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A Merry Christmas to all our readers.

of the Ancient Order of Hibernians have, of course, scornfully repudiated the idea that anything like the alleged THE ACADIAN TESTIMONIAL oath would be tolerated for a moment by the organization. Yet in a controversy which is proceeding in the columns of the Yorkshire Post correspondents actually contend that this oath is not only tolerated but taken. Their proof is that in times long past when efforts were made to destroy the Catholic Church in Ireland with fire and sword some Catholics formed Ribbon Societies the object of which was retaliation for butchery. The aim of these controversialists is to create the impression amongst the readers of the Yorkshire Post that the Catholics of Ireby the organization. Yet in a controvshire Post that the Catholics of Ireland are only waiting for the establishment of a Parliament in Dublin to make life insupportable for the Irish Protestants. Fortunately the proof is too ridiculous and the charge too monstrous to obtain credence even from the simplest readers.

S QUIRINAL AND THE HOLY SEE.

the exequater to Mgr. Caron, the new Archbishop of Genoa, is an incident which cannot but have serious effects on the mutual attitude of Church and State in Italy. That Mgr. Caron is a prelate whose zeal for the salvation of soule is apostolic cannot be denied. The ground of the Government's objection to him is that immediately after his nomination by the Pope he held an enquiry and then made an order requiring Father Semaria, a Barnabite priest and the author of works on the early ages of Christianity, to leave the diocese. Father Semaria has sympathizers at the Court of the Quirinal and the decision of the Government was the result of an investigation in which their influence is believed to have played no inconsiderable part. The Law of Guarantees of the 13th May 1871, makes it difficult for the Covernment to maintain that there is a pretence of legality in the positionit has taken up. That law distinctly is concerned the royal 'placet" and the exequater are abolished. A reservation, it is true, is made with regard to "the destination of ecclesiastical proply imply that this cannot legally be used to nullify an ecclesiastical act of the Holy See.

GERMANY AND GREAT BRITAIN.

We should not like to say that all the systems and theories of the British and German authors mentioned by Prince Lichnowsky, the German Ambassador, in his speech at the Royal Society's dinner on Nov. 30th are com mendable, but undoubtedly he struck the right key. His statement that never have relations between England and Germany been more intimate and more sincere than they are at present. and that it will always be his anxious desire to help to keep them pleasant

has been received with evident gratification by the journals of that country. The gratification was increased by the confirmation of the statement in the Reichstag on Monday. The declaration of Herr von Kinderlin-Waechter, the Secretary of Foreign Affairs, that throughout the recent crisis Germany's relations with England have been particularly confidential and that he is convinced they will remain so is taken ANTI-HOME RULE CONTROVERSY. as a clear indication that the Germans have begun to recognize that there is A number of the London papers have no disposition in this country to proprinted in their columns the oath which voke a quarrel with them. The desire in the interest of the anti-Home Rule on the contrary is to cultivate friendcampaign is credited to the Ancient, ship with them and to proceed in a Order of Hibernians. It it too absurd happy rivalry with that struggle of and its language savours too much of which Prince Lichnowsky spoke-the savagery to deserve reproduction in struggle against the misery that is too these columns. The leading members often felt by the families of the workers both here and in the German lands.

AT MEMRAMCOOK.

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The officers of the Pontifical Mass on Tuesday morning were : His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc, celebrant; Revs. J. Herbert, Buctouche, and Phillip L. Belleveau, of Grand Digue, Deacon and Sub-deacon of honor; Revs. D. J Le-Blane, Shediac, and F. X. Cormier, Central Kingsclear, deacon and sub-dea Grand Ause, high priest; masters of ceremonies, Revs. H. D. Cormier, of Abousjane, and J. V. Gaudet, of Adams.

