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### EPISCOPAL APPROBATION.

If the English speaking Catholics of Monureal and of this Province consulted their best interests, they would soon make of the "True Wilness" one of the most prosperous and powerful C. tholic spapers in this country I heartily bless those who encourage this excellent work.

+ PAUL, Archbishop of Montreal.

SATURDAY.....DECEMBER 25, 18,5

### CHRISTMAS.

This is Christmas Day. What a host of "sweet affections and fond recollece thereto. tions," of gentle and kindly sentiments, cluster round it. For long ages the re-.currence of this great festival has been .celebrated with joyfulness and merrymaking, with family reunions, and, what is better than all, with the practice of charity towards the poor and needy with a view to securing that they. stoo, shall not lack the wherewithal to ,share the common sentiment of rejoicing on the anniversary of the birth of the Saviour of mankind. As to this last mamcd point, we have already indicated how this solemn and sacred duty of ours to the poor might best be performed, how this pleasure of making others happy might be enjoyed, how what Goldsmith telicitously terms the "luxury of doing good" might most properly be public instruction, arts, letters, and indulged in.

Christmas well-wishing has been traced back to the song of the ancels, "Peace on earth to men of good will!" just as the custom of making Christmas gifts has been traced to the offerings of the Magi. Whatever may have been their origin, both usages have been encouraged by the Church.

Some people are often puzzled as to what sort of Christmas gift they should present to friends and to members of their family. Recently we pointed out the form that acceptable gifts motived by a true spirit or charity might take. As to gifts to members of their tamilyto wives, or parents, or sisters, especislly-perhaps the best form to be adopted would be that of a sheet of fancy note

unauthoris di text books or which has neglected or reluged to comply with any of the provisions of the law, or of the regulations respecting public instruction. He selecte, from the books, maps,

globes, and plans approved by either committee of the Council of Pablic Instruction, as the case may be, those which are to be used in the public schools

He shall prepare a detailed statement of the sums required for public instruction, which he shall submit annually to the Legislature.

He shall annually communicate to the Legislature a detailed statement upon the state of education in the Province, with statistics upon the number of schools and other educational institutions, the children attending the same. and other matters connected therewith, These statistics shall be furnished to him, during the course of the month of July in each year, by the School Com mis-ioners and trustees and all educational institutions.

He shall indicate in his annual report to the Legislature what has been done with the grants for education during the p riod to which such reports relate.

He may hold, or order the holding of inquiries, and he may recover the custs thereof, in case of non-payment, from the party who has been condemned

He may recommend to the Lieutenant-Governor-in Council the revocation of appointments made by the latter.

He may suspend any school inspector who refuses or neglects to obey his orders.

He may, with the authorization of the Lieutenant Governor-in-Council, establish and assist art, literary and scientific societies, museums or picture galleries founded by such societies; establish competitions and distributing diplomas, medals, or other marks of distinction for scholastic, outside literary, or scientific works; establish schools for adults tor the instruction of the working classes ; in general do everything that concerns the encouragement and advancement of aciences.

The conferring of these extensive powers upon the Minister of Education is, as the above mentioned clauses indicate, a very different thing from merely placing that Minister in the position hitherto held by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. As to the chaser is a person, either a man or a Catholic Committee of the Council of Public Instruction, it is to be composed, if the bill passes, of an equal number of prelates and of Catholic laymen. Further on we read that "The Minister of Elucation is the visitor of all the has been a large increase in the business schools in the province;" and as to in- of accident insurance, and there has spection "The Lieutenant G vernor in grown up a rapidly increasing number Council may appoint Inspectors General of lawyers who conduct the business vince, according to the municipal as-

three years, not because and couldn't. nor because of any eccentricity, but just. Never lift your hat to a lady ; the brim because she loves her home and wants to may be covered with bacteria. Be sure be there to do her work. There is a your knife and fork are antiseptically model for the "new woman" to copy and surely she would be doing better work than crying for the "emancipation of woman and the downfall of man" What do you think ?

THE TRUE WINDESS

# EDITORIAL NOTES.

Within a week we shall be industriously writing 7's in our letters when we mean 8s.

"Well that's hard luck," exclaimed the Klondike gold seeker as he stubbed his toe against a half round nugget. \*\_\*

A bachelor friend says that man makes the most mistakes, but woman m thes the same mistake oftenest. Ever ncticed that? \*\_\*

Mark Twain says : "Be good and you will b lonely." But just think of all the time that you will have for reflection in your loneliness; therefore, be good. `**\*\_**\*

Within a week we shall be ready for the annual ceremony of "turning over a new leaf." Generally, when a man turns over a new leaf he is not fully satisfied until he has succeeded in blotting the new leaf wome than the first one.

