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THE INDEPENDENCE TICKET.

THE LIBERAL PARTY CALLED UPON TO TAKE IT UP -A SIGNIFICANT RESOLUTION UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTED BY THE CLUB NATIONAL.

At a meeting of the Club Nationale, held on tended, the following resolution declaring in favor of Canadian Independence was adopted manimously and with the greatest enthu-

Considering :-1st. That the Dominion of Canada posmesses all the elements of a powerful nation; ther raison d'etre on the American continent, style of his own, as is quite evident in read- would be a sensible thing to do. It would John A. Macdonald refused, on handing "crush us altogether they say that deep maxiety with which the denouement

where nearly all the old colonies have be-

come prosperous Republics; 3rd. That our commercial relations with foreign nations demand that we should have the absolute right of making our commercial treaties, a right which is incompatible with our colonial state.

4th. That the tutelage of the Parent State far from being a guarantee of protection and of security is a source of serious danger to the country and a standing threat against the peace and tranquillity of our citizens.

5th. That in order to fill the role which belongs to a country as great, as prosperous and civilized as ours. Canada should be the mistress of her own destinies and no longer remain in a condition of dependence, inferiority and vassalage inherent to the colonial

6th. That the independence of Canada will open new horizons and will offer to the activity and amuition of our citizens a vast fiel!, in which our men of talent may distinguish themselves and reflect on their country the glory and prestige they may acquire. 7th. That the present time is more favor-

able than ever to agitate the great question of the independence of our country and to make the Liberal Party adopt it as one of the planks in its political platform.

It is therefore proposed by A. Dorlon, R Dandurand, J X Perrault, J Godfroy Papineau. P G Martineau, L C H Dorion, A Canchon and others, seconded by MM L P Brodeur, F X Dupuis, L J Herard, C Chenevert, E Dunamel, J Melancon, Alex B Archambault and others, and

Resolved,-That the Club Nationale declares itself in favor of the independence of Canada, and that the Liberal party of our county ought to adopt this question as one of the articles of their political programme for the coming elections.

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GUITBAU, to his immortal credit be it said. has rendered one important service to sufferin humanity; he has done away with such frightfully vulgar expressions as "high-toned" over, foundlings laid at Craig street hall and "don't you forget it." Let us, therefore, doors, though, perhaps, born in Sherbrooke cry "Long live Guiteau" until such time as the sentence of the ludge is carried out. He was a high-toned murderer and don't you the mortality. It is bad taste to attack any forget it.

THE news from Ireland this auspicious Monday must be consoling to the heart of 1, Thos Quinn 1, James Cuddy 1, Patk Wright every "trooly loil" man. It is true that murder stalks abroad in the garish light of day, and that robbery is of hourly occurrence. but, nevertheless, as the cable has it, the Government is getting the best of the "National element." Why, it appears to us it is the national element should rule, but the where there is no orime, where a murder has not been heard of since the time of Charles the First, where robbery is a phenomenon, and wife beating one of the lost arts, almost.

> The world breathes freer as news is received that the wretch Guiteau has been found guilty of the murder of the President. There has been no maudlin sympathy on the part of the jury; their verdict was given after decent deliberation. There were only two things for them to consider. Was the President murdered, and, if so, was the murderer insane? They answered one in the affirmative and the other in the negative, and rendered accordingly. There, now, remains but the last set in the drams, which will close with the execution of Gulteau. He will be the pressure. The latest canard is that a allowed time to prepare for death after sen- few regiments are under orders for tence, of course, a month at the shortest, but Iroland, so that a demonstration it will only be retributive justice if the Judge | may be made in Egypt. This of course give him the same time as elapsed between i the shooting and the death of Garfield.

