

THE WEEKS NEWS CONDENSED

The Citizen says a wealthy capitalist has offered to construct the Northwest Central for the bonds of the company.

In the commons at Ottawa the bill respecting the Manitoba and Northwest-railway was read a third time.

A cable of the Globe says, The Prince of Wales spent half an hour in the Canadian Court of the Colonial Exhibition the other day, being received by Sir Charles Tupper and other members of the commission. The Prince expressed himself pleased to find such an excellent exhibit and promised to return and pay a longer visit and make a more careful examination later on.

The great Colonial and Indian Exhibition opened on Tuesday at South Kensington. The Queen herself touched the electric button and set the machinery whirling throughout the vast buildings. A new ode by the poet Laureate set to music by Sir Arthur Sullivan, was sung by Mdm. Albani. There is every prospect that the exhibition will be a complete financial and popular success.

Hon. Mr. Thompson has given notice of resolutions respecting the administration of justice in the Northwest. They provide for the repeal of the enactments respecting stipendiary magistrates now in power, and for the establishment of a Superior Court of civil and criminal jurisdiction, to consist of five judges, with a yearly salary of \$4,000 each. It also contemplates a division of territories into five judicial districts, and to appoint for each a sheriff and clerk of court, the sheriff's salary to be \$500 and fees.

Mr. McLellan moved the House in committee yesterday to consider the second reading of the resolutions preparatory to a bill to be introduced for the removal of doubts arising under the Act for the final settlement of matters in dispute between Manitoba and the Dominion. He stated that the resolution was intended to remedy an oversight in the Act of 1885, by which the allowance for Manitoba was only based on the rate granted on the population of 1870, which was \$27.77 per head of a population of 17,000 souls, whereas it was intended that the rate should be that fixed by the Act of 1873, making a difference of \$58,250, in favor of Manitoba's capital account. The resolution passed, and the bill based on it was introduced.

The Canadian criminal statistics report for 1894 is just at hand. Under the head of indictable offences, the provinces compare as follows: Ontario, one offence to every 723 of the population; Quebec, one offence to every 1,206 of population; Nova Scotia, one to every 8,460; New Brunswick one to every 5,115; Prince Edward Island, one to every 1,624; Manitoba, one to every 690; British Columbia, one to every 2,280; the Territories one to every 1,042. This seems to place Manitoba in a rather unfavorable light but when the details are examined it is found that the graver crimes are conspicuously absent, the great bulk of offences being rated "sixth" Ontario has really the worst showing, a large proportion of the offences there being serious, including 35 murders. Under the heading "summary convictions Ontario's record is equally discreditable though in the one item of drunkenness Manitoba takes the lead with one offence for every 96 of population.

In the railway committee Sir Hector Langevin said that Brandon would be the terminus of the Northwest Central. Mr. Mitchell moved the appointment of a sub-committee of five to investigate the charges against Beatty. A long discussion followed as to the right of members being connected with enterprises receiving aid from the Government, and Hon. T. White, in reply, instanced Halton Hugh Sutherland, the latter of whom was now getting legislation through in regard to the Hudson Bay road and about which not one word has been said. As to the charges against Beatty, they should be formally made in Parliament and not in committee. Mr. Watson asked if one week would not answer Mr. Beatty to make financial arrangements, but got no answer. Mr. Mitchell's motion was lost, and the preamble carried. The chairman stated that the contractors were J. J. Simmons and J. Sidall.

LABOUCHERE AND HOME RULE.

Mr. Labouchere, in a speech at Chiswick on last Thursday, maintained that the mass of the Liberal party supported the views of Mr. Gladstone on the Irish question. A great mass meeting of Liberals and Radicals was held at St. James' hall last Thursday evening. Mr. Labouchere presided, supported by Messrs. Bradlaugh, Lawson, Howell, and Pickens, members of Parliament, and others. Thousands were unable to gain admittance to the hall. Mr. Labouchere alluding to the recent Conservative Liberal anti Home Rule meeting at the Opera house, said that Lord Harrington was an honest man, Mr. Goschen an able man, and Mr. Ryland, a fluent man, but they had no more right to speak in the name of the people of England than had the three tailors of Tooley street. There were, he continued, no persons on the stage to night decorated with orders and no fashionable beauties in the boxes but there were present labourers from the field and from the workshop, who had met to rise their voices in support of Mr. Gladstone's efforts to pass the bill granting Home Rule to Ireland. If he fell he would fall with the democracy of the three kingdoms around him. Many

who refused to Ireland her parliament were descendants of those who in their parliament sold their birthright for peerages. Mr. Howell proposed a resolution congratulating Mr. Gladstone on his endeavour to secure the permanent union of England and Ireland, and expressed hope that the Home Rule bill would become law, after being so modified as to harmonize with the desires of the Radicals. The resolution was seconded by Mr. Leicester, M. P., and supported by Mr. Lawson, and was carried unanimously, as was a resolution authorizing the chairman to sign a petition to the House of Commons in favor of the bill.

BISHOP KAIN ON SCIENCE AND REVELATION.

There was another large congregation at the Wheeling cathedral last Sunday afternoon to hear Bishop Kain's fourth discourse on that vital and timely theme the alleged contradictions between modern scientific discoveries and the Word of God.

