

ter of certain of our contemporaries, in the assurance that, in a very few months, we should have from the Catholic Church in India an official and authoritative declaration upon the subject. That declaration is now before us, in the shape of the Pastoral from His Grace the Vicar Apostolic of Hindostan; and, as will be seen from the analysis given in the *Dublin Tablet*, it is every particular confirms the truth of the opinions put forth in September last by this journal. The Indian rebellion is now proved to be, as we then asserted it was, merely "a mutiny of disobedient soldiers;" and, in so far as it has any popular character, or extends beyond the ranks of our own mutinous troops—is "but a desperate effort for the extinction of Christianity by the destruction of all Christians, whatever their race, color, or nation."—*Dublin Tablet*.

THE "HOLY CHILDHOOD."—We publish below an interesting letter from the pupils of the Sisters of *Notre Dame* upon this most useful and thoroughly Catholic Association: one that is known by name, at least, to all our readers, and whose important object should endear it to all.

That object is two-fold—Firstly, to rescue from an untimely death a multitude of children born of infidel parents, and who, the victims of a brutal heathenism, are annually destroyed by thousands and hundreds of thousands; thrown sometimes into the waters and drowned, or cast to the dogs and swine to be devoured by those unclean beasts which perform the ordinary duties of scavengers in the large cities in China. The children thus rescued from the jaws of death receive from the Missionaries a sound Christian education; and often, as native teachers, and occasionally as priests and missionaries, become themselves the means of salvation to others.

But above all it is the great object of the Society of the "Holy Childhood,"—so named after Him who for our sakes was once a little child—to open the portals of Heaven to thousands of perishing little ones, by conferring upon them the Sacrament of Baptism, with all the inestimable graces attached to the Sacrament of Regeneration. But we feel that we cannot do better than quote a few paragraphs from a notice of His Grace Forbin-Janson, Bishop of Nancy and of Toul, commending the "Holy Childhood" to the charity of the faithful throughout the world.

"There are countries," says this document, "where has not yet triumphed the Gospel of peace and love which shows us Jesus, caroling and blessing little children; and where as of old, in Rome and Athens, childhood is despised, and all the ancient horrors of the exposition, sale, and murder of infants are still the prevailing custom."

China, above all, is painfully distinguished by its barbarism, in regard to children. In this immense empire, where the cruelty of a savage state is united with the immorality of an old civilization, custom at least, if it is not expressly the law, gives the right to every father of a family of inflicting death on newborn children: and the innumerable class of poor throughout the empire, takes free advantage of this odious right, to avoid the encumbrance of a numerous offspring.

Hear the testimony of an English author. "Bitter, beys, the midwives drown the new-born infants in a basin of hot water, and require a fee for this operation, or they are thrown into rivers, having a hollow gourd tied to their backs, so that they float a long time without expiring. Their pitiable cries in this situation would make men elsewhere shudder, but here every one is accustomed to them, and they cause no sensation. The third manner of getting rid of them is, by exposing them in the streets through which, every morning, and particularly at Peking, there is a cart driven, to convey these infants who are thrown upon it, to a pit into which they are cast, without the earth being thrown upon them; in hopes that the Mahometans will take up some of them: but before these carts can arrive in the morning, it often happens that the dogs, and above all the swine, which infest the streets in all Chinese cities, devour them alive. In the single city of Peking, it is asserted that within three years, the number of children thus destined to perish, has been reckoned to amount to 2702, without counting those who had been trampled to death by horses and mules in the streets, or devoured by dogs; or those smothered at their birth, or others taken by the Mahometans."

These statements are confirmed by the recent testimony of our missionaries. It is by hundreds and thousands that these children perish thus. The Chinese government opposes no check to this barbarous custom. All our missionaries endeavour to save as many as they can of these poor little creatures. They are often brought to me, and offered for 6, nay for 3 francs, and even for nothing, with an intimation that if I do not accept them they will be destroyed. (Extract of a letter from father Jesuit, on the 23rd of January, 1841.)

