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CANADA.

Mrs. Quesnel, Treasurer of the Catholic Orphan Asylum, acknowledges, with thanks, having received from the managers of the "Soirees Dansante," the sum of £3 16s. 7d., being one half of their surplus.

We are happy to announce that his Lordship Dr. De Charbonnel, Bishop of Toronto, arrived in this city on Wednesday evening, in excellent health and spirits. We understand his visit to the Western portions of his extensive Diocese have been attended with the most happy results. His Lordship's life is spent in action; there is no time allowed for indulgence and repsoes and notwithstanding the long and arduous labors of his recent visitation, he is prepared to resume his apostolic mission, with renewed zeal, and untiring zeal, and untiring energy, in the course of a few days.—Toronto Mirror.

SAINT PATRICK'S HALL .- It affords us sincere pleasure to state that the " Young Men's Saint Patrick's Association? have determined upon erecting a Saint. Patrick's Hall. We need scarcely say, that we approve highly of their intention and that we entertain an doubt of the practicability of the scheme. It is time that the Irish inhabitants of this city should have such a building for situated as they now are, and always have been, they are entirley dependant upon the will of others for a place of meeting which occasion requires, and not seldom subjected to very great inconvenience, in consequence of this very dependence. The building which "The Young Men's Saint Patrick's Association" contemplate, will obviate this difficulty, and we feel confident will be built upon such a large and comprehensive scale as to afford every accommodation that can possibly be required .- Montreal Freeman.

LOLD ELGIN.-We understand that advices were received in this city, by the Arabia, that His Excellency the Governor General will return to Canada next month .- Quebec Mercury.

THE NEW BISHCPRIC. - The controversy about the selection of a Protestant Bishop for the contemplated Diocese of Kingston is not yet closed, but it is pretty well understood that the Rev. Dr. Hincks, Rectur, we believe, of Killala, Ireland, and a brother of the Inspector General, is to receive the appointment .-Herald.

Aianson Cooke, Esq., of Petite Nation, is now before the County of Ottawa as a candidate for the approaching election.

John Paupore, Esq., is spoken of as a candidate for the new county of Pontiac, on the Ottawa.— Ottawa Cilizen.

VALUE OF THE EASTERN TOWNSHIPS .- It is confidently asserted that upwards of £7,000,000 will be realised out of the standing timber in the Eastern Townships for the next ten years.

RETURNED FROM AUSTRALIA .- Four Quebecers remmed home from the gold diggings in our antipodes, on Saturday evening, Mesers. Murphy, H. & T. Pentland, Waterson, and King, of St. Antoine. They made a rapid passage of only ten weeks, in the Aura.

The Commercial Advertiser says that there are 'in Canada 35,000 fugitive slaves, most of whom are engaged on the lines of Railway now building in the Province. In the new abolition town of Buxton, there are 130 families—escaped slaves—who own a tract of 9,000 acres of land. The whole amount of land in Canada West, owned by the fugitives, is said to be

Maine Law in Pethan. - The Municipal Council of Pelham township has published a By-law prohibring the sale of any wine, brandy, or other spirituous liquors, or ale or beer within the limits of that Municipality, under a penalty of not more than five pounds or less than one pound, for each offence.

The body of the young man, Milntyre, whose mysterious disappearance at Pembroke was noticed last week, has been found near the place of his murder with two bullets in it. A person had been examined on suspicion of having made away with him previously to the discovery, but as there were not sufficient evidence against him he was discharged. Since the discovery of the body, this person has left the country. -Ottawa Citizen.

The following "General Order," with reference to the behavior of the 26th regiment, on the 9th of June, has been published by the Commander of Her Majesnes Forces in Canada :---

Montreal, 10th March, 1854. GENERAL ORDERS.

No 5. The officers who were employed on duty with the detatchment of the 26th Regiment, on the evening of the 9th June last, having very properly requestel that a general Court Martial might be assembled in investigate their conduct on that occasion, it has not been considered advisable to revive the inquiry

into that unhappy business.
No 6. The Lieutenant General has to express his deep regret that, in consequence of a total disregard wher Majesty's regulations for the guidance of offinot only tended to impair the unanimity and good understanding which should subsist between officers and soldiers of a corps; but has brought discredit on the previous high character of the 26th Regiment for

discipline and subordination:

W. J. D'Urban, Lt. Col.

Waster Gen.