We concluded our last lecture, began the Right Rev. Bishop, by citing Darwin's admission that, in building up his theory concerning the 'Origin of Species' he was forced to assume the pre-existence of at least some few primordial types. This confession is more important, because the advanced thinkers of our day who would evolve life from inorganic matter, invoke to the support of their anti-Christian theories the Authority of Darwin.

The bishop then adduced the testimonies of many eminent men of science some of them professed infidels, to establish his position that the nature and origin of life in all its stages, from the lowest to the highest, are involved inextricably in mystery. Science has indeed thrown much light on the component parts of material things, and given us a much clearer idea of their nature. But even here physical science has reached boundaries which it cannot pass, and the question which so perplexed the old philosopher—What is the essential nature of matter?—remains still unsolved.

REASON AND REVELATION

He then entered into a detailed exposition of the teachings of the philosophy of the Christian Schools, which rests on the two solid foundations of divine revelation and human reason. He there explained in terminology adapted as far as possible to the capacity of a general audience the points of similarity as well as of difference between the various orders of living beings. The teachings of the Christian schools on this important subject—teachings in direct opposition, of course, to the conjectures and assumptions of Tyndall and other materialists—he supported by the authority of some of the best known scientists of this day. But the chief question which he discussed was the vindication for man of a form of life far higher than, and essentially different from that of the rest of the animal creation. This portion of the lecture was devoted to a refutation of the demoralizing and degrading theories of Darwin, Spencer, Huxley and all that class of materialists who would confound man with the lowest orders of creation. At considerable length he pointed out the falsity of this novel theory, elucidated the arguments which proved beyond question that no visible creature, except man, is endowed with the faculty of intelligence, and that it is this faculty which essentially distinguishes man from the lower order of animals.

MAN AND THE LOWER ANIMALS.

"The human mind," says Dr. Haven (Mental Philosophy), "not only receives impressions of external objects as present and acting on the organs of the sense; it has also the faculty of conceiving of them in their absence, and representing them to itself," and we may add, remarked the bishop, of reasoning upon them and making affirmations and judgments, and of drawing conclusions—all of which the brute is incapable of doing. The existence of that other power of the mind which we call will, is another proof of an essential difference between man and other animals.

In reply to the arguments adduced by infidels to prove that animals are possessed of intelligence, the bishop remarked that if that argument proved anything beyond the existence of an intelligence, cause in the creation of the animal kingdom, it proved too much; namely, that animal instinct was even a higher grade of intelligence than that which man possesses.

In conclusion, the bishop exposed and refuted the objections alleged against the immortality of the soul and the future resurrection of the body, but admitted that these were truths which could be demonstrated only by divine revelation.

Next Sunday afternoon the bishop will

discuss the famous theory of the evolution of species, giving the teachings of St. Augustine, as well as the system of Darwin.

ST. MARY'S COLLEGE MONTREAL

The Third Annual Convention of Former Students—Four Beautiful Oil Paintings

The third annual convention of the former students of St. Mary's College Montreal will be held on May 27th, on the occasion of the feast of the Rev. Father Turgeon, Rector of the Institution. The greatest preparations are being made for this grand demonstration, which is looked forward to with all anxiety by the ecclesiastics of the college particularly, and the former students in general. On May 26th there will be a grand musical and dramatic entertainment given in the Academic Hall, at which some of the best Montreal talent, composed principally of former students, will participate. On the morning of May 27th there will be High Mass and sermon. The choir will be the strongest ever assembled and will chant Gounod's Mass. The choir compose 1 of old students, will have a full orchestra accompaniment.

At the grand dinner after divine service, the greatest feature of the day will be the presentation of four magnificent oil paintings of Father Pigneault, second rector of St. Mary's College, presented by the Rev. Father Bernier, parish priest of Lothbiniere, The Rev. Father Hudon Superior of the Jesuit Missions in Canada, presented by the Rev. Father J. J. Salmon, parish priest of St. Gabriel; the Rev. Father Larocher a former Professor of the College, presented by Mr. Chas. DeLorimier, advocate on behalf of the rev. gentleman's former pupils, and the Rev. Father Turgeon, present rector of the college, presented by the Rev. Father Sorg of Buffalo. The Convention will surpass all previous ones, and it is almost impossible to estimate the number of clergymen who have already decided to take part in the grand reunion.

Among the former pupils of St. Mary's college now resident in Manitoba we record with pleasure the names of Rev. Father Drummond and Blain, low members of the Society of Jesus and Professors of St. Boniface College, Hon. A. A. C. LaRiviere, Provincial Minister of Agriculture, Hon. J. Roy, the distinguished member for Provencher, J. H. McTavish Commissioner of the C. P. R. Land Department and J. H. Pillet, the active collaborator of our Paper. These gentlemen wish the convention every possible success and offer the Reverend Fathers and their old companions their best wishes.

CHINA AND THE VATICAN.

It is stated the Pope, in the event of the probable establishment of the diplomatic relations with China, will appoint a prelate of French nationality to be the Papal Nuncio at Peking. This step will be taken by his Holiness, it is said, to show France that the Vatican entertains no intention of depriving her of the privileges she now enjoys as protector of the Catholics missions in China.

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