At the last meeting of Shamrock Council, Catholic Benevolent Legion, the president spoke in feeling terms of the death of Comrade Daniel Doyle, which occurred on the 2nd instant. Resolutions of condolence were then passed, and copies forwarded to the widow of the deceased comrade. \*\_\*

A few days ago in Reading, Pa., a County Commissioner resigned his office, saying that the salary was too small and that he could not honestly live on it, and, as he did not wish to be dishonert with the county funds. he thought it better to give up office. Just think of that, wanted to be honest; bah, what did he want in a public office. Honest 1 ugh.

New York is a strange city and therefore a city of strange things. The latest addition to the strange things of the American metropolis is the "ambulance chaser." To explain : the ambulance woman, who watches out for accidents and immediately goes to the assistance of the victim, eviden'ly with only Samaritan instincts, but really as the representative of some tirm of lawyers. There

carbolic acid between him and yourself. treated before eating. Do not walk out of doors; the sole of your boot will become incrusted with microbes, and the air is sure to be full of them. If a stranger addresses you, turn and run; how do you know that he isn't saturated with bacteria ? Make it a fixed principle to live in seclusion, with hermetically sealed doors and windows, and keep powerful disinfectants at hand night and day. Just think of it, the race has been going on to destruction in its own way, just for lack of a few simple proceutions like these.

ANTIE CAMILLOT TO SCHERON TOLES

Spirite

THE Rev. George Hepworth, D. D., writes in Saturday's Herald what he calls 'the story of the loveliest of youths, the childhood of Jesus." The article is smart and catchy, written in the up to date reportorial style considerably affected by Protestant divines with 'a weakness for the sensational, & 3., tinged throughout with what to a Catholic mind can only be mildly described as a spirit of irreverence. Mr. Hepworth rather seems to patronize our Divine Lord and Saviour. He .. eight and measures and describes him as he might a Gladstone or an Abraham Lincoln. and one is really at a loss to know whether Mr. Hepworth believes in Our Lord as the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, equal in all things to His Father, or simply as a great reformer-of course the greatest-but still to be put in the same category as conquerors, Buddha, Ma. homet. Joe Smith and the latest on the list, General Mrs. Ballington Booth. We leave out Martin Luther and Hepry VIII. Not once does he refer to Christ as our Divine Lord or our Divine Saviour, but is very careful to omit the adjectives. and in one paragraph thus describes the home in Nazareth and its influence :-

"The topography of His home must have had a broadening influence on His young mind, for everyone who is not at all receptive is affected by his surroundings. Life in a valley is apt to be narrow. The people who see only small things are apt to be small themselves. If you live in a hollow, you have prejudices."

Does Mr. Hepworth, D.D., wish us to infer that had our Saviour lived in a hollow He might have had prejudices and perhaps never have dreamed of his mission, and that consequently we owe Christianity to the accident of His having passed His early years in a hilly country ?

THE Ontario Department of Agricul ture has just issued a blue book entitled the "Statistics of Ontario." It is a digest of the reports of the Bureau of Industry and contains some very interest. ing facts. The population of the prowith an annual salary not exceeding on lines which make it possible for in- sessors, was 1,972,286, showing a net in-

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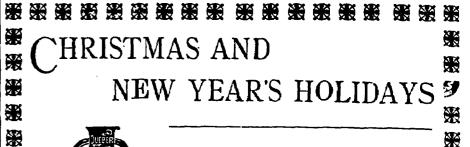
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paper in which were written a lew good some besetting sin, to be faithfully kept until the following Coristmas. This sort of gift would also be very appropri ate for New Year's Day.

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### THAT EDUCATION BILL.

To judge from the newspaper reports of it, the Education Bill introduced in the Legislative Assembly by the Govern ment is a very mild measure, simply replacing the Superintendent of Public Instruction by a Minister of Education and making a few needed minor changes in regard to teachers' diplomas and salaries and to the Goverment grants to certain school districts, with the object of assisting schools which are too poor at present to lurnish proper facilities for the efficient primary education of the children who attend them. In the few remarks he made in moving its first reading the Hon. Mr. Robidoux-who. if the bill should become law, will be the first Minister of Education-said that all it proposed to do was to substitute a cabinet minister for the Superintendent, leaving the Council of Public Instruction as it is at present.

But a perusal of the text of the bill itself shows that it is nothing of the kind. It is, as a matter of fact, a measure of the most revolutionary character, the like of which has never been brought up in the Legislature of this Province since Confederation.

This will be seen from the kernel of the bill-the chapter defining the attributions, powers and duties of the Minister of Education, which we reproduce :

The Minister of Education has the administration of the Department of Public Instruction, and

He has the administration and management of everything which concerns public instruction.

He is the depository of all documents relating to matters concerning the Department of Public Instruction.

He receives from the Provincial Treas urer and distributes, in conformity with the law, the grants intended for public schools and all other educational instititions entitled thereto.

He may retain the grant of any municipality or educational institution which has not forwarded to him the returns prescribed by this law, which

three thousand dollars each." This lat-Government of unusual importance, for it is the only italicized clause in the bill, which takes up one hundred and the case of the victim and fight the eleven pages.

