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NOTICE.

This Office is closed for business on all Catholic Holy Days of Obligation.

'LITERARY malefactor' is an appropriate name for those who translate or write the demoralizing publications which are now so widely circulated and lead to so much evil, crime and misery.

The wild schemes of annexation, and meddlesomeness in connection with the affairs of other small countries on the part of the present United States Government are alike proofs of inherent weakness.

The editorial writers on the United States papers have been so puzzled, and their ideas so mixed and muddled by the rhodomontades of Sir R. Cartwright, Mr. Wiman and their missionary band, as to make some of their productions on the subject of trade relations with Canada, rather comical reading.

It is estimated that during the last nine months of the past year Great Britain imported from the United States products amounting in aggregate value to over fifty millions sterling, or two hundred and fifty million dollars.

on account of being able to produce cheaper. Already the cost of producing breadstuffs, pork, beef, etc., in the United States is having a serious effect on their foreign trade, owing to the greater cheapness with which other countries can lay down the same articles.

A CLAUSE was inserted in the terms of sale at auction of timber limits in Ontario, which requires that all timber cut on said limits shall be manufactured in Ontario.

No part of the federal compact was more seriously studied than that which related to the exercise of the veto. The impressive example of the United States was then fresh in the minds of the framers of our constitution.

It is now quite plain to all judicial minds that the limits of the exercise of this power need to be defined. It has really become an embarrassment which federal ministers would be glad to avoid.

In 'Ivanhoe,' Sir Arthur Sullivan has really succeeded in producing an English Grand Opera that will take rank with similar works by the great masters.

A VAIN MINISTER.

There is a pride which goeth before a fall, according to the proverb, and it looks very much as though Mr. Mercier is becoming more and more inflated with a pride which presages his not far distant downfall.

gance, windy vanity, and bombastic tyranny, commend us to some of the provincial premier's latest sayings. We have before us a handsomely bound volume inclosing the documents connected with the settlement of the Jesuits Estates difficulty.

BREAKERS AHEAD.

Premier Mercier has gone to Europe with his treasurer to negotiate the new ten million dollar loan. It is generally surmised that he will succeed in getting the money, but at a very high rate of interest.

A WARNING.

L'Etendard is on the warpath. After enumerating the grievances of his friends against the Mercier Government, it closes a fierce article in the following words:—

THE NEWFOUNDLAND DIFFICULTY.

Those who followed the discussion, and examined the pros and cons connected with the boundary dispute, will remember that the famous treaty of Utrecht played no unimportant part in the controversy.

The Island called Newfoundland, with the adjacent coast, is a long narrow strip of land extending from the Gulf of St. Lawrence to the Gulf of Mexico.

The King, having entirely agreed with his Most Christian Majesty upon the articles of the Definitive Treaty, will seek every means which shall not only insure the execution thereof, but also the most prompt and complete fulfilment of its obligations.

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necessarily be either correct or just. Then measures must promptly be taken to arrange a very material change of conditions with France.

A PROTESTANT TRIBUTE.

In contradistinction to the bigotry, fanaticism and intolerance of certain secular daily newspapers, it is pleasant to find an occasional honest, candid and generous tribute from a Protestant pen to the zeal and piety of Catholics and their clergy.

Allen although he be to faith and dook, the writer then goes on to give his reflections on the solemn scene. 'What,' he asks, 'keeps these people for hours in weariness—'even painful genuflection; penitential yet serene of face, and many of them wearing the look of those who have received the pain and crown?'

A Hint for Farmers.

Mr. D. Plewes of Brantford writes as follows to the Empire:—Since writing about opening up a market for goose wheats I have had some conversation with two wheat exporters in Toronto, viz., Mr. Carruthers, of Norris & Carruthers, and Mr. Baird, of Crane & Baird, and they, too, have been seeking an outlet for this grade of wheat, as they saw the farmers could so easily turn their attention to growing it instead of so much barley (and all huna where good barley can be grown will produce this variety of wheat in abundance).

to "whisper the o'er-fraught heart and bid it break," the blessed appeal, "Father, forgive them!" comes like a ray of healing light out of that lurid hill of death, relieves the tension of grief, and opens wide the flood-gates of the soul.

It would be hard to convey in language a more impressive sense of the soul-touching power of a perfect preacher, than is here given. In conclusion the writer, as if unable to repress his enthusiasm, gives vent to this apostrophe:—

"Oh, soldier of Pampeluna, greatest of earthly conquerors art thou and thy conquests the most enduring! Still do thy black-robed legions fight with unequalled zeal and fire and eloquence, and the victory is ever their own!"

THE CENSUS.

The arrangements for the taking of the census of Canada are now about complete. The Commissioners for the Electoral districts have been named, and in a few days the enumerators will be at work.

A GRAND RECEPTION.

To be Telemetered next Monday Evening in St. Ann's Hall to the Two Most Popular Irishmen of Montreal.

The St. Ann's Hall has been the scene of many popular gatherings and rejoicings during the quarter of a century of its existence.

A Hero's Death.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—General Joseph E. Johnston, the famous Confederate leader, died shortly after 11 o'clock on Saturday night at his residence on Connally avenue.