Dept. Qr. Master Gen. A "Manifesto"-professedly emanating from the valuus Protestant denominations of Toronto, and instrongly upon the immediate secularisation of the "Reserves" without waiting for another appeal to the people—lately appeared at Toronto, graced with le signatures of most of the reverend ministers of that city. This document the Leader pronounces to manifesto being concocted, when or where we prelend not to say, the next thing was to procure signacomment on a representation that its object was to put down popery. Mr. Samuel Shaw signed it under the umberel you got in your hand! It's a real pooty impression that it was not to be published; and his one! fini resolution, on seeing it paraded in print, was to have his name erased." From this we should conclude the state of th clude that, even in Upper Canada, "secularisation" is not looked upon as a sure card; and that at the ap-Catholic vote.

Mr. J. R. Spaulding, one of the editors of the N. Y. Courier and Enquirer, publishes a letter on the condition and resources of Canada; we copy the following ecclesiastical statistics:-

The proportion of clergymen to the whole population in upper Canada, is as one to 870, whereas in Lower Canada it is only one to 1,190. The Church of England is rapidly losing ground relatively. From 1842 to 1851 it increased 73.13 per cent., while the Church of Rome increased 114.61; the Baptists 131; the Presbyterians 572.38, and the Methodists 600 per cent. The religious statistics of Lower Canada during the seven years, between 1844 and 1851, show a somewhat similar result. The Church of England increased 4.31 per cent., while the Church of Rome increased 30.42; the Church of Scotland—85 other Presbyterians 565.55; Wesleyan Methodists 58—other Methodists 816 per cent. The latter disparaties are the more striking, in view of the fact that most of the increase of population in Lower Canada has been of native bith. The increase of hear President of native birth. The increase of born English and Welsh, was but 5.59, of Scotch 8,81, of Americans 4.59, while the increase of Canadians of British origin was 46,6, and of French origin 27.60.

TELEGRAPH FROM NEWFOUNDLAND TO IRELAND. An official document, addressed to the Secretary of the Navy by Lieut. Maury, giving the results of the deep sea soundings effected by Lieut. Berryman from the shores of Newfoundland to those of Ireland, has been published. These seem to be decisive of the question as to the practicability of a sub-marine teleraph across the Atlantic Ocean in that region, the distance between the nearest points of the two counfries being one thousand six hundred miles and the bottom of the sea being a plateau the whole distance singularly adapted to the purpose of holding a line of magnetic telegraph wire. The depth of the plateau s quite regular, gradually increasing from the shores of Newfoundland, where it is fifteen hundred fathoms, until it reaches two thousand fathoms when approaching the other side. This is just suited to the purpose the depth being such as to secure the wires against all the perils of ice-bergs, anchors, &c., and yet nor too deep to be useless. Must remarkable than this is the fact that, upon the admirable plateau, "the waters of he sea appear as quiet and as completely at rest as they are at the bottom of a mill-pond;" that there are no perceptible currents and abrading agents at work at the bottom of the sea upon this telegraphic plateau; consequently a telegraph wire once lodged there, there it would remain, as completely beyond the reach of the accidents of drift as it would be if buried in air-tight cases." Lieut. Manry suggests that a national prize be offered to the Telegraph Company through whose telegraphic wire the first telegraphic message should be passed across the Atlantic.

In his lecture lately delivered upon "Burns, the Poet and the Man, is Mr. Mack told the following amusing anecdote of the last century, as illustrative of the drinking habits of all classes of Scotch society -clergy as well as laity:--

It was so with all classes of persons,—with the Ministers and the laity. An old friend recollected that Presbyter night used to be the wettest night at all. The pactice was to sit round the bottle and lock the door, the key being thrown out of the window.-One could not be born without having one's health drunk. A gude wife scolded her drunken husband for coming home late. "I rose as some as the minister," he replied. "Out wi ye; did I not tell ye that ye could na drink wi the minister.

