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"GAT" HOWARD, who went through the North-West with his gaiting gun, and only killed one man with it, according to General Middleton's testimony, considers that injustice has been done to his courage and humanity.

In May, 1882, a few weeks before the last general election, Sir John A. Macdonald promised certain of our people in the city of Toronto that if he was then again returned to power the Irish Catholics of Canada would have two representatives in the Cabinet.

At the heel of these two articles comes that of our mighty Canadian Premier, Sir John Macdonald. It consists of nine and a half lines, in which he says one thing and threatens another.

MANITOBA and the North-West are destined to come under the influence of Orangism even more than Ontario. We have already published in these columns sufficient information to prove that a great many of the Dominion officials in the North-West take advantage of the offices they hold to form Orange lodges everywhere they can in that vast territory.

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OUR Ottawa correspondent, "A lover of Justice," whose letter appeared last week, has touched upon a subject that is of the greatest import. At first it is perhaps calculated to excite mirth when we are told that the Indians are to be initiated into the deep mysteries of Orange Lodges.

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religious houses, and it will be astonished at the amount of learning, charity and piety which exist in the Catholic church in the United States. It takes an "orthodox, evangelical and temperance organ" like "the only religious daily" to find evidences of degeneracy in such facts and figures. It would have done better to have let "Lie No. IV." alone.

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FRENCH-CANADIAN MILITIA CORPS.

All told, there are about 1,700 men in the Active Militia in Montreal. Of this number about 300 are French-Canadians. This is not a fair proportion. The French-Canadians are more than one-half the population of this city. Their language is, officially, as much the language of the country as the English language is. They are patriotic, intelligent, and the recent campaign in the North-West has proved that they make excellent soldiers. They are hardy, obedient, and respectful to authority. In good hands there is no reason to believe that they are destitute of the *elan* of their fathers. Gen. Strange, under whose command they served in the late campaign, speaks of them in the highest terms. At their camps of instruction they are noticed for their quiet demeanor and promptness. They are a God-fearing, peaceable people, and they inherit all the qualities necessary to make good soldiers. This is their country. Here they are on their native soil, and it is their duty to take their full share in defending it. It may not be our special mission to read them a lecture. Their own patriotic press can do that work much better than we can. But we claim to be their friends, and as their friends we venture to tell them that if they wish to guard the liberties they enjoy, they will induce their young men to learn the use of arms, and to prepare, not for the "good," but for the "bad" times that are coming. That immortal saying, "Eternal vigilance is the price of freedom," applies with all its force to their case. The French Canadians have already been forewarned, and if they are not deaf to the throbbing of the storm, then the fault will be their own. England may be at war with some great power some day. It may be with Russia, or, for all we know, it may be with France. Hostile fleets may visit our shores and the French Canadians would hardly like to see the burden of defence fall too heavily on the shoulders of the English-speaking people of the Dominion. They would hardly like to see themselves powerless when the storm broke and "was magnificently stern array" was seen in the land. Ireland won her liberties when she threatened to draw the sword and demanded "Free Trade, or else ——" and lost those liberties only when her volunteers disbanded and room was made for the intrigues of that political leper—Castlereagh. Let the French Canadians beware! The lion has not yet suckled the land; the leopard has not yet changed its spots; the sparrow, hawk and the robin are not at peace, and in greater fields of action, Russia has her eyes on India; France looks wistfully towards the Rhine and her lost provinces; and let the French Canadians remember, as they value their liberties, that the history of our own land furnishes them with the clearest proof that "they who would be free themselves must strike the blow."

FANATICISM REBUKED.

The fight against Orange ascendancy and for religious freedom was inaugurated during the recent municipal elections in Ontario. In their safest strongholds the Orange candidates for municipal honors were ignominiously routed. Thus, in Carleton, where Orangism has for years held undisputed sway, tolerance triumphed over bigotry and fanaticism. A man representing the principles of justice and fair play to all, Dr. Preston, was elected to the Reeve'ship over his opponent, Mr. S. S. Merrick, whose claim to public honor and to the public confidence lay in the fact that Dr. Preston had during his term of office "presided at a Catholic concert." Merrick and the Orange gang were properly rebuked by the electors, who so effectively defeated the miserable designs of the Catholic haters and disturbers of the peace.

But it was in Kingston, the old hot-bed of Orangism, that the process of squelching "Canada's worst enemy" was entered into with vigor. Kingston, it will be remembered, is the only town in the civilized world that dared or descended to call a public meeting of its citizens to denounce Mr. Parnell and the Irish National Party, and to protest against Home Rule being granted to Ireland. As we write, their memorial to the Queen on the subject is about being laid at the feet of Her Majesty. It will no doubt please the Queen to learn that these Kingston Orangemen, who are of the same pack that tried to rob her of her throne, who threatened to kick her crown into the Boyne if the Protestant church was disestablished in Ireland, and under whose arches the Prince of Wales refused to pass, have suffered a galling defeat at the hands of the independent and fair-minded people of the Limestone City. We shall let the *Canadian Freeman*, of Kingston, our young contemporary which is gallantly upholding the cause, relate how the victory was won. It says:—"The result of the contest for the Mayoralty has been the triumphant return of Mr. Whiting by about 120 of a majority. The result is to us a matter of little satisfaction, when we consider the circumstances under which the candidates appeared before the electors. Mr. Smythe was brought out as the candidate of a section of the Orangemen, and it was to them he looked for his support. He will now probably see that it is playing with edge tools to seek to exalt himself by insulting any section of the community. His villainous attack on his opponent on the hustings last year, and his cowardly and insulting action in having 'sealed orders' issued to 'B' Battery, was naturally re-

THE CHURCH WASTING AWAY IN THE UNITED STATES.

Our readers will remember that last week we undertook to diagnose a brief editorial paragraph which appeared in the Montreal *Daily Witness*. The operation revealed, notwithstanding the brevity of the *Witness* paragraph, that it contained nine distinct statements which were directly opposed to facts and truth. We admit it was a bad tearing to pieces of our "only religious daily," but sanctimoniousness of character,