Who does not feel moved at these mournful recitals? Nature herself revolts, and yields to indignation! It is impossible not to feel profound pity for these poor children, not to love them, and even to be afflicted at ones inability to succor them—thence arises the question: can there be any means devised for rescuing them from death?—This is precisely our thought, the origin and aim of this charitable institution. Yes! Our desire is to rescue from death the greatest possible number of children, born of infidel parents; and since they sell them through avarice and wickedness, we wish to purchase as many of them as we can for the love of God, for the glory of his name, and to give them baptism, in order that those who die in infancy, may enjoy eternal happiness, and that those who survive, like Moses, after having rescued themselves from death, may become instruments of salvation for their hitherto unenlightened brethren."

After this lucid explanation of the objects of the Association of the "Holy Childhood," we are sure that the following letter will be read with interest:—

A PLEASANT OF THE HOLY CHILDHOOD.
Boston, Jan. 1858.

REVEREND SIR—Among the most agreeable of our duties, and what we esteem also a special privilege, is that of writing to you the details of our cherished Association of the Holy Childhood. The interest we feel in it does not abate; on the contrary, it increases daily. The edifying examples of self-denial we witness so often among our young companions of the primary class, excite emulation in us. Several of them sacrificed the few cents their parents had given them to buy their luncheon, and remained in school from 8½ till 3 o'clock without eating. The Sister who instructs them perceived it, and asked them the reason; they replied that their mother had not enough money to give them both for their luncheon and the Society, and that they would rather be hungry than not pay their contribution.

During the Christmas holidays, we had a little lot-

tery at our school; we would like to have had it on a larger scale, but our dear Sister Superior did not think it proper. We amused ourselves very much in selling the pictures by chance; many of the scholars had been laying up their money for some weeks;—they refrained from buying bonbons, and even gave their Christmas gifts for the poor children of China. The day after Epiphany, we performed two little dramas in the large hall of our school-house; the first, written by one of our number, was titled "The Chinese Child." It afforded us both amusement and instruction. Several little girls, dressed in Chinese costume, accompanied by two larger ones as Sisters of Charity, appeared in the first scene, and sang a plaintive hymn, calling upon the children of Europe and America to assist them. A group in another part of the room responded in a loud chorus. In the next scene, a little girl was represented destitute and alone, having been cast away by her parents. She wept and bemoaned her hard fate, and feared every moment that the cruel dogs were coming to devour her; her cries were heard by a Sister of Charity, who hastened to her relief; she soothed her grief, and offered to protect her; but the child recoiled, expressing her horror of a Christian. The Sister, by kind and gentle persuasion, succeeded in calming her, and conducted her away. In the next scene, the mother of the child came to demand her; saying that a Turk would buy her for his slave. The Sister agreed to give her "aspek" than the Turk, and thus secured her prize. After this followed dialogues between the Sister and her protegee, about the source whence the former got so much money to buy the poor forsaken children, and the necessity of baptism in order to be saved.

The drama concluded by an invocation of the Divine Infant Jesus, who was represented by a beautiful wax image lying on straw in a crib; the Chinese child appeared clothed in white as a neophyte, and surrounded by a youthful band. She addressed a most touching prayer to the lovely Babe of Bethlehem and His blessed Virgin Mother; and called down blessings on the young benefactors of Pagan children. The other drama was the "Announcement of the Birth of the Messiah to the Shepherds on the plains of Judea." Pieces of music were performed, and choruses sang between the scenes. The whole was very interesting; and we returned to our homes much gratified.

Several Reverend gentlemen honored us with their presence; among whom was the Venerable Father M'Elroy; our Right Rev. Bishop was expected, but could not come, on account of a previous engagement. Our kind teachers, seeing that we were so much encouraged by our little entertainment, and conducted ourselves so well to their satisfaction, have promised that both it and the lottery shall be repeated.

We will try to profit by the many favors we receive, and become more and more zealous in our efforts for the poor children of China.

With much respect, we remain, Reverend Sir,
Your humble and obedient servants,
THE PUPILS OF THE SISTERS OF
NOTRE DAME.

✱ We would remind our readers of Mr. McGee's lecture on Monday evening next. The subject is a most interesting one, and there is no man on this Continent so well able to do justice to it as our talented fellow-townsmen and representative. We hope therefore that he may have a crowded audience. See advertisement.