MR. D. A. EULLIVAN, the eminent Toronto barrister, has appeared for the second time as a legal author. His last effort, the " Manual of Government in Canada," is a work of the Clare and Cork. And yet we make bold to they desire to do any whitewashing. What greatest importance and acknowledged to be say that such news as this did not bring | we do think and what the public think is such by some of our prominent statesmen. He is out now with another work, which will realize for him still more celebrity, and the loss of the Yorkshire election did. If belief, that is to say in a feeble manner, let us trust profit as well. His present work the British want to establish the comical as if they would be done with their is upon "Conveyancing in Canada," and no one acquainted with the ignorance that prevails on the subject will say that it is not required. We can safely say that millions of dollars have been lost through the bungling that number, if Laing's Nek has not demoral- reasons for the faith that is in us. In the of lawyers in drawing up mortgages, deeds of | ized the army, for the time has been that no | first place, there was a Fenian raid...a wicked sale, wills, quit claims and other documents known force could stand against a British raid—which agitated Canada to its depths; last Friday evening, which was largely at. for the transfer of property. Mr. Sullivan's army of 50,000 men. Let them re- of that there is no doubt. In the new work will prevent this. It is as lease Parnell and the other suspects second place it was the duty of the Governcomplete and as convenient as possible, and say, "here, govern this nation of Ireland | ment to discover the secrets and the moveand will, like the "Manual," become a in the manner that seems best to its people, ments of the raiders, and, for that purpose standard work to be consulted by legal only let the connection be preserved and re | money was necessary. And money was authorities and to be the guide of conveyancers. Mr. Sullivan has an easy flowing

ing his works, for a man who can write on legal subjects without boring has a happy style indeed. The Toronto World says of

"It bears ample marks of care, originality, and research, and the assistance which was given the author by leading members of the bar, and which he acknowledges in the preface, is in itself a sufficient guarantee of the value of the contents."

THE English, and as a matter of course, the Anglo-Phile portion of the Canadian press, think the Guiteau trial a farce, because of its length and the latitude allowed the prisoner. The English cannot understand the forbearance of a people who are really free, in their profound respect for individual rights. When O'Farrell wounded the Duke of Edinburgh, who is to-day sailing the seas and vanquishing the fleets of the world, he was taken, tried and hanged without much ceremony or lapse of time, and the English wonder why it is Americans do not go and do likewise. They might as well ask why it is the Americans did not hang and imprison a few hundred Southerners after the war. There is not so much of the tiger in the American's nature as in the Englishman's, because there is only about one-fourth Anglo-Saxon blood in American veins.

Monsieur Gamberta has received the second serious check of his political life; the first was when the Senate threw out the serutin da liste. One would have thought that a politician of Gambetta's astuteness would not return to the vexed question for awhile at least, but that would be reckoning without aman with a hobby. Gambetta did return to it, and a committee of both Houses were appointed to discuss four propositions laid before them by the Government. Three of those there would have been no difficulty in handling, but the fourth was the scrutin de liste, the rock on which Gambetta has split. The Committee rejected this fourth proposition, and the usual excitement follows. It is probable the Government will resign, but what next is the mystery.

It is nonsense to suppose that the down. fall of Gambetta will hurt the French Republic. If the fall of any one man can injure a government or a system, then the government or the system does not amount to much, and deserves to fall. The one-man power is over in France; if it were not Chambord or D'Aumale would answer just as well as Gambetta.

Since the investigation into the Hervey Institute commenced the Witness has acted as if piety was not its distinguishing feature. It regrets having to rake up the Institute because it is Protestant, but, in order to soothe the feelings of its readers, it tries to offset the disgrace by referring, in unclean terms, to the Grey Nucs' management. It asks how it is that a Government inspector was not appointed to examine the Grey Nun's establishment as well as the Hervey Institute. This is ridiculous. Running down the Grey Nuns does not whitewash the Hervey Institute. The Grey Nuns obtain waifs from all street, some sent from a great distance, and, perhaps half dead when they come; hence charitable institution. The Hervey Institute is an excellent one, and the fact that the Matron believed in mustard plasters and dark cells as modes of punishment does not derrogate from it-it only proves that the Matron has an evil nature. Even if the Grey Nuns' treatment of children was as the Witness alleges, two blacks do not make a white, and our amiable contemporary is not sensible

in drawing comparisons. A peculiar feature attaching to Irish politics is that conspiracies overlap one another and proclamations are built upon proclamations. There is now not a square inch of soll in ireland that has not been proclaimed over and over again since the accession of the Gladstone Ministry, and yet suspensions and proclamations are still in the air, but like the beautiful snow, they have not all fallen as yet. And so with conspiracies which do not fall at all, but come up beneath the surface (thiggin thu?) We have been told more than a hundred times that Ireland still do we hear from day to day of more counties being proclaimed. Surely, the British Constitution is a thing that is fearfully and wonderfully made, when it can stand means that if the English get into trouble under the shadow of the pyramids she must leave soldiers sufficient in Ireland to prevent a rising, and this news is supplemented and intensified by the sensation that a terrible conspiracy has been discovered in Limerick

release Britain and enable her to look around for coats that might be trailing and inviting people to tread upon whereas now, as Wendell Phillips says, Ireland compels her to keep the peace, and she, (Ireland) stands ready to stab her in the back the moment she (England) engages in war. If England does not do this sensible thing and still perists in partant pour la Syrie, her 50,000 men may awake some fine morning and find themselves absent.

