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CATHOLIC CALENDAR AUGUST.

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THURSDAY, 28:-St. Augustine, Bishop, Confessor, and Doctor of the Church. FRIDAY, 29.—Beheading of St. John Baptist.

St. Sabina, Martyr. SATURDAY, 30.—St. Rose of Lime, Virgin. SS. Felix and Companion, Martyrs. SUNDAY, 31. - Thirtsenth Sunday after Pentecest. St. Raymund Nonnatus, Confessor. Less. Ecclus. xxi. 8-11; Gosp. Luke xii. 35-40; Lest Gosp. Luko xyii. 11-19. SEPTEMBER!

MONDAY, 1 .- St. Giles, Abbot. The Twelve Brothers, Martyrs, TUESDAY, 2 .- St. Stephen. Confessor. WEDNESDAY 3. -Feria.

In temperance people want to do really good work that will meet with the approbation of the whole community, let them take a lesson from the government of Bavaria, which lately fined 33 brewers from \$50 to \$250 each, according to the degree of adulteration in the beer, and also imprisoned them for eight months. Montreal largely manufactures bagus brandies and poisonous whisky, retailed at fifteen cents a bottle.

THE German Ambassador in London, Count Münster, is about to publish a book on cookery. Let him give John Bull a recipe for a new Irish stew and Russia for boned Turkey. A few remarks on the fleshpots of Egypt would be in order, and how to make that new family hash called Imperial confederation.

OUR frugal Governor-General instead of distributing the crumbs from the Rideau Hall tables among the poor, is fattening imported pigs. Canadians, like the poor around Rideau Hall, have often to go hungry and watch foreigners feeding at the civil service trough.

KNIGHTHOOD is a gilded badge of servitude, a sort of dog-collar that England gives to sil-. ly, vain colonials to keep them faithful to imperial interests. Many of our knights owe allegiance first to Downing Street and then to the Dominion-when they have nothing better else to do.

Our of a population of 25,000,000 England sends 5,000 students to her 'two universities; Scotland, with a population of about 4,000,000, has 9,500 university students, and Germany, with a population of 48,000,000, has 22,200 in her several universities. The New England States, with a population of 4,110,000, send 4,000 students to their eighteen colleges and universities.

A PUBLIC man in the United States need be at no loss for matter for his biography. He has only to run for office and the opposition press will throw in his teeth every mean action he has done in his life, and assault the memory of his great grandmother. It is better to have the hide of a rhinoceros than the record of an angel. In illustration of this, that distinguished American statesman, Daniel Webster, once remarked that if Gabriel came to earth and ran for office, some one would get up and accuse him of stealing his trumpet. It is a poor rule that fails to work both ways. Let a law be passed which permits only the voter who is without sin from casting stones at the candidate.

Eveny campaign a scandal is resurrected for the purpose of damaging the opposition. When Garfield ran four years ago they unearthed the Credit-Mobilier-Oakes-Ames matter regarding the building of the Union Pacific. In previous campaigns the iniquitous doings of the Tammany ring, under Tweed, was made to do bug-a boo duty just, about election time, and now the man Hadlev, who four years ago forged a letter, purporting to be signed by President Garfield, is. anti-Democratic journals. It is singular that after four years, this forgery comes in pat to do campaign duty. Both candidates have petites histoires des femmes sprung on them. In fact, the garbage baskets of the past have been ransacked by political cheffoniers to quarter of the county, making four in all upon, and as they pay these salaries, naturfind some racy tid-bit to tickle the palates of scandal mongers, and party papers have virtually hung out the sign, Dirty linen

accept compensation. When these facts, the sacrifice of time and money and gratuitous labor were made known to the convention, it was immediately resolved that the head executive officer should receive a sum sufficient at least to pay for the expenses incurred on behalf of the Lengue; and a salary was in consequence attached to the office. When Mr. Sullivan declined the honor of re-election, he did so knowing there was a salary of three thousand dollars for the ensuing year. Patrick Egan follows in the footsteps of Alexander Sullivan. Considering that these gentlemen are neither of them retired capitalists, but are engaged in earning their livelihood, their generous sacrifices and noble disinterestedness in the cause of Ireland are all the more commendable and deserving of the gratitude of the Irish people.