Military Promenade Concert, under the patronage of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

On Thursday, 11th inst., in the City Concert Hall, Captain Latour's Company, (No. 3), will give a Promenade Concert; the proceeds to be devoted to charitable purposes. Our friends will, we hope, make a point of attending; Tickets, 1s. 3d. Doors open at 6.30 p.m. Concert to commence at 7.30 p.m.

MILITARY SOIRÉE.—The Ball given by Major Devlin's Company, (No. 4), came off with great éclat on Monday evening last at the City Concert Hall. Every precaution had been taken by the gallant entertainers for the accommodation of their guests in the way of refreshments, music, and decorations; and it would be no easy matter to find a more brilliant spectacle than that which the ball-room presented. The *Montreal Herald* thus notices the general effect:—

"The scene was a brilliant one—the uniforms of the Volunteers gay and showy; the attire of the ladies in elegant contrast. The brass band of the Volunteer Rifles was present, and Maffre's musicians were also in attendance, and to the diversified strains which both evoked, the 'mazy dance' swept on till far in the next morning. The whole affair passed off without the occurrence of any of those unpleasant drawbacks which usually mar the pleasure of large assemblies gathered together for jovial purposes. We congratulate the Company on the success of their undertaking, and without egotism they may safely take to themselves the credit of the arrangements which tended to produce such satisfactory results."

We tender our best thanks to our kind friends at Cobourg for their generous exertions in behalf of the TRUE WITNESS, which we hope may always be so conducted as to merit the good opinion of the Catholics of Canada.

QUARANTE HEURES.—We would remind our readers that the B. Sacrament will be exposed to the adoration of the faithful, to-day (Friday) and to-morrow, in the chapel of the College of Montreal.

To the Editor of the True Witness.

MR. EDITOR—What could induce me to write to you on a subject like the present? Nothing but respect and veneration for the Bishop of the Island of Vancouver, for his zeal and charity. Some twenty years ago, his charity to those in spiritual distress prompted him to volunteer his services as the first Missionary to upwards of one hundred thousand Indians in that distant land. Oh! what obstacles surrounded him on that occasion; but did he hesitate? No; the tender affection, and anxious solicitude with which he consulted the spiritual happiness of the poor Indians, were, surprisingly conspicuous in the sufferings, privations, and self-denials which he endured for them; his own ease and personal comfort had no consideration with him—the honor and glory of God were his ambition. He has lately returned to the Province to procure Priests and Nuns for his mission; and is now engaged in travelling through the Diocese of Montreal, notwithstanding the inclemency of the season; in establishing a Society for the Propagation of the Faith in these parishes, where it has not been previously established, and in strengthening it by his preaching, and placing it on a firmer and more permanent basis where it already exists. I was really surprised when I read in the *Annals* of the Propagation of the Faith at Lyons, that the Bishop of Vancouver receives but the miserable sum

of six thousand francs for his poor mission; whilst large and opulent Dioceses in other parts receive some four, others five times that sum. I am informed that he is the poorest Bishop in the Catholic world. Trusting you will occasionally advocate his cause in your independent journal.

I am, Dear Sir, yours, &c.,
CATHOLICS.

TRUE WITNESS FUND—MEETING IN CORNWALL.
(From the New Era.)

At a meeting of the Catholics of the Parish of Cornwall, held at the St. Nicholas Hotel, on the evening of Saturday, the 23rd inst., Dr. McDonald, late M. P. for the town, was called to the Chair, and Dr. Bergin was appointed Secretary.

After a brief explanation by the Chairman, of the objects of the meeting, the following resolutions were put and carried unanimously:—

Resolved—That this meeting has learned with surprise and regret, the necessity, as announced by the Editor, for the suspension of the publication of the *True Witness* newspaper, in consequence of the delinquency of its subscribers.

Resolved—That, as at no period of the history of this Province was the existence of a journal, solely devoted to the interests of our holy religion, more absolutely demanded than the present juncture, so never was it more clearly the duty of every true Catholic to come forward and contribute according to his means, to avert, if possible, so deplorable an event as the cessation of the publication of the *True Witness*.

Resolved—That, in the opinion of this meeting, a fund should be immediately created, to be called the *True Witness Fund*, not only in this parish, but in every parish throughout the Province; and that it is the duty of every Catholic to contribute promptly and liberally to the formation of this fund; and that subscription lists should be opened in every parish, in furtherance of this object.

