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THE CATHOLIC.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 1844.

RESOLUTIONS OF 1841.

1. That the most important as well as the most undoubted of the political rights of the people of this Province is, that of having a Provincial Parliament for the protection of their liberties, for the exercise of a Constitutional influence over the Executive Departments of their Government, and for Legislation upon all matters of internal Government.
2. That the Head of the Executive Government of the Province, being, within the limits of his Government, the Representative of the Sovereign, is responsible to the Imperial authority alone; but that, nevertheless, the management of our local affairs can only be conducted by him, by and with the assistance, council, and information of subordinate officers in the Province.
3. That in order to preserve, between the different branches of the Provincial Parliament, that harmony which is essential to the peace, welfare, and good government of the Province, the chief advisers of the Representative of the Sovereign, constituting a Provincial Administration under him, ought to be men possessed of the confidence of the Representatives of the people, thus affording a guarantee that the well understood wishes and interests of the people, which our Gracious Sovereign has declared shall be the rule of the Provincial Government, will on all occasions, be faithfully represented and advocated.
4. That the people of this Province have, moreover, a right to expect from such Provincial Administration the exertion of their best endeavours, that the Imperial authority shall be exercised in the manner most consistent with their well understood wishes and interests.

We to-day republish the celebrated Resolutions of 1841, and we propose to continue them in our paper for three months. These resolutions cannot be too extensively circulated, or engraven too deeply on the public mind.

We also publish a part of the proceedings of the Legislature of Nova Scotia on Responsible Government. It will be seen that Mr. Howe extracted from His Excellency's reply to the Gore Address, and recognised in it the principle of Responsible Government. Our brethren of Nova Scotia appear to have overlooked the words "adequate importance." The whole of the extract alluded to, with the exception of these words, is admitted by the Reformers of Canada to be correct; but these important words nullifies the whole. They are the baited hook jointly and artfully concealed; and Mr. Howe, not perceiving this, swallowed the bait. We are confident that a little reflection will convince Mr. H. of his error. We shall take occasion at an early day, to give a commentary on the celebrated reply of His Excellency above alluded to; as well as the other *stale papers* so much lauded by the Tory Press.

In our next we will publish some of the excellent speeches delivered at the first meeting of the Reform Association of Toronto. They have afforded us the highest gratification, and we doubt not will be as acceptable to our readers.

The Spring Assizes for this District commenced on Monday. His honor Mr. Justice Hagerman presiding. The Hon. Henry Sherwood Council for the Crown. The civil and criminal business is unusually light; and the Court is not expected to continue more than a week. We will endeavour to give a report of any cases of importance.

We have perused attentively all the speeches of the Repeal traversers, and the speeches on their trial & on the state of Ireland, in both Houses of Parliament; and we are free to confess, that as far as unbiassed judgment goes, truth and talent are wholly and exclusively on their side;—trick—treachery—ignorance and fanaticism,—interested, unscrupulous, unblushing, reckless, determined and unconstitutional tyranny—seem altogether ranged, as usual, on the other side. The British maxim seems still to be *might alone makes right*. Our present rulers like Old Harry and his crouching interested tools—his baby successor's Government—the bastard queen's—the royal Scotch pedant's—with his reforming or rather deforming successors; will all some day be placed along with our German and Genevan innovators, on the blackest page of history by our indignant posterity.

ACCIDENT.—On Monday morning last, as Mr. B. Freeman, Innkeeper, in company with Mr. John Abel, was shooting on the ground adjoining Mr. Fergusson's creek, Mr. Abel, it seems, when adjusting the cap on his loaded fowling piece, inadvertently held it in a direct line with the body of Mr. Freeman, at, it is said, about five yards' distance. A discharge followed, lodging the whole of the contents in Mr. Freeman's side. He was immediately taken home, where medical assistance speedily arrived; and although hopes are entertained of his recovery, he yet lies in a very precarious state. We sincerely trust that his friends may not be disappointed in their hopes.