COLUMBIANS AND CHINESE.

The white people of British Columbia are bittorly hostile to the Chinese. The heathen is not wanted, and the standing order is that "he must go." The members of the Federal Government who have no intercourse with the Chinese, except probably to have their linen washed by the foreigner, can't see the matter in the same light. They have failed to see why the Celestials and Columbians could not live together after the fashion of a happy family, and they accordingly have refused to yield to the Pacific Province and put a stop to the Chinese immigration. But being perpetually importuned in the House of Commons by the British Columbia representatives, the Federal authorities resolved to send out a commission, composed entirely of Eastern men, to investigate the matter and see for themselves exactly what are the nature and extent of the grievances. This commission, it appears, has been given a cold shoulder by the people of Columbia, and its intended investigation has been looked upon with more than suspicion. The Columbians resent the act of the Federal Government in refusing to believe them out of their own mouth and of sending outsiders to see if they were really telling the truth about the Chinese. The indignation of British Columbia is well founded. The people of the province are the most interested in the matter; they are the most cognizant of the evils of Chinese immigration, and they are the ones who suffer from its harmful results. If they don't want the Chinese, there is no reason why the heathen should be forced upon them.

AN IDLE RUMOR.

THE Associated Press sent out, two days ago, an unwarranted despatch to the effect that Mrs. Parnell, mother of the Irish Leader, had held a conference in Boston with a number of Catholic Bishops and leaders of the Irish League concerning the means by which the coming presidential contest in the United States could be turned to the advancement of Ireland's cause. The despatch said she represented her son and presented in his ne a proposition that an submitted to the Republican and Democratic parties that the one which will incorporate a plank in the platform in favor of admitting certain goods of Irish manufacture free of duty, shall receive the organized support of the Irish-American vote. This was news indeed, and it inspired our contemporary. the Witness, to crush Mr. Parnell under the big names of "Irish-American Dictator" and "Arch-Agitator" and to talk of how "the Irish vote in the United States was for sale to the highest bidder." Mr. Parnell, however, has not yet assumed the rôle of Irish-American dictator, nor has any action been taken to exchange the Irish vote for the boon of Irish-American Free Trade. The despatch was fictitious, for when it was brought under Mrs. Parnell's notice she said there was no foundation for the story that either she or her son intended to make a proposition to the Republican or Democratic parties regarding the Irish vote, and further that she had no conference with the Catholic Bishops. Can't the Associated Press supply anything but bogus news or police court items of the most insignificant character and which are without the slightest interest to the

general public ?

77,220 DRINKS FOR THE SICK. THE "Canada Temperance Act" seems to produce a most singular effect in the counties wherein it is adopted. The amount of whisky, brandy, spirits and alcohol consumed by the sick and feeble of those virtuous places is something wonderful. It takes a Parliamentary Blue Book minister are rewarded by Governor-Genof sixty-three pages to give the sales of liquor made to the sick people of Prince County in Prince Edward Island. These sales on trial, and full reports are being given by are all authenticated; they are authorized and certified to by the medical men of the place.

The county is small and with less of a population than some of our city wards in Montreal. There was one vendor for each The names of these happy whisky monopo- ally think they should have the most to say to the toilers of the nation. To judge him lists are J. A. Gourlie, Jas. Skerry, B. D. The recent letter of Mr. Patrick Egan, de posed to supply spirituous liquors only English politicians and party backs who come of course, be something, but it would be very olining to accept the salar which had been to the sick. The wendors certify that be out here to learn their business at the expense meagre.

for whisky the old reliable. On a close cal culation we find that they had, among them, during the year no less than '77,220 drinks These sigures are arrived at by counting twenty glasses or drinks of ale or porter to every gallon of that liquid, and eighty 'smiles" to every gallon of strong liquor, which is a very low average considering that we do not allow for adulteration. Now, if the sick of a small county can get 77,220 authorized and certified drinks under the Canada Temperance Act, how many unauthorized and non-certified drinks must not the healthy get just to keep company with