Resolved—That the Chairman, Lachlan McDonald, D. A. McDonald, Esq., and the Secretary, be a Committee in this parish to carry out the objects of this meeting; and that Lachlan McDonald, Esq., be Treasurer of this Committee.

Resolved—That our Pastor, the Rev. J. S. O'Connor, be requested to address the congregation to-morrow upon the subject of this meeting, and to advise that all subscriptions be paid to the Treasurer on or before Sunday, the 7th proximo.

Resolved—That in the event of the other parishes in this Province adopting similar measures to those proposed by this meeting, it would be highly desirable that a Central Treasurer at Montreal be appointed to receive the contributions of each parish, by him to be paid over to the Editor of the *True Witness*.

Resolved—That the Rev. Mr. Connolly, of St. Patrick's Church, Montreal, be requested to undertake the duty of Central Treasurer, and that the amount collected in this parish be paid over to him by L. McDonald, Esq.

Resolved—The Committee be instructed to prepare for our Catholic fellow-citizens in this Province, founded upon the foregoing resolutions.

Resolved—That the *Montreal New Era* the *Toronto Mirror* and *Citizen*, and the *Ottawa Tribune*, be requested to publish the minutes of this meeting, call the attention of their readers thereto, and earnestly urge their co-operation.

R. McDONALD, M.D.,
Chairman.
D. BERGIN, M.D.,
Secretary.

REMITTANCES RECEIVED.

Edgeworth, J. Kerr, 15s; Hillier, J. Vincent, 12s 6d; St. Laurent, J. Sexton, 3s 9d; Dundas, E. McRae, 12s 6d; St. Alexandre, Rev. J. Martell, 12s 6d; Huntly, R. Mantle, 10s; Brockville, P. Bolger, 11s 5s; Sherrington, H. Blake, 5s; St. Polycarpe, D. McGillivray, 5s; Norton Creek, W. Power, 12s 6d; St. Modiste, Rev. Mr. Dion, 15s; Rawdon, E. Coffey, 12s 6d; La Oelle, Rev. P. Rochette, 12s 6d; Russelltown, E. McGill, 12s 6d; St. John's N. B., F. Collins, 11s 5s; Brinsville, Rev. B. J. Higgins, 10s; Lagersoll, B. Fallon, 10s; Burritts Rapids, J. O'Brien, 11s; St. Laurent, P. King, 12s 6d; Kingston, Rev. J. O'Brien, 10s; St. John's, C.E., G. Gethins, 11s; St. Jean Baptiste, Rev. J. D. Michon, 11s; Guelph, M. Ryan, 10s; Vienna, T. J. Appleton, 6s 3d; Peterboro, Dr. P. E. McKee, 5s; New Glasgow, Rev. Mr. Brosnan, 12s 6d; Kingston, M. McNamara, 10s; Varennes, D. Macdonell, 5s; Chambly, J. Hackett, 10s; Perth, A. Leslie, 12s 6d; St. Anicet, D. McKillop, 10s; Long Point, E. Quinn, 18s 9d; Frampton, J. Coyle, 10s; Paris, J. O'Brien, 10s; St. Columban, J. Murray, 5s; Thorold, J. Heenan, 10s; Sherrington, Rev. J. Gratton, 18s 9d; St. Hyacinthe, B. Buckley, 17s 6d; Godmanchester, J. Flynn, 11s 5s; Toronto, P. Kent, 10s; Alexandria, A. Kennedy, 5s; Dixons' Corners, P. Doyle, 11s 5s; St. Raphael, Rev. Mr. Gignas, 15s; Cornwall, J. R. Wilkinson, 11s 5s; Dundas, M. J. Haylow, 10s; Gourcock, P. McNamara, 10s; Sherrington, M. McCaffrey, 10s; St. Charles, River Boyer, Rev. D. Martineau, 11s; Norton Creek, O. Kilbride, 12s 6d; St. Rose, Rev. Mr. Brunet, 11s 3d; La Poche, Rev. Mr. Lauzier, 12s 6d; St. Columban, T. Donoghue, 5s; Toledo, D. O'Connor, 10s; Richmond, Rev. P. O'Connell, 11s 5s; Brockville, E. M. Ronayne, 11s; Quebec, His Grace the Archbishop, 12s 10s; St. John's, C.E., Rev. C. La Rocque, 12s 6d; Alexandria, D. McDonald, 6s 3d; do., D. M'Phoe, 12s 6d; Toronto, J. Ryan, 12s; Newmarket, J. Ryan, 12s 6d; Lindsay, J. Allumby, 11s; Richmond, L. Dempsey, 12s 6d; Cornwall, A. McDonnell, J.P., 12s 6d; Malorytown, G. Cavanagh, 10s; Perth, G. Northcote, 11s 5s; Rev. P. Dollard, Kingston—J. O'Reilly, 11s; M. Sutton, 12s 6d; J. Hickey, 12s 6d; J. Harty, 12s 6d; J. O'Reilly, 12s 6d; P. Hyland, 12s 6d; M. Hinch, 12s 6d; John Bowes, 12s 6d; P. Smith, 12s 6d; J. Doyle, 12s 6d; J. Campbell, 12s 6d; J. Molloy, 12s 6d; W. Winters, 12s 6d; C. Farrell, 12s 6d; H. Cummins, 12s 6d; R. Kane, 12s 6d; T. Ahern, 12s 6d; C. Donoghue, Rev. 12s 6d; P. Sewel, 12s 6d; M. Flanagan, 11s 5s; J. Hackett, 12s 6d; J. Lynch, 10s; J. Baker, 10s; P. Farrell, 8s 9d; J. Norris, 7s 6d; T. Early, 6s 3d; P. O'Reilly, 6s 3d; 12s 6d; H. Mason, 12s 6d; Mrs. Delany, 11s; D. C. Hickey, 12s 6d; G. Brock, 12s 6d; F. Haughey, 12s 6d; D. Bulger, 12s 6d; M. Fahy, 12s 6d; J. Shaw, 12s 6d; P. M'Comiskey, 12s 6d; W. Doyle, 12s 6d; W. Cahill, 12s 6d; E. McDonald, 12s 6d; J. Nowlan, 6s 3d; J. M'Ardeil, 6s 3d; Barrieffield, J. Ryan, 6s 3d; C. O'Neill, 6s 3d; H. Caldwell, 6s 3d; A. Norris, 6s 3d; J. Davis, 6s 3d; D. J. Hogan, 6s 3d; M. M'Neil, 6s 3d; J. Connolly, 6s 3d; Wackworth, Oline & Kennedy, 12s 6d; M. Rourke, 8s 11d; P. Kilduff, 10s.