Howling Methodists .- A writer in the Christian Guardian lays down certain rules for "shouting" or howling-a practice in which a sect of Methodists much indulge, when they "get happy," and from whence they derive their name of "howling or shouting? Methodists. Brother B. F. Cravy thus lays down the law anent "shouting?"—"Don't you offer to shout or get happy another time till you are willing to open your souls to the affecting appeals of millions of souls in bondage. I don't allow any poor stinted, miserly Methodists to shout on my whole district."

But he adds:-"I do love to hear liberal, wholesouled men and women praise God in loud shouts."

THE WIDOW AND THE PUMP.-A gentleman riding in an eastern railroad car, which was rather sparely supplied with passengers, observed on the seat before him, a lean, slab-sided Yankee, every feature of whose face seemed to ask a question. Before him occupying the entire seat, sat a lady, diessed in deep black -and after shifting his position several times, 'manœuvring to get an opportunity to look in her face, he at length 'caught her eye.' He nodded familiarly to her, and asked, with a nasal twang utterly incapable of imitation: "In affliction?" Yes, sir,' replied the lady. 'Parents?-father or mother?' 'No sir.' cers commanding detatchments proceeding to suppress replied the lady. 'Child, perhaps?—a boy or gal?'
No sir, not a child,' was the response; 'I have no child occurred on the 9th of June last, which has children.' 'Husband then, 'xpect?' 'Yes,' was the curt answer. 'Flum :-cholery ?-a tradin'-man mebbe?' 'My husband was a seataring man-the captain of a vessel; he didn't die of cholera; he was drowned.' 'Eh?' pursued the inquisitor, hesitating for a brief instant. 'Save his chist?' he asked, 'Yes: the vessel was saved, and my husband's effects,' said the widow. Was they?' asked the yankee, his eyes brightening up: 'Pious man?' he continued. 'He was a member of the Methodist church. The next question was a little delayed, but it came; Don't you think you have greent cause to be thankful that he was think you have greeat cause to be thankful that he was a pious man, and save his chist?' 'I do,' said the widow, abruptly, and turned her head to look out of the car-window. The indefatigable 'pump' changed be an imposition on the public; the signatures having been fraudulently obtained. The Leader says:—"The manifests having once more, and propounded one more query, in a lower transfers having the signatures having the signature haverage having the signature having the signature having the signa tone, with his head slightly inclined forward over the MONTREAL MODEL SCHOOL back of his seat :- Was 'you calc'taten to get married tures. And how, does the reader imagine, was this end compassed? The document was hawked round like the reader imagine, was this like the reader imagine, which is ag'in? Sir, said the widow, indignantly, you are and compassed? The document was hawked round like the reader imagine, which is the reader in the other side of the core of Plants to be a little of the reader. in compassed? The document was hawked round impertinent? And she left her seat and took another the city, and by fraudulent representations of its content, signatures were obtained. As one instance, we huffy, said the ineffable bore, turning to our narrative mention that Mr. Yates was induced to sign the tor, behind him: 'she needn't be mad; I didn't want document on a representation that its object was 'to to hurt her feelin's. What did they make you pay for the catholic Board of the Catholic Board o to hurt her feelin's. What did they make you pay for

The N. Y. Times in an article on the state of "scriptural" knowledge amongst the black population of the United States, tells the following, of a "nigger Bap-United States, tells the following, of a "nigger Bapand English languages, for the Parish of Ste. Brigide de Monnoir. Address, the faith that was in him:—"Master," says he to me once, "you can read?" "Yes," says 1. "Well, President S. Commisioners.

you've read the Bible, I suppose?" " Yes," says 1. Well, you've read in it of one John the Baptist, hasn't you?" "Yes." "Well, you never saw nothing about no John the Methodist, did you?" "No." "Well, den you see dere's Baptists in the Bible, but dere ain't no Methodists, and de Bible is on my side, us I always tell 'em-dat ere's a great happinesswish all of you knew what dat happiness was."

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