THE BRITISH ARMY AS IT IS. Mr. Frederick Roberts in an article in the

Nintcenth Century says, in referring to the

English army: -" An army we must have, if even exist as an independent nation; and if this army cannot be obtained by voluntary means, we shall have to resort to conscription." He admits that the service has ceased to be attractive, and gives as causes that in some districts the supposed local recruiting ground is almost entirely barren, and consequently the regiments called after these districts are territorial only in name. A man, for instance, who originally enlisted at Exeter for the Devonshire regiment may be transferred to the Royal Munster Fusiliers to complete his time abroad, and by voinnteering may possibly end his career in the Gordon High. landers. This, he thinks, destroys the esprit de corps that used to exist, and a soldier cannot understand why it should be thought that the fact of his having entered the Queen's service should make him indifferent' to all considerations of country, climate or friends; and instead of being able to settle down in some corps and make it his home, he must be prepared to join a strange battalion in China or the East or West Indies with as perfect equanimity as if he had no more feeling than a bale of goods, He remains in an unsettled state until some day a petty punishment or a whim makes him desert or determined to leave the army as soon as his first period of service is up. Further causes of discontent and the many petty troubles and inconveniences soldiers are subjected to, without apparently any reason or necessity, are objectless repetitions of purely parade movements, constant guardmounting with its accompaniment of impaired health, being associated with bad characters the constant and distasteful work required from recruits, and their low social position. Again, on enlistment a man is told that he will get one shilling a day with free rations. He afterwards finds that heavy deductions are made for messing, washing, etc. All these demands considerably reduce the shilling which has such attractions for the recruit, and, as he is not told of them beforehand. they seem to him a breach of faith. Again, what glory is there to be gained these petty wars with semibarbarians? The mortality is great from discase as well as the bullet, and if the ar ceives a repulse from Zulus or Arabs the world feels inclined to laugh more than commiscrate, as it does when the bear turns and chases the hunter. These views are by an experienced English officer, in an English magazine, and may, therefore, be considered as a statement of facts. Such being the case, will General Middleton have the effrontery to dare to recommend Canadians to enlist in the British Army? A predecessor, Sir Selby Smyth, avowed his intention of raising ten thousand men in the Dominion, but sensibly abandoned the idea, and if General Middle. ton is wise he will make no efforts whatever in this direction or else he may hear many unpalatable remarks regarding soldiering on tup'pence a day in the British Army.

SIR JOHN FOR GOVERNOR GENERAL. The Gazette advocates that the veteran premier, Sir John A. Macdonald, should receive higher honors at the hands of the Queen, that he ought in fact to be made a empty honors and cost the British Government nothing, and should consequently be prized at exactly what they are worth. Those who prize these paltry titles are, majority of cases, more insignificant still. England looks after substantial rewards. and while she tickles the vanity of Canadians by dubbing the Dominion the premier | it might keep an undesirable president out of colony and gives a few bits of worthless ribbon for meritorious services, she takes care that the redundant members of the royal family and pets of the English prime eralships that have a \$50,000 salary. attached and as much more in perquisites. Or a snug berth is found at \$10,000 per annum for some military martinet who has been at the hands of the people. without lucky enough to secure court influence. Cana- any tinkering at the constitution. The dians are called on to pay these enormous alaries for figure-heads, and yet have nos voice in their appointment. Canadians are disgusted and tired of being thus imposed in the matter of choice. Such a salary, by his utterances, Mr. Cleveland would not

not as spiritless as Hindoos they would ace to it that supercillious, patronizing, foreign importations were not allowed to supersede a statesman who is equalled by few in England and surpassed by none In the Joint High Commission which arranged the Alabania claims at Washngton he was the only statesman on the English side standing out in marked contrast to that silly mass of aristocratic affectation, Sir Stafford Northcote and his half witted secretary. Sir John won the respect of the American Commissioners, and were it not for his shrewdness and tact, they would have fooled the British representatives to the top of their bent, as they did on previous occasions when English noodles allowed our neighbors to become possessed of Maine and Oregon. In addition, it we are to continue an imperial power, or is only right and proper that every Canadian should aspire to the highest honors in the gift paid for by the people), and the sooner Canadians assert their title to this right the more large and influential party at home. Who wishes to settle in a colony the highest offices of which are not filled by its own eminent men, but by political hacks from Downing

GOVERNOR CLEVELAND'S LETTER.