ANOTHER.—We regret to learn that a serious accident occurred to a daughter, about three years old, belonging to Mr. Bunker, on Monday. Her father had just left his buggy, in which the child was placed, for the purpose of assisting Mrs. Bunker into it, when the horse ran off, throwing out the child, causing the dislocation of her left thigh. Dr. O'Rielly was in immediate attendance, and we are glad to hear that he speaks favourably of the issue.

☞ Two or three of our *worthy* and *respectable* Tories have refused our paper since it has acknowledged itself in favour of the measures of the late ministry. These individuals we know would be very sorry indeed to call themselves *plebeian*, yet we imagine few of the latter would act in this manner without paying up their subscriptions. We trust the hint will be taken, as we dislike publishing names. It may not be very satisfactory for them to know, although it is to us, and no doubt to the majority of our readers, that our subscription list is on the increase.

We have received a letter from Mr. Clerk, Acting P. M., Camden, respecting the papers of Mr. Thomas, Judge, for which we paid 11d. postage. This has been no uncommon occurrence with us. For the future, we wish correspondents to know, that we will not take any letter out of the Post Office, unless it is post paid, or contains money.

☞ The Calendar for May for the Diocese of Toronto will appear next week.

☞ A great Repeal Meeting was held on Presentation on the 23rd ult. We shall set the patriotic introduction to the Resolutions, which were unanimously passed, in our next.

THE STEAMER ECLIPSE.—We may safely say that navigation is open. This nice little Steamer, Capt. Gordon commander, came up to our wharves yesterday, and has caused quite a sensation in Town. Her trips, we learn, will regularly commence between this and Toronto, next Monday, leaving Hamilton at 7 A. M., and Toronto at 1 P. M.—Cabin passage 7s. 6d.—Deck do. 8s. 9d.

☞ THEATRE.—The gentlemen Amateurs perform this Evening the beautiful French drama of the *Duchess de la Valbalière*, with the afterpiece of a *Wife for an hour*.

☞ We learn that the Rev. P. Simon Sanderl has lately been appointed Pastor of the Germans of Wilmet, Petersburg, in this District.

☞ We return thanks to our Perth friends for the encouragement they give us in changing the style of our paper.

☞ The Governor has given the Rev. Mr. Vaughan £10. towards the building of a Catholic Church in Gananoque.

[COMMUNICATION.]

Hamilton, April 8th, 1844.

MR. EDITOR, Sir:—
Be pleased to insert the following and oblige yours, respectfully,

A SUBSCRIBER.

On examining ancient and modern history, I cannot find a parallel to the circumstances that have lately transpired in this town. Our Municipal election took place about a month ago, and five signs of respectability were returned. These gentlemen are the Conservators of the Peace, and the dispensers of the law, within the corporation of Hamilton. Their first acts of jurisprudence were the appointment of officers, to wit, the Clerk, Bailiff, Assessor, and Collectors. The Clerk, an unoffending man, "more sinned against than sinning," was voted out, and his successor appointed; but by a sudden turn of their talisman, was reinstated with, it is said, a reduction of salary. The Bailiff, a respectable man "having his diploma," was kept in office. Well now, make room, gentlemen, for here comes the Assessor, a man of gigantic stature, and of stupendous intellectuality. Having also his "diploma," he was sworn in almost immediately, to make sure, knowing well the mutability of all earthly things. Here, observe; this person takes his per centage on the sum total, and had the present Board been possessed of the same discrimination as they observed in the case of the Clerk, they would have made a reduction on this score, (since retrenchment is the order of the day) Oh, no! he is a Caledonian Royal Archer. Now let me follow the Collectors. Poor — and — are appointed, and are allowed one's short week to plume their feathers; and then unceremoniously sent about their business. Another person is appointed Collector, not for a part but for the whole town. What depth of penetration! what discernment is here displayed! An official document is sent to this person, the purport of which is, that he is appointed Collector, and desired to appear before their worship (with reverence be it expressed) on the Monday following. Securities unquestionable were produced, and twenty more could have been adduced, but after remaining in the hall of justice three hours, a general mandate was proclaimed by the Emperor, in characteristic Na-Bob fashion.—"clear the room." After a debate of three hours' length, their worship came to the conclusion, that at their last meeting, their crania had been disorganized, and were now compelled to cancel the late appointment! Here a tempest broke out, and the President replied that they had returned the minority instead of the majority. There were three candidates; one of them had two marks and the others one each. Now, any school-boy could have told where the majority was. What an admirable conclusion! it out Johnson's Johnson. Prepare gentle reader, for what follows. The appointment was cancelled! Mark the sequel.—Another person (who the week before was turned out) is again appointed, and no less a personage than the illus-

