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CATHOLIC CALENDAR.

JANUARY, 1884. THURSDAY 10.—Of the Octave. St. Hygdon, Pope and Martyr. FRIDAY 11.—Of the Octave. St. Hygdon, Pope and Martyr.

Is a lecture delivered at DUNDALK, on Wednesday evening last, Mr. Charles Russell, Q.C., M. P., testified to the high position occupied by the Irish race in America.

The Dominion revenue for December, according to reports received up to the 1st of January, amounts to \$2,305,338.60, which sum, added to the \$14,256,082 reported for the first five months of the fiscal year, makes a total of \$16,561,420.67 for the half year.

POPE LEO XIII. warmly praises the project of erecting a church in memory of Daniel O'Connell. In an audience granted to Rev. T. Brosnan, parish priest of Cabreria, the birthplace of the great Tribune, the Servant spoke in flattering terms of the services rendered to the Church and Irish people by the liberator.

LORD CHARLES BERRIFORD, member of Parliament, and a captain in the Royal Navy, has ventured to speak in a rather hopeless and disparaging fashion of England's maritime service.

The extension of the franchise to household suffrage, the abolition of the grand juries and the substitution of county boards elected by the people are reforms to which the Liberal Government is pledged and which the Right Hon. Mr. Chamberlain declares he will insist on having carried.

An enquiry has been addressed to the Liberal members of the English House of Commons, asking for their opinions as to what should fill the programme of the next session, and as to the general course that should be pursued by the party.

decidedly encouraging as far as the Irish question is concerned. Thus, out of one hundred replies only three object to giving Ireland the same rights and privileges as enjoyed by England.

Official statistics just published show that no less than 4,958 people committed suicide in Prussia during the year ending September last. One-fifth of the whole number were women.

A DEPUTY from Boston brings the sad news of the death of one of the most respected priests in the United States, the Reverend Laurence Walsh. The death of the good pastor seems to have been sudden and unexpected, as the cause is attributed to an attack of apoplexy.

The French Government has, during the past eight years, introduced and adopted measures that are as worthy of the genius of persecution which characterized the first ages of the Christian era as they are unworthy of the device "Liberty, Fraternity and Equality."

It does not make war on the Holy See, it only saps the foundation of the Concordat. It does not make war on the clergy, it is only reducing them to starvation. It does not make war on inoffensive religion, it only expels them.

The Weekly Dispatch, one of the most popular organs of public opinion in England, although grieved at the severity of Mr. Parnell's censure of the Liberal party, justifies his recent speech in the following significant sentences:—"It is only the sort of speech we must expect to hear as long as we continue to misgovern Ireland, and even for some time after we have ceased to misgovern it."

That ominous cry "No Rent" has been again raised in Great Britain; this time not in Ireland, but in the Highlands of Scotland. By all accounts the land movement there is making progress of an unpleasant kind for the lairds.

The poor Daily Witness has seen the wickedness of its abominable article, (on the question of St. Patrick and Notre Dame churches liquidating their own respective debts), calling upon the Protestants "to defend their rights by every process known to them."

mitted to the commission during the past twelve months, must prove very unfavorable to the Scotch landlords. In the course of the Royal investigation these gentlemen were found to have treated their tenants much after the fashion of petty and exciting tyrants.

The Bothwell election case, in which the right of Mr. J. J. Hawkins to sit as representative of the constituency in the House of Commons, is attacked on behalf of Mr. Millie, discloses the fact that a candidate can sit through a session of Parliament, speak and vote for or against legislative acts and measures, without having been elected by a majority of the constituents.

A public meeting of citizens was held in Toronto for the purpose of taking steps to aid the families of the victims of the Humber disaster on the Grand Trunk Railway, and of discussing the responsibility of instituting a public suit against it for the recovery of damages.

The Liberal politicians of Belgium are fast following in the steps of the Radicals and God-haters of France, as far as the persecution of the Catholic Church is concerned. In order to oppress and worry the Catholics chiefly of the Flemish provinces, a new school law, based on anti-Catholic principles, was introduced five years ago.

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This morning that "the Witness is simply incorrigible" and blames it for giving a wrong interpretation to an item of news so as to create an opportunity to publish "an inflammatory editorial denouncing Roman Catholics and calling upon Protestants to defend their rights by every process known to them."

resulted in the loss of several lives. That the above is the correct story and explanation of the riots there is every reason to believe. It is testified to by independent witnesses on their oath.

THE BUSINESS OUTLOOK. The depression of trade in the Dominion was strongly indicated by the closing of many factories and by the heavy reduction of wages which have taken place during the past four months especially.

LIQUIDATING A NATIONAL DEBT FOR THE UNBORN.

The United States national debt was reduced by some twelve million dollars in December, which for the year 1883 would make a total reduction of \$109,501,956. This reduction is the result of a rapidly accumulating surplus of revenue over expenditure.

DISTURBERS OF THE PUBLIC PEACE AND ORDER.

A judicial investigation into the disgraceful riots at Harbor Grace, Newfoundland, has been commenced before Judge Bennett. According to the first dispatches sent by the Associated Press the public were led to believe that the Catholic population of the place was alone to blame for the scenes of trouble and of strife.

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As a whole, therefore, the state of trade in Canada is much feebler than in the United States. It must not, however, be forgotten that while the aggregate of failures for 1883 is large, the number of traders throughout the country has increased in an almost similar proportion.

Our merchants and manufacturers are proceeding with extreme caution and they do wisely. The report of Dun, Wiman & Co., urges that "a conservative policy with regard to credit, at all times judicious, was never more needed than now."

BAYONETING "LOYAL" ORANGEMEN.

ORANGEMEN received a severe squelching in Dromore yesterday. A Nationalist meeting had been called to discuss the affairs of the country and the political questions of the day.

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AN INFLAMMATORY APPEAL.

WE fancy that respectable and cool-headed Protestants of this community ought to be heartily ashamed of the ravings and ranting of their organ, the Montreal Daily Witness, against the Catholic Church and religion.