GOVERNOR CLEVELAND, after a delay of six weeks, has finally issued his formal letter accepting the presidential nomination of the Democratic party. It is the briefest but also the weakest of the three presidential declarations now before the people. A perusal of the letter does not afford much insight into Cleveland's own political creed and personal goon the whole, pretty cheap.

The shirks the task of discussing land, Daniel Manning and other sensible men, the leading issues of the political situation by to have had pressing business elsewhere the stating that he has carefully considered the platform adopted by the convention and that he cordially approves the same. He then launches out into a dissertation on the purity of government and the duties attaching thereto. In his very first utterance he lays down a doctrine which he has failed to observe in his capacity as head of a State Government. The office of President of the United States, he says, is essentially executive in its nature, and he asserts that "the chief of the executive is bound faithfully to enforce the laws enacted by the legislative branch of the government." Now this proposition is in direct contradiction of the constitution of the country, which distinctly gives the President the right to veto any law enacted by the Legislature that in his judgment he may deem improper or unwise.

But if Mr. Cleveland's dictum is to be acepted and acted upon, that the chief of the executive has no say or supervision in the legislation of the country, and is bound faith fully to enforce the laws enacted by the legislative branch of the government, then the clause in the constitution governing the president's right of veto would be ignored or erased under his regime. But what we find inconsistent in Mr. Cleveland is that he does as chief of the executive in New York State. He on the contrary has found it necessary on several occasions to refuse to enforce the laws enacted by the legislature and killed them by his mere ipse dixit. There seems to be an element of fickleness in Mr. Cleveland chich is always a bad feature in a statesman. A man's principles ought to be fixed before he assumes the reins of government. It is by no means reassuring to fifty-five millions of people to see a presidential candidate willing to abandon the most powerful attribute of the executive office, and declare himself to be but the undignified mouthpiece of a party.

Mr. Cleveland next deals in some commonplace statements about "government by the people." There is nothing pointed, vigorous or original in them. Mr. Cleveland, to ap pear modest and not very ambitious, an nounces that he would favor only a one-term President, and would advocate an amendment to the constitution disqualifying the Presibaronet or raised to the peerage. These are dent from re-election. This curtailment of presidential aspirations might be advisable if the term of office were for six or eight years instead of four. This question of disqualifying citizens from re-election is one, however, that could be indefinitely left in abeyance. Disqualification would act as a two-edged sword : office after his term; but it might also militate against the interests of the Union by preventing the people from continuing their government in the bands of a very desirable President. We are of the opinion that the question of how many terms a Presidential candidate should be allowed to fill, will regulate itself and will find a proper solution manner in which Mr. Cleveland deals with the labor question is not calculated to win him either the sympathies or support of the working classes. He uses the utmost caution in speaking of what is due

either as a statesman or a friend of the working classes of the country. SCURRILOUS ATTACK ON THE IRISH

NATIONAL CONGRESS:

IT is an acknowledged fact that, since THE Post entered the field of journalism certain Canadian journals have learned to discuss the various phases of the Irish question in a gentlemanly manner, and with some degree of fairness and impartiality. There are some, however, whose rooted antipathy to the Irish people and their cause refuses to yield to the dictates of fair play, and which conceal or suppress their rabidness only to rake in Irish pennics and secure Irish support. We have in our midst, we are sorry to say, one of the latter class, a journal of odious origin and treacherous ways, the Montreal Daily Star. That paper, with its instinctive dislike of the of the sovereign (especially when they are Irish, but with an unusual lack of shrewdness, ventured, in its Saturday's issue, to be as offensive as it used to be before the birth they will be respected abroad and by a very of THE POST. It is the only journal on either side of the line that has dared to throw dirt at the Irish National Convention recently held at Boston. The following is its base appreciation of the men and of the work of that notable gathering :-

Governor Robinson, of Massachusetts, was hard put to it the other evening to say something forcible at the Irish National League meeting in Boston, without making an ass of himself. He got off a few safe platitudes about self-government, but, to make up for the stale ness of the thought, he clothed it in the most resonant language. Several other orators seemed to be in the same fix. The bird of liberty was expected to do some tall screaming; but the nore prominent of the speakers scarcely made the heights shrick. Perfidious Albion got off, had nothing to say there that was worth say

ing.