THE United States is a good milch cow to Englishmen coming across the Atlantic to lecture, and what Englishman of any prominence does not lecture now-a-days? It is almost as rare to find a man who does not lecture as a man who does not write a book. Mr. Archibald Forbes, the renowned, the famous, the celebrated war correspondent, has lectured himself threadbare, and stale stories concerning what the Emperor said to him and what he remarked to Von Moltke, and the terrific shower of grapeshot which avoided him in a certain battle, have long since palled on the public. His audiences are now of the slimmest wherever he goes, but he still persists in lecturing. Perhaps he has a contract. Oscar Wilde is also on the grand tour, but Oscar is fresh and a lion, and draws magnificent houses made up chiefly of those who imagine they can distinguish the difference between Philistines and pre-Raphaetites. Bo this as it may, it seemed good either to Forbes or his manager to invite both him and Oscar to appear together on a Baltimore platform. It would be convenient, as they were stars revolving in the same orbit. It would be a great sensation to see two lions together, -one a live one and the other only stuffed with straw, by which latter is meant the "renowned." Wilde refused. Oscar's head was level, and he declined, thus proving that he is not the fool his followers think him. Why did he refuse? Several reasons may be given. Perhaps, Forbes is a Philistine of the Philistines, perhaps he has spoken disrespectfully of the suuflower or the dado? Perhaps he does not wish, he in the flush of his fame and success, to rub skirts with a man whose star is waning. But, there might be another reason advanced, Oscar Wilde is an Irishman, and under the veneering of this æsthetic vanish, it is possible there may beat a true Irish heart. The son of "Speranza" must possess a streak of nationality as well as a streak of genius. It is possible, then, that this refined, if eccentric, Irish gentleman may have had pointed out to him the remarks of the lowbred Forbes on his unfortunate country, and resented them in his heart of hearts. Whichever, if any, of those reasons be the correct one, it is certain that Oscar Wilde positively refused to appear on the same platform with Forbes, for which he deserves the gratitude of Irishmen and of all those who are not snobs.

A STATEMENT AND AN OFFER. We have been anxiously waiting for the

report of the committee, or deputation,

which the President of the St. Patrick's

Society sent to New York to discover who is

the Springfield Republican and New York Freeman's Journal, taken originally from the New York Hour, and copied into THE FOST of the 23rd and 28th December respectively, and what truth there is ia them. Possibly the worthy President did not think the matter of importance sufficient to call a special meeting of his society together in order that the report might be discussed. If this is so we think he has made a mistake. The people of Montreal, especially the Irish Catholic portion of them, to whose ranks the alleged informer is supposed to belong, do not care about having an ugly imputation resting upon them, even though the party did the State some service, for it is generally received by civilized communities that no matter how useful an informer may be his character is not an enviable one. We all recognize, for instance the usefulness of a hangman, but few of us like to come in social contact with him. much as we may admire his trade. If the report in the Hour is even partially true this is a danger we are likely to Incur every day, was engaged in one vast conspiracy, but particularly if the man is, what is alleged, "an Irish patriot." On the part of THE POST, we may say that it will try to perform its promise of arriv. ing at the truth and preventing any process of whitewashing which may be attempted. We have already accumulated a considerable amount of evidence which will be of service as a measure of defence it we are compelled to name the suspected party, but which has nothing to do with the Committee. While we are surprised at the reticence of the committee, composed of Mr. M. F. J. Quinn. Doody, we would by no means imply that half the chill to the hearts of the that they almost refuse to believe an informer Messrs. Bright and Gladstone that exists in Montreal and act on their thing called British prestige in Egypt, or any- disagreeable task of ferrating him out. where else, it is a simple affair enough. Let But disagreeable tasks must be done neverthem withdraw their 50,000 men from Ire- theless. We, for our part, believe there is an land. They can conquer half the world with | informer, or informers. We shall give the

