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ELSEWHERE in this issue will be found an article from The Leicester Leader which disposes of the claim set up by Lord Lansdowne of having expended £20,000 for the benefit of the Luggacurran tenants.

THE POPE, in acknowledging the congratulations of the American Cardinals on the ordination of the Catholic Hierarchy in British India, expressed the desire to do everything possible to establish diplomatic relations between England and the Vatican.

ANNEXATION to the United States has been proposed in the Nova Scotia legislature as the best cure for the political and commercial evils under which the province labors.

HIS HOLINESS POPE LEO XIII. has issued to Bishop Ireland, of St. Paul, a brief on the temperance question. The Pope blesses and highly praises the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America, comments on the deplorable nature of the evils caused by intemperance, and urges all pastors to increase their efforts to extirpate the great plague of drunkenness.

AMERICAN papers reviewing the financial condition of Canada, as stated in the public account laid before Parliament, say it is no wonder Canadians emigrate to the United States by thousands. A population less than that of the State of New York with a debt of three hundred millions shows why Canada is a good country to emigrate from.

The London Catholic Times administers a severe rebuke to The Tablet and those English Catholics who favor the atrocious coercion policy of the Tories. It concludes an able article in these stinging words: "In a spirit of patient endurance the Catholics of Ireland outlive injustice. Let us hope they will in years to come forget that some of their English co-religionists have been amongst the warmest supporters of the last and worst of the Coercion Acts."

The annual report of the Grand Trunk Railway Company, published in yesterday's Post, shows the road to be in a very prosperous condition. The favorable showing is doubtless owing to wise and careful management of the vast business of the line.

Canada and the United States is very keen, report is highly satisfactory, both as regards company and country, whose prosperity and a pretty sure index in the success of its railways.

We learn from Ottawa that the Marquis of Lansdowne has presented P. Baskerville, ex-M.P.P., with a potato, suitably engraved, not on account of its intrinsic value, but as a slight token of His Excellency's gratitude for the manner in which that learned and eloquent gentleman promoted "peace, harmony and equanimity," and aided the editor of The Post at the late anti-coercion meeting at the capital. We also learn that the gift was accompanied with an invitation to Mr. Baskerville to visit Luggacurran and receive the thanks of the tenants for his noble justification of their eviction.

It is estimated that 75,000 people of Ireland who spent the Easter of '86 at home, celebrated the great festival this year exiles from their native land. These are the younger class, and the view of the land, what a terrible this must be on a country the size of Ireland. What a sad commentary upon English and Irish justice. A further analysis of the emigration statistics for 1886 shows that the number of emigrants between the ages of 15 and 25 was 96,082, and 12,871 were between 25 and 35. Again, the working class, the creators of wealth, contributed the great majority of the refugees. Of the 92,161 males who went abroad, 35,000 were returned as laborers, and there were besides 2,802 skilled artisans. Of the 37,285 females, 22,073 were entered as servants and 4,851 as housekeepers. The balance was chiefly made up of the wives and children of male emigrants.

Mr. CURRAN made a judicious speech in moving his Home Rule resolution in the Commons yesterday. His brother Tories, McNeill and O'Brien, with whom he found it prudent to vote last session, opposed him, as they then opposed Mr. Blake. The Government has made it an open question, and has thereby discovered the reason why they resisted the resolution offered by Mr. Blake.

By floods are to be of annual occurrence at Montreal the low-lying portions of the city must be abandoned for a portion of the year at least.

The London Times is both vicious and stupid. It demands that Mr. Parnell shall prove the negative, a thing unknown to law or reason. Both the alleged writer and alleged receiver deny explicitly that the letter is authentic.

THE works of the foremost writers on the British Constitution teem with denunciations of just such arbitrary suspensions of constitutional rights as are contemplated by the Crimes Bill.

THE character of the London Times as a persistent slanderer is well shown up by the New York Independent. Referring to the accusation that the Parnellites had a guilty cognizance of Irish outrages and murders, that paper observes: "The London Times of May 8th, 1882, said that Mr. J. E. Redmond, M.P., in a speech the day before had, it is true, condemned the murder of Lord Frederick Cavendish, but that it was a point of high significance that he had made no reference to the murder at the same time of Mr. Burke."

THE recent forged letter is perfectly in keeping with the antecedents of the Times as a journalistic falsifier of the first magnitude.

LAST week a clipping from the Irish World appeared in this paper which reflected somewhat unjustly on Dr. Hingston's speech at the Queen's Hall anti-coercion meeting.

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"HOW THE UNION WAS CARRIED."

A book has lately been published in England by Kegan Paul, French & Co., which we commend to all searchers after plain unvarnished truth concerning the much discussed question of how the union between England and Ireland was brought about. The author is J. G. Swift MacNeil, M.P. It may be described as a judicial, impartial summing up of evidence of most competent witnesses and bears the title affixed to this article. In its pages we find irrefragable proof of how "Pitt did it," as Mr. Gladstone in a pithy ejaculation fixed the authorship of the rebellion of '98, and the tortures and outrages by which it was succeeded. It has been well observed that this charge, made by a man who was, when he made it, Premier of England, against a man who had been Prime Minister of England, was the most terrible ever brought against any man and of appalling significance.

Mr. MacNeil shows that in the period immediately preceding the rebellion discontent was fostered by persecution. A rebellion was forced that it might be smothered in blood. Just as at a recent period we have seen outrages fomented at Belfast, evictions, imprisonment of priests, persecutions of all kinds practised with the same object. This history repeats itself and the words of Gratton on the opening of the Irish parliament might be repeated to-day with but slight variation. The great orator thus described the proceedings in the North of Ireland: "He had received, he said, 'the most dreadful accounts that their object was the extermination of Catholics in that country. It was a persecution conceived in the bitterness of bigotry, carried on with the most ferocious barbarity by a banditti, who, being of the religion of the state, committed with the greatest audacity and confidence the most horrid murders, and proceeded from robbery and massacre to extermination.'"

DEMOCRATIC CELTIC UNION.

As the French and Irish people in Canada have been brought into harmony by the natural gravitation of a common instinct in the pressure of a common danger and in pursuit of an identical purpose, so are the Irish and Scotch in the three kingdoms. This has been well shown by the incidents of Mr. Chamberlain's tour in the Highlands. There was a time when the pseudo Radical member for Birmingham was warmly welcomed by the Liberals of the North, but when it came to a question of joining him in his revolt against Mr. Gladstone and his alliance with the Tory persecuting landlords he was quickly given to understand that apathy for principle has no charms for the sturdy Highlanders. At a meeting of the Rosshire branch of the Land Law Reform association, during Mr. Chamberlain's northern tour, the following resolution was adopted: "That this meeting, deeply regrets Mr. Chamberlain's attitude hitherto on the Irish question, but with satisfaction has intimated the condition of the 'Highland' and on completing that inquiry he will see his way to assist both the Highland people and their brother Celts in Ireland to obtain redress of their grievances, which can only be speedily and effectually accomplished through national parliaments to deal with matters exclusively Scotch and Irish, such as the Land and the Church questions, and other national institutions."