This piece of insolence comes from a jour nal that hungers after Irish support and Irish money. The hostile Orange and Tory organs of London spoke more respectfully of the convention; but it remained for the Montrea Daily Star to disparage the efforts of the Irish people in its lewd and "assignation" columus. And against what does that paper direct its vile utterances? Against a meeting called in the name of Liberty; a meeting addressed by the most brilliant and prominent speakers on either side of the Atlantic; a meeting attended by twenty thousand American citizens. That demonstration, honored by Governor Robinson, is admitted to never have been surpassed in the United States or any other country. So tremendous, says the Boston Pilot, was the gathering that the Ninth regiment of soldiers marching round the outside row of seats in the hall made absolutely no sound to those who sat on the platform; when it applauded, the clapping of hands rattled like a brigade firing, and when it cheered the roar was literally like a sea. The growing influence and power of the Irish are too much for the Montreal wrapping paper, and to vent ladies will have a Grand Bazaar in October, at hatred calls Governor Robinson "ar ass" for adding his voice to the grand Irish American chorus demanding justice and freedom for Ireland.

Who are the orators with Governor Robinson that "g t off a few safe platitudes and "stale thoughts about self-government?" No less personages than Thos. Sexton, M.P., who as a reasoner and an orator has no superior and but one equal in the British house of Commons-Mr. Gladstone; Rev. Father A. McKenna, Alex. Sullivan, W. F. Redmond, M.P., Senator Jones, General Butler, Mayor Martin of Boston, and last, but not least, Mrs. Parnell. "the dis-"tinguished daughter of a great American "admiral and the noble mother of the most "illustrious Irish statesman and leader," These are the personages at whon the Star attempts to sneer, and through them it strikes at the Irish people. It never did yet strike a manly blow. But to show how unjust it is towards Governor Robinson and the other orators and how contemptibly it misrepresents them and the labors of the convention, we will devote a little space to a few quotations, "from the platitudes and stale thoughts about self-government." It is not the platitudes that vex the petty soul of the wrapping paper, it is the self-government for the Irish. John Boyle O'Reilly, who is somewhat more of an authority on the matter than the paper who christens Governor Robinson "an ass," says in speaking of the reception given to the Republican Governor of the State by the multitude, that it was such as no King's governor ever received. and then Boyle O'Reilly adds that "Governor Robinson made a speech that was an honor to his State and himself-a speech that will not be forgotten by those who heard or by those who shall read it.

The following are a few extracts from

Governor Robinson's speech ;-

"It is my pleasant duty," said the Governor. "to give you hearty congratulations on this abundant testimony of your ratification of the doings of the important convention that has been assembled in this pity within the last few onigon, and party papers have viruing, out of the college of the major. To judge him been assembled in this point of the president of the president of the president of the United the continuous liquors only the late few which, with perquisites, is greater than the meter of choice. Such a salary, which, with perquisites, is greater than the most to say which, with perquisites, is greater than the most to five middle of the president of the United the continuous liquors only being a public. The wordors certify that be of the very by the late Boston convention to the President of the president of the very by the late Boston convention to the president of the presi

needs of employers As Butler says in his down the other hears his share and part, and on him directly rests responsibility of Looking and never capital, which can be left to protect clate the difficulties in Ireland; it seems to me itself as it is amply able to do. On the usland is suffering in that the property which that which, Cleveland's letter is not destined to me among themselves (Applause). Give them raise him in the testimation of the applicate here, the right to overn themselves (Cheers, Give them was here, the right to legislate Give them was here, the right to legislate upon the concerns that make for their high est good. Make liberty to stand in fact as well summe. Why should not those people have a direct and constant part in all the legislation which affects their domestic concerns? Will they not be able to take care of the great industries in which they may engage? Will they not see to it that good and just laws are provided and enforced. Why should not every man who till an acre of soil, if he will, become the possessor of it in his own right? Cheers, Make it possible that there be homesteads say will find strong contributing elements to the will find strong contributing elements to the happiness of that people. But it is said that an Irishman does not know how to use such privileges. Will it be safe to put the strong arm of power withing their control? Are they fit to be safe to put the strong arm of power withing their control? Are they fit to be safe to put the strong arm of power withing their control? citizens in Ireland? America auswers yes. (Cheers.) America knows that among her citizens by adoption they are liberal, loyal, liberty-loving, patriotic, brave, enduring, patient, and all that suffice to test and determine the character that shall make for citizenship. I shall make for citizenship. In strife and blood shall make for citizenship. In strite and blood for the precious privileges that they have secured by adoption, they have walked forth for the defence of the liberties of the country, in the protection and preservation of the union of the States, and well may the world speak in scorn and contempt of the question that is not doubt. and contempt of the question that is put doubtingly of the qualifications of this people to exercise self-government and control. (Applause.)