Per J. Farrell, Kingston—Self, 12s 6d; Captain Fitzgibbon, 12s 6d; P. Kilduff, 12s 6d; T. Leahy, 12s 6d; P. Pidgeon, 12s 6d; Glenbury—J. Hickey, 12s 6d.

Per J. Doyle, Eganville—J. Bonfield, 12s 6d; T. O'Gorman, 12s 6d; J. M'Kiernan, 12s 6d; J. Perrigo, 12s 6d; F. Gallagher, 12s 6d; M. J. Hickey, 12s 6d; Rev. J. A. Straine, 12s 6d; D. Madigan, 12s 6d; G. Lappoluir, 12s 6d; T. O'Shaughnessy, Jr., 12s 6d; T. M'Mahon, 12s 6d; W. O'Toole, 12s 6d; J. O'Gorman, 12s 6d; J. Rice, 12s 6d; D. Nolan, 12s 6d; C. M'Kiernan, 12s 6d; J. M'Kiernan, 12s 6d; J. Stark, 12s 6d; Hull, T. M'Kay, 15s; Aylmer, J. Rainsboth, 10s.

Per Rev. M. Lalor, Pictou—T. McGuire, 11s 11s 3d; P. McMahon, 11s 5s; J. Power, 6s 3d; J. McDonald, 10s; W. Donnelly, 6s 3d; D. McCormick, 6s 3d; T. McPaul, 6s 3d; Mrs. Toole, 6s 3d; Mrs. O'Mahon, 6s 3d; J. Carroll, 3s 9d; St. Raphael—D. P. McDonald, 12s 6d.