over a balance of over thirty thoudollars Secret Service money, to give the names of the parties who had received the bulk of the money when asked to do so by the Mackenzle Government, on the plea that if the names were revealed their owners lives would not be worth twenty-four hours purchase. Sir John then thinks there were informers and Sir John should know, although he was acting within the strict line of his | " who would to-day propose that we should duty in refusing to surrender their names. Our own impression is, however, that their lives, now that the excitement has died away, are safe enough. But that is beside the

question. As our readers are already aware THE POST also sent a deputation to New York, and this deputation was composed of Messrs. Whelan and Doherty, as already stated. They found the writer to be a Mr. F. J. Hamilton, formerly on the press of this city. He was quite free in acknowledging his authorship of the article, and stated he heard the thing discussed in the gallery of the Ottawa House of Commons when the Secret Service Fund came up for debate, and that he was surprised every one did not know the party implied, as no bones were made of it in the gallery, where the name was spoken quite freely and above board. Mr. Hamilton promised the gentlemen of the The Post deputation that he would write a series of articles for that paper on the subject-nay, more-that he would lecture on the subject of informers in Canada and the United States. But suddenly his manner changed, and not only has he not written the articles, but what he has written instead is a carefully worded letter in which he declines to to say any more on the question. This we thought strange, although knowing he had; for some reason or other, taken Mr. Frank Keller, formerly of Montreal, as his legal adviser, and knowing also that the Commit-

tee had done the same thing. It may be asked why THE POST, seeing the committee are trying to settle the matter, or let it drop, should take such a deep interest in unearthing the informer? The answer to this is that we like to see the truth appear. We would like to see the informer exposed, if such there be, or if not, the stigma removed from Montreal, and that in fact is what we shall do with the aid of all honest men. The President of St. Patrick's Society, when the question was first started in the Society, was indignant against THE Post for copying the articles, and insinuated they were manufactured in this office. Since then we have shown, even to his satisfaction, that he was wrong; but that does not satisfy us, and we propose coming at the whole truth, even if it is, as some say, buried down doep in a well. Now, as the President of the Sr. Patrick's Society seems also desirous of arriving at the truth, and as he considers himself, more especially in his official capacity, the custodian of the honor of the Irish people of Montreal, and as, moreover, he has stated he would spare no expense to have the finger of scorn pointed at the party, whoever he is, we venture to make an offer. We shall, in the vindication, if the worthy President the writer of the articles which appeared in will give a letter guaranteeing Tax POST Printing and Publishing Company from costs, and damages, attaching to a civil or criminal action which might follow. Without such legal guarantee we do not feel justified in involving the stockholders of the paper in an action. In this matter we may state that money is merely a secondary consideration, for, judging from letters in our possession, we are satisfied a defence fund would be collected, which would have the same effect in the end. We make this offer, however, in order to give a basis for action, believing that all parties are eager for the truth and that the fund we mention would ultimately release the President of St. Patrick's Society from his obligations.

VEILED TREASON. of Parliament, delivered a speech at the last monthly meeting of the Reform Association of Yorkville, which deserves notice. It Macdonald's recent speech at the Conservative Convention, and partly a semi-official pronouncement of the Liberal policy, for, seeing that the regular Liberal leader does not for some reason or other, possibly because he dare not, define the policy of his party, every free lance is at liberty to say and was the envy of the nations, as, indeed, what he pleases and what he thinks. Perhaps it is in this way the Hon. Mr. Blake seeks to discover, if not crystallize, the opinions of the Reform party, and it is by no means a bad plan, if time be given by the Conservatives, who are very Mr. Richard McShane and Mr. Denis powerful at this present moment, and are certain of carrying the country with them if they choose to hold the general elections next summer. This is, at all events, what people think who see with surprise the want of a cause for astonishment is that the thieves of policy on the other side. The substance of the Bourse could manage to run stock up the poetlo and eloquent speech of Mr. to such a figure in so short a time Edgar was that there is too much Jingoism in Canada, too much subser- eight per cent., but that should viency of our Government and Parlia- serve as a caution, if anything. When liament to Downing street, and too little the mania seize a people, however, the Canadian sentiment. He believed the true heads are lost, and there was a rush for the policy for Canada to pursue would be inde- stocks; there is now a corresponding rependent action, while acknowledging the rule | action; L'Union Generale has suspende of the Queen, which is to say that we should and although it is said the Bank of Lyons be able to make our own treaties direct with out of danger, it remains to be seen other countries as well as British depend- We do not for a moment believe encies. And he went on in this strain, speak- that France will, suffer to a larg ing sarcastically of the loyalty cry raised extent on account of the panic-it by the Tories before an election, as not a crisis yet—her resources are boundles spect shown to the rights of property, or we freely and judiciously used. The proof of if Liberals were not also loyal. "When- but other nations, whose resources are limits shall send our 50,000 men back again." That this is if proof were wanting—that Sir ever," says Mr. Edgar, "they wish to may. Meanwhile we can easily imagine the

