the Colonies."

The parallel between the two articles is so close in fact that the one in the Daily Mail might appropriately be headed: "As the English See Others," and the one in the Eclair: "As Others See the English."

SIR R. W. SCOTT AND THE TABLET.

Of the new colonial knights proper, perhaps the most interesting is a Catholic, Sir Richard William Scott the veteran of Canadian Liberalism, who, at the age of eighty-five, can regard Sir Wilfrid Laurier as a very young junior. Sir Richard's service as Secretary of State at Ottawa, goes back to the Liberal lease of power under Mr. Mackenzie from 1873 to 1878, comments a writer in The London Tablet.

THE FASHIONS AND MORALITY.

A recent issue of the Osservatore Romano, the organ of the Vatican, contains a scathing denunciation of the tendencies of the feminine fashion of to-day. Taking as its text the petition against the immoral press forwarded by the Catholic ladies of Bergamo to the Minister of the Interior and signed by several thousand Italian women, the Osservatore says:

"We hope the competent authorities will apply the law against these new Agean stables. At the same time we cannot but deplore another danger to good morals which comes to us from other countries, and against which women might well unite. We refer to the fashions worn in the streets by women of all ages and by young girls."

"Those who profess with ardor the Catholic faith and morals should not be indulgent toward women who walk about the streets wearing immodest garments. All the present day fashions are designed to excite the passions. It is the shipwreck of virtue. These fashions are prejudicial to beauty, which is the reflection of the bounty of God, and, therefore, fruitful in material and moral well-being."

"Cleanse these unholy wardrobes. Rid them of their dresses which make the wearers' guardian angels weep. Let your wives and daughters make their own clothes rather than wear dresses which grieve the Holy Spirit and the Father of Truth."

THE BUDGET AND ITS CRITICS.

The move the British Budget is studied the more controversial does it appear to become, writes a London correspondent. It is plain that whatever its value as a contribution to social economics, as a party manifesto it is not being quite so successful as its authors perhaps expected.

WARM WEATHER WISDOM

Eat discreetly, exercise lightly, and wear cool clothing. We only supply food for thought and exercise for judgment; but when it comes to Summer attire we're here with the goods. Don't wait till your vacation begins and buy in a hurry at the last minute or run the chance of getting what you want away from home.

WARM WEATHER WEARABLES FOR MEN.

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These insurgents have been christened the "Cave," and are not considered to be worth much attention. For Parliamentary purposes no doubt they can be ignored, even when taken in conjunction with the Irish Nationalists, who so far have voted against the bill.

It is hardly conceivable that, however much popular indignation may be aroused against the budget, the government will ever on an important vote find itself entirely bereft of its large majority. Despite all that is being said in the press to the contrary, there is very little chance of Lloyd-George being forced to amend his finance bill against his will.

WILL INTERCHANGE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS.

An important movement has been inaugurated for the interchange of university students in the United Kingdom, the United States, and Canada, with the object of giving those who are likely to become leaders in thought or action a real insight into the life, customs, and progress of other nations.

Twenty-eight university travelling scholarships, fourteen in the United Kingdom, ten in the United States and four in Canada.

In addition to academic qualifications the selected candidates for the scholarship will be "all-round men" the choice to be along the lines of the Rhodes scholarships. Technical and industrial students will be given opportunities to observe the manufactures of other countries and examine questions of special interest to them.

The Catholic Population

A Polyglot Representation in Western Province.

The Central Catholic of Winnipeg, furnishes the following statistics of the western ecclesiastical province:

Table with 2 columns: Language and Number of Catholics. Includes rows for French, English, German, Polish, Indian, and Ruthenian languages.

DIOCESE OF ST. ALBERT.

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DIOCESE OF PRINCE ALBERT.

Table with 2 columns: Language and Number of Catholics. Includes rows for German, French, Ruthenian, and English languages.

TIPPERARY WON AT HURLING.

The All-Ireland hurling final between Tipperary and Dublin was brought off in Athy, Seldom, if ever, was the Kildare capital visited by such a large gathering of visitors, and the gathering was, in many respects, remarkable.

Abolition of Effluents... Eugene... is worth my wish that it myself.

CATHOLIC ARE LOYAL

NUMBERS IN Presence of Religious Freedom... St. Petersburg, For the first time schism by which was lost to Rome...

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