Per J. Ford, Prescott—Rev. R. P. Kealey, 10s; P. Murdoch, 10s; J. Dunn, 10s; M. Kealey, 6s 3d; J. Murphy, 6s; J. Mead, 12s 6d; R. B. McDonald, 10s.

Per W. Rowan, Point Claire—J. Shannon, 12s 6d.

Per Rev. Mr. Lalor—Pictou, Mrs. Toole, 6s 3d; J. McDonald, 2s 6d; T. Sullivan, 12s 6d; P. Flanagan, 10s; R. Seaton, 8s 9d.

Per Rev. J. S. O'Connor, Cornwall—J. R. Macdonald, 6s.

Per M. O'Leary, Quebec—J. Lynch, 7s 6d; J. B. Wood, 11s 11s 3d; S. Jennings, 15s; Etchemin—J. Stanton, 12s 6d; Stoneham—R. Coady, 6s 3d; Val Cartier—J. Conway, 6s 3d; St. Vallier—Rev. L. A. Proulx, 12s 6d; L'Islet—T. Roche, 12s 6d.

Per Rev. J. Chisholm, Alexandria—Self, 12s 6d; M. Linclach, 7s 6d.

Per M. O'Dempsey, Belleville—J. Eunis, 6s 3d.

Per J. Doran, Perth—J. McEachen, 6s 3d; J. Devlin, 6s 3d; A. McDonnell, 12s 6d.

Per J. Roberts, Amherstburg—Self, 12s 6d; T. Maguire, 12s 6d; J. Fitzpatrick, 6s 3d.

Per Rev. J. Leclaire, Pike River—Self, 6s 3d; St. Athanasius—Rev. E. Germain, 12s 6d.

Per L. A. Bourret, St. Anne de la Pocatiere—Self, 12s 6d; Very Rev. C. Guvrau, 12s 6d; D. Malone, 12s 6d; St. Roch des Aulnais—Rev. D. H. Tetu, 12s 6d.

Per J. Lenihan, Escott—J. Curtin, 11s 5s.

Per C. O. Rolland, St. Marie de Monnoir—Self, 11s 5s 3d; D. Chisholm, 11s 5s.

Per Rev. G. A. Hay, St. Andrews—J. McDonnell, 12s 6d; M. Mulloney, 12s 6d.

Per P. Doyle, Toronto—Self, 17s 6d; M. Scanlan, 5s; M. Grimes, 10s; Keenansville—P. McMahon, 12s 6d.

Per Rev. J. Walsh, Toronto—Self, 10s; Mooncoin, Co. Kilkenny, Ireland, J. Walsh, 10s.

Per P. Halpin, Sherrington—J. Bilbow, 12s 6d.

Per A. McDonnell, Morrisburgh—Self, 12s 6d; T. Dardis, 12s 6d; M. Donegan, 12s 6d.

Per Mr. Hackett, Chambly—T. Lussey, 10s; J. Dunne, 12s 6d; J. Morrissey, 10s; F. X. Myott, 5s; P. O'Reilly, 5s; H. O'Hara, 5s.

Per A. Laroque, St. Hyacinthe—J. McAuley, 5s; W. Regan, 5s.

Per Rev. Mr. Paradis, Frampton—J. Codd, 6s 3d.

Per A. J. Boucher—Maskinonge, J. O. Boucher, 12s 6d; Dr. C. Boucher, 12s 6d.

Per M. M. Tuomey, Goderich—J. McGregor, 10s.

Per H. McGill, St. Remi—Self, 12s 6d; J. Richardson, 6s 3d; Norton Creek—J. McDonald, 6s 3d.

Per M. O'Dempsey, Belleville—Rev. Mr. Brennan, 12s 6d; E. Britton, 6s 3d; D. McDonald, H. Ganey, 6s 3d; Dr. Keefe, 10s; P. P. Lynch, 10s; W. Mills, 6s 3d; D. Mahony, 15s; M. Kehoe, 5s; H. McGinness, 10s; P. O'Brien, 10s; Sydney—J. Spence, 6s 3d; Thelwood—P. Cox, 5s; J. Eunis, 6s 3d.

Per Rev. Mr. Wardy, Toronto—Self, 12s 6d; Rev. Mr. O'Keefe, 12s 6d.