P. LeBastard, Provincial of Eudists, P. Sabilles, Rogersville, A. D. Cormier, C. S. C., Dorchester, D. F. Leger, St. Panl's, A. Hudon, Scouduae, A. Robichand, Fox Creek, A. J. Trudel. Lo-meque, Thos. Albert, Shippegan, E. Bourneiuf, Amherst, F. Bourgeois, Bourneiuf, Amherst, F. Bourgeois Moncton, Jos. Ouellet, St. Mary's, Ant. nc, Sackville, E. Savage an M. Duke, Moncton, P. Dufour, Notre Dame, J. B. T. Martineau, Richibucto Village, J. Lapointe, St. Anne; J. E. Dutour, Acadiaville; and A. V. Landry, Oape Bald.

Among the well known laymen were Hon. O. J. LeBlanc, St. Mary's; Hon. D. V. Landry, M. A., M, P. P., Buctouche; Hon. P. Poirier, M. A., and Dr A. Sormany, Shediac; Messrs. J. D. Gallant, H. Melanson, C. B. Boud-reau, A. J. Leger, William Chandler, and E. Girouard, Moneton; Hon. A. D. Richard, Dorchester; Mr. O. M. Meson. M. P. P., and Dr. T. J. Bourque, M. P. P., Richibucto; Drs. F. and A. J. Gaudet, St. Joseph, and A. C. Le-Blanc, Cape Bald; Val. Boutque, D. J. Dorion, Theophile M. and D. LeBlanc, Shedlac : Andrew Gorman, Amherst

The purse presented to St. John's new Ordinary amounted to \$3,500.

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LIABILITIES

TO THE PUBLIC: Deposits bearing Interest. Deposits not bearing interest. Interest accrued on deposits. Depots by other Banks in Canada.	749,739.56 419,750.63
Total Deposite	\$137,891,667.72
Notes of the Bank in Circulation	12,584,617.69 1,524,415.60 2,137,017.54
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TO THE SHAREHOLDERS: Capital Paid-up. Reserve Fund Dividend No. 191 (at 12% per nanum) Pormer Dividends Unclaimed. Balance of Profits carried forward	341,613.32
	\$179,210,758.08

AGGLIG	
Gold and Silver Coin. Domainion Government Notes. Deposit with Deminion Government for security of Note Circulation. Notes of and Cheques on other Banks. Balances due from other Banks in Canada. Balances due from Agents in United Kingdom and Banks in Foreign	5,204,964.22 14,443,785.25 578,000.00 9,769,273.06 122,482.32
Countries Government and Municipal Securities Railway and other Bonds, Debentures and Stocks Call and Short Loans on Stocks and Bonds in Camda. Call and Short Loans on Stocks and Bonds in Foreign Countries	3,665,037.01 3,950,698.14 11,715,960.62 9,422,451.90 14,556,189.97
	73,428,782.49
Loans to Proviscial Governments Current Loans and Discounts, less rebate interest reserved. Overdue Debts (Loss provided for). Bank Premises.	185,488.77 99,828,879.54 246,816.20 5,520,791.08
	179,210,758.08

CONTINGENT LIABILITIES: 1 to minder Commercial Letters of Credit... £ 88,186.13.5

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT For The Eleven Months Ending 30th November, 1912

By Balance, 36th December, 1911. Not Profits for Eleven Months ending 36th November, 1912, after deducting Charges of Management, Accrued Interest on Deposits,	\$ 401,480.56
Full Provision for all Bad and Doubtful Debts and Reines of In- terest on Unmettered Bills and General Bonus granted to the Staff Premium on new Capital Stock.	\$1,527,324.77 5,503,812.00
	\$7,432,617.33
To Dividends Nos. 96, 99, 100 and 101, at 12% per answers. Officers' Pension Pund. Written off Rank Premises Account.	\$ 943,865.97 75,000.00

\$7,432,617.38

RESERVE FUND

remium	on new	30th Doco Capital St	mber, 1911 ock	 *******	 97,084,188.00 5,863,812.00
					\$12,560,000.00

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New Fish Store

All kinds of Fresh, Salt and Smoked Fish, Oysters and Clams. Lobsters in

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