" we are in favor of Canadian independence. "and immediately wave the Union Jack " frantically over their heads and defy us to "come on. You may depend upon it that the Conservatives must feel themselves "just now hard pushed for a political plat-" form when they have had to resuscitate " that ancient and musty war cry for use at "the next general elections. It is perfectly " well known to Sir John that any Caradian " cease to acknowledge Queen Victoria as the " constitutional head of our system of Goy-"ernment would be a "crank" as hair-" brained and senseless as the wretched Gui-

Unfortunately for Mr. Edgar it is not the Conservatives who are hard pushed for a platform; the leader of that party is fertile in resources, and if he finds that the Pacific Railroad or the Tariff question grow too stale to "call up spirits from the vasty deep" he knows what will. He has courage, and instilled that quality into his followers, while the Liberals waver like the waves of the sea, and are as unstable. Why did they take up Sir John's railroad policy when they obtained power? It is because they had not the nerve to abandon it and let Brifish Columbia go, though they are now whining over it. Why, when they held power for five years, did they not make a bold effort at direct trade with France and other countries? Because they had not the courage, although now Mr. Edgar complains that such a proposition was voted down in 1870 by Sir John and his majority. But it seems to us Sir John did not have a majority during the years of 1873-'74.'75.'76-'77, and that on the contrary Mr. Mackenzie had. It is very strange, and only we know that Mr. Edgar is a poet, it would be stranger still, for omissions and elisions are part of the license allowed poets.

The Liberals, no matter what Mr. Edgar may say, are the real national party of Canada, and the time is approaching when they will be compelled to take action as such. At the present time they and their organsespecially the Globe-are shricking as loudly for British connection as the wildest Jingo,but their shrieking simply reminds us of the voluntary assertions made so carnestly and so often by a certain class of women regarding their virtue. Veiled treason or open treason. the best policy for Canada is that which leads to the greatest amount of prosperity, and that policy will be adopted, if not by the present leaders of public opinion, then by those able and anxious to step into their places. Only that Sir John is too old we would not despair of seeing him lead a national or independent party ere another decade rolled over. He has nerve enough for it and patriotism enough, notwithstanding all his K. C. B.'s, if he saw the country was overwhelmingly in favor of it, and yet we implore Mr. Edgar to believe that Sir John is not Guiteau. In truth, Mr. Blake is more like a crank than bir John. The man who placed a heavy duty on English imports is capable of going still further; and interests of truth, publish the name of the lif he does not, somebody else will, probably party suspected, so as to give an opportunity | somebody who is now a nominal, but dis-

FINANCIAL CRISIS IN FRANCE.

One of those financial panics which trouble the world periodically seems to think it time to pay another visit. Fortunately, the United States is this time out of the range of such a visit, and consequently Canada, whose financial fortunes it shares to a great extent. Still as we learn by this morning's despatches there is a flutter in New York and a large shipment of gold to France, the head quarters of the panic. It was known yesterday that L'Union Generale had auspended, and as this great but unstable institution has branches, connections and ramifications through Southern and Central Europe, and even in London, a panic ensued and most of the European banks raised their rate of discount from one to as high as four per cent. A number of failures are reported Mr. J. D. Edgar, a poet and an ex-member on the London Stock Exchange and the Pall Mall Gazette says the open market is demoralized. This is not encouraging. It may be only a ripple caused by the French was partly a criticism of Sir John financial wave, or it may be the beginning of a great commercial disaster. A few more days will tell the story.

While all Europe, while the whole civilized world, was suffering from great commercial depression three years ago France was prospercus. France alone stood the strain bravely, she is now. This prosperity due to her unrivalled situation, her fertility and resources, and, above all, to the thrift and skill of the French people, has brought about a spirit of inflation and recklessness on the Bourse which even turned the head of Rothschild who, a few weeks ago, found himself so heavily short of L'Union Generale stock that he bought shares at 3,200 francs each, eriginally issued at 500. The It is true the L'Union Generale pak