From the foregoing statement of the autocratic power of the new Minister of Education, and of the other salient feat-

ures of the measure, it is evident that the aim of the bill is to take the control of Catholic primary education out of the soldier is known the world over. Now hands of the authorities of the Church, and to place it in those of a cabinet minister who may be a Protestant, a Jew or an atheist, (for there is no provision that the Mimister of Education must be a Catholic); to secularize, in fact, our whole system of Catholic primary education. The bill has clearly been framed in a spirit of hostility to the Catholic Church, since it seems to rob her of one of her most dearly cherished rights,namely, the right to superintend the education of Catholic children; and it should therefore be opposed strenuously, in every possible way, by every loyal Catholic in the Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council.

### AN INSTALMENT OF JUSTICE.

We are glad to observe that Mr. H. J. Kavanagh, Q.C., has been appointed by the Court to be one of the three members who constitute the Board of Revisors. Mr. Kavansgh is one of the ablest and most talented lawyers in Montreal; and it is a matter of congratulation that in his person the claims of the Irish Catholics of the city to adequate representation on such important public boards should have been recognized. In Mr. Kavanagh our Irish fellow-citizens will be worthily represented. It should be mentioned that Mr. Kavanagh and one of his colleagues, Mr. Lucien Huot, were placed in nominstion by His Worship Mayor Wilson-Smith, who in this instance has given an additional proof of the high minded sense of justice and fair play by which his actions as a public man have

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surance companies to settle, numbers of | crease of 3 269 in the 493 townships, an resolutions, particularly one relating to | ter clause seems to be considered by the | claims for amounts much less than | increase of 9,487 in the 99 towns, an inclaimed by victims of accidents. Then again these people just as often take up

companies.

I, and, doubtless, many other people have often wondered why the British soldier acquired the sobriquet of "Tommy Atkins," by which the private it appears that the nickname had an official origin, and was first used in the instructions to non-commissioned officers for purposes of illustration. Sample 404, notwithstanding that \$2 158,587 blank returns were furnished to show sergeants and corporals and recruiting officers how genuine ones should be made out, and Thomas Atkins, private, B company, was the fictitious name always used. Model individual reports were also included in the regulations signed "Thomas Atkins, private, B company," or "Thomas Atkins, corporal, C company," or "Thomas Atkins, X his mark." Hence when a recruit ar rived at a garrison the soldiers usually addressed him as Thomas Atkins until they found out his real name. Drunken soldiers reported themselves as Thomas Atkins when they were taken to a police station until the public took it up, and

Tommy Atkins became an affectionate synonymn for the gallant warriors of Her Majesty's land forces. \*\_\*

press and some conversation with learn ed men, I have come to the conclusion that living is a very dangerous thing to do, unless certain conditions are followed. Here is what one doctor savs :

"Handshaking" "is a fearful men-ace to public health. Most of the known types of bacteria have been found on the normal hand, and the clinical demonstration supporting these conditions is as undeniable as the knowledge of the causative relation between the microbes and disease."

For ages mankind has been indulging in handshaking without knowing anything about the frightful risks incurred, the danger of distribution of dipitheria. smallpox and scarlet fever bacilli, but now that the truth has been discovered An exchange is authority for the state. let the practice be stopped at once. ment that Mrs. Jessie Huston, who lives Don't rub elbows with people in a crowd; elbows are frequently charged with bac. teria On greeting a friend who insists

8 crease of 4719 in the 13 cities, and a decrease of 2 579 in the 136 villages. 邈 The total assessment of the province is \$814,917,633, being a reduction of \$6.548 538, every class above showing a

 $\otimes$ decrease. The taxes imposed were \$193 614 less Ħ than in 1895, and were equivalent to \$6.15 per head of population, and 14.88 Ì mills on the dollar. X

The debenture debt, which now stands at \$51,895,991, or \$2651 per head of population, shows an increase of \$2,171,was paid on this account during the past year. The "floating" or temporary liabilities, however, shows a decrease of \$835 488. The debenture debt in 1886 was \$29,924 863 for all municipalities. The interest account showed an expenditure of \$2 578,220, or about 21 per cent. of the taxes imposed. The assets exceeded the liabilities by \$6,958 398. \*\_\*

WE gladly give place in our columns to some beautiful and seasonable lines from the pen of Agnes Bart, whose contributions to the TRUE WITNESS have been many, and have always commanded the admiration of its readers.

The annual solemn Requiem Mass for the repose of the deceased Brothers of Branch No. 1, C M B A., of Quebec, Was celebrated by Rev. Dr. L. Callaghan in A'ter a few readings of the scientific St. Patrick's Church, on Wednesday, 22nd inst.

> General Gordon found none but the Roman Catholic who came up to his ideal of the absolute self-devotion of the apostolic missionar ."-Canon Taylor, Fortnightly, October, 1888.

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