Per T. Griffiths, Richmond, C.E.—J. M'Kenty, 5s; J. Mulvany, 5s.

Per P. Doherty, St. Hyacinthe—Self, 12s 6d; G. J. Nagle, 12s 6d.

Per Messrs. Sadlier, Montreal—Rev. A. McDonald, 17s 6d.

Per P. Dunn, Tannery West—Self, 10s; J. Dunn, 10s; Peoria, Ill., U.S., H. Dunn, 5s.

Per Rev. Mr. Bossier, Gananoque—Self, 1s 3d; L. Trudeau, 6s 3d; Brewers Mills—J. Murphy, 12s 6d.

Per J. Hagan, Gatincau Point—Self, 7s 6d; J. Malloway, 12s 6d.

Per J. Heenan, Thorold—T. Simpson, 5s.

THE Honorable John Ross was sworn in yesterday as Receiver-General, and Sidney Smith as Post-Master-General.

The first appointment is about as bad as bad can be, and the second is not much better. There is more humiliation in being compelled to accept such allies than in being driven from office.—*Com. Adv.*

ALLEGED POISONING AT ST. JEROME.—A few days ago a man named Antoine Desforges, and a woman, known by the cognomen of Widow Belisle, were arrested on suspicion of having poisoned the wife of the male prisoner; all the parties belonged to the locality. It is stated that Desforges was often heard to express a wish that his wife were out of the way, and circumstances have transpired which seem to prove, more clearly still, that he was concerned in her death. The female prisoner, Widow Belisle, is a woman of dubious character, and is accused by her son of poisoning her husband and daughter, and he hints that the prisoner's assumed crime remain undetected, the male prisoner would have married her. As it is, both are in custody, and the stomach of the deceased woman is in the keeping of Dr. Craik, of the Montreal General Hospital, who is about to have its contents analyzed.—*Montreal Herald*.

TRIAL FOR MURDER.—In the Court of Queen's Bench at Quebec, on Monday last, Charles Lafontaine was arraigned for the wilful murder of Robert Newman, on 28th December, during the election for members of Parliament. Mr. Andrew Stuart, Q.C., prosecuted for the Crown, and Mr. Plamondon defended the prisoner. After a patient inquiry into all the facts of the case, and a charge from Mr. Justice Caron, the jury, without leaving the box, at eight o'clock in the evening returned a verdict of not guilty. The prisoner was immediately discharged from custody.

The **PERSIAN BALM** possesses all the qualities for permanently extracting grease tar, paint, &c., from cloths of all kinds, without injury to their texture. Wet the garment with rain water upon the spots to be removed, pour on a few drops of the Balm, and clean well with cold water.

The Fourth of July.—A friend of ours burnt his hand severely with fireworks on the "glorious fourth;" he applied the *Perry Davis' Pain Killer*, and in half an hour was entirely free from pain. Don't forget this.

We invite our readers to the perusal of Dr. ATRA's advertisements which appear in the columns of our paper. They deserve attention as treating of what interests us all, and from a source which all have long respected. The Doctor is well known as one of the leading Chemists of this country, who devotes his great acquirements to the discovery and manufacture of remedies for popular use. The unparalleled success which has followed his labors is too well known in this community to need any elucidation from our pen.—*Washington Co. Observer*.

Births.

In this city, on Wednesday, the 3rd instant, the wife of J. Ford, Esq., of a daughter.

At Pointe Claire, on Wednesday, the 3rd instant, Mrs. Wm. Rowan, of a daughter.

DIED.

In this city, on the 2nd instant, Mr. William Morrison, aged 38 years, a native of county Fermanagh, Ireland.

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| Lard, | | 0 | 9 0 10 |
| Pork, | | 0 | 6 0 7 |
| Butter, Fresh | | 1 | 3 1 6 |
| Butter, Salt | | 0 | 8 0 9 |
| Eggs, | per dozen | 1 | 0 2 0 |
| Fresh Pork, | per 100 lbs. | 37 | 6 48 8 |
| Ashea—Pots, | | 29 | 0 30 0 |
| Pearls, | | 28 | 0 29 0 |
| Peas, | | 3 | 9 3 10 |
| Beans, | | 8 | 0 8 6 |