trious —. Why all this? the solution to all these mysterious proceedings cannot be found in any work extant, unless, perchance in the arena of masonry.

Whilst writing the above, a flaming hand-bill presented me, headed "Sealed Tenders;" On examining the Bill, I find the work will amount to about one dollar, and cost of the printing to perhaps double; and these are the men that rule the destinies of the town of Hamilton? A great deal of indecision and imbecility has certainly characterised their actions so far; and I think the only inference that can be drawn is, that they have taken upon themselves a responsibility they are unable to sustain, and that they must inevitably share the "Adventures of a bad Shilling."

☞ FIRE.—About 6 o'clock on Saturday morning a fire was discovered in the rear of Messrs. A. H. Armour & Co. Store, by which a range of out-buildings was speedily consumed. There was nothing of much consequence in any of them.—They were occupied by Messrs. A. H. Armour & Co. and J. P. Larkin;—the latter had fortunately removed a large quantity of Tea stored therein, but a few days previous. The former have sustained some loss by the hasty removal of part of their goods. As usual no body can tell how the fire originated.—*Gazette*.

Tory Rascality in Hamilton.

The Tories of Hamilton have been long noted for the unscrupulous audacity of their conduct, and their behavior at the late meeting will not subtract from their fame. The meeting was called under the provisions of the late Act for "the orderly holding of public meetings" in which a meeting "of any particular class of the inhabitants" shall be deemed "within the meaning of the act." The Tories, therefore, had no right to attend, or to interrupt the proceedings with their gratuitous meddling, and impertinent interference; but they have as little regard for law as they have for reason, or the common civilities of civilized life, and they never hesitate to commit the grossest violations of any, or all of these, in the accomplishment of their nefarious designs. The sheriff deserves the unmeasured praise of all who love order and respect law, for the prompt and impartial manner in which he discharged his duty, and refused to recognize the acts of the intruder Doggan and his uninvited ruffianly Orange associates. The base brazen-tongued Tory Press has had the hardihood to demand the dismissal of Mr. Thomas! and for what? Obeying and enforcing the law! But is it any wonder that their violence and effrontery knows no bounds—winked at and encouraged as it is by the Governor? Witness his conduct, or the conduct of his ministry, in the case of the Orange outrage at Frostenac. There, even Magistrates—yes, the so-called conservators of the Peace interfered with the proceedings of a meeting, called according to the requirements of the Act, and when a representation of the fact was made to the Government, not so much as an answer was returned! Here, of course, is impunity for all future offenders. And this is the new system of Responsible Government.—*Toronto Mirror*

Corporation Abuses.

Yesterday morning the 23th, two of the Kingston Police unceremoniously entered the houses of Hon. F. Hincks and the Hon. R. B. Sullivan, and served distress warrants on each for Corporation Taxes. Both these gentlemen have left Kingston, and their ladies knew nothing more of such business than to be able to say that payment had never been refused, and might have been had at any time if they had known it. Nevertheless the Collector, who resides but a very short distance from both houses, made affidavit of refusal to pay, and ordered the distress warrants accordingly. There is only one way of understanding these proceedings, which is to take them as an intended insult to the parties. We ask the Corporation authorities how they can expect respectable families to choose Kingston for a residence when they are subjected to such disgusting annoyances, and when they sanction them by keeping persons in their employ who can find no other but the most insulting way of performing their duties, while they are crafty enough to shelter themselves under the protection of the letter of the law. In both cases the money was instantly paid, and the Police took the costs of the warrants.—*Kingston Constitution*.