That is the speech which, in the estimation of the Star, merits for the Governor of Massachusetts the appellation of "ass." With the speech before them we leave the public, and especially the Irish portion thereof, to judge how far that paper was justified in flinging its mud at the Irish national convention.

PETEROBRO', (ONT.) CATHEDRAL.

His Lordship Bishop Jamot and the Catholies of Peterboro, have decided on enlarging and making extensive alterations in the present church building instead of erecting a new cathedral. The contemplated work is thus described by a correspondent of the Peterboro' Examiner:

As it would cost sixty or seventy thousand dollars to build a suitable cathedral, and as the town is large and Catholics much scattered, making it necessary to soon build another church, His Lordship and the committee concurred in the opinion that it would be best to build an addition to and beautify the old church. The contract was then let for \$17.500 to Mr. James McNamara, an industrious and ambitious young man, who has every prospect of rising. The old church is 100 feet long by 60, broad. They intend making a T church of it by building a transept across the end, and then a very large vestry will be built at the rear of that, so that the whole building will really be in the form of a cross. The transept will be 110 ft. by 35 ft., extending 25 ft. at both sides of the old church. The old windows will be taken out and replaced by windows of the latest style, with stained glass. and butments of cut stone will be built between them and at each corner the old stone will be all pointed and blocked out in the new. The vestry will be very large (80 ft. by 24 ft.) and will have a nest little sanctuary in the west end. In the church there will be one grand altar and a large sanctuary which is needed very much. Both church and vestry are to be built of stone. The work is progressing rapidly, and it is hoped will be finished this fall, when it will be worthy of being called a Cathedral. His Lordship the Bishop takes great interest in the building, as he al ways has been engaged. wherever he has been, in building churches or schools.

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A subscription has been taken, and the which it is hoped the people in and around Peterboro' will attend in good numbers.

OBITUARY.

Henry George Bohn, the publisher, is dead. Lord Odo Russell, the British ambassador at Berlin, is dead.

News has been received of the death of Frank E. Pennock, son of Wm. Pennock, insurance agent of Ottawa, in the North-

The Rev. Father Jean Baptiste Pierre Bedard, pastor of the parish of Fall River, Mass., died at that place on Sunday. The deceased Father was one of the many priests in the United States who belong to the Diocese of Montreal, and was a member of the Society of One Mass.

The well known Scriptural saying, "In the milet of life we are in death," was once more milet of Mr. Patrick verifie. m. 'st of life we are in death, was one with on Monday in the case of Mr. Patrick verific. I grocer, 341 St. James street West, who Dinahan, 'v cut off in the prime of life. The was sudden, was an old and respected citizen, deceased, who ent of the best of health up to was in the enjoyn off, and had complained the hour of his takin. I intimate friends. He of no silment to his mode in a most exemplary was a gentleman who live demise was made and sober life, and his sudden this wife is at doubly painful from the fact the many watering present sojourning at one of the many watering at one of the many watering at one of the many wat tion. His death will be deeply, regretted by large circle of friends and acquaintances.

CANADIANS WANTED FOR THE KHAR-TOUM EXPEDITION.

OTTAWA, Aug. 25,-Lord Melgund arrived in town on Saturday. His visit is caused by the decision of the Imperial Government to er list the services of Canadian voyageurs in the Khart toum relief expedition. The great services real dered by the Canadian boatmen on the Real River expedition and their peculiar adaptiveness to the duties on the Nile, has probably caused the British Government to ondeavor to obtain their services. An engagement has been entered into with Mr. T. T. Lambert, a well-known Ottawe lumberman, for securing the services of six hundred men, and they will leave for England immediately,

Recent figures show that the consumption of liquor in the United States has far out-stripped the growth of population. The number of gallons of liquor consumed yearly since. 1840 has increased as follows: 1840,71,000