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## LETTER

FROM HIS GRACE THE ARCHBISHOP OF TORONTO.

St. Michael's Palace, Toronto, 29th Dec., 1886.

GENTLEMEN,—

I have singular pleasure indeed in saying God-speed to your intended journal, THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY REVIEW. The Church, contradicted on all sides as her Divine Founder was, hails with peculiar pleasure the assistance of her lay children in dispelling ignorance and prejudice. They can do this nobly by public journalism, and as the press now appears to be an universal instructor for either good or evil, and since it is frequently used for evil in disseminating false doctrines and attributing them to the Catholic Church, your journal will do a very great service to Truth and Religion by its publication.

Wishing you all success and many blessings on your enterprise,

I am, faithfully yours,  
 † JOHN JOSEPH LYNCH,  
 Archbishop of Toronto.

## EVENTS OF THE WEEK.

The death is announced in Rome of Mgr. Cataldi, Papal prefect of ceremonies.

At the Consistory to be held in May, the Pope will create the Dominican Father Bansa and Mons. Pallotti cardinals.

The Vatican, in answer to enquiries as to whether the Pope was in favour of having a reconciliation effected with Italy on the basis of the renunciation of the Papal claims to temporal power, states that the Pope desires peace with Italy, but he never thought of abandoning the rights of the Church or the Papacy.

A dispute, it is said, has arisen between the Belgian Government and the Vatican, which threatens to lead to a Kulturkampf in Belgium. The Bernart Cabinet wanted the Vatican to instruct Catholics in Belgium to vote for the army bill, which makes religious students liable to military service. The Vatican flatly refused to do so.

Cardinal Taschereau has written Mr. Mercier, who has had charge of the Jesuit bill, now before the Quebec Legislature, that in company with eight other members of the episcopate he is desirous that legislative action on the proposed measure should be postponed until Rome has been consulted.

The debate on the Irish Crimes Bill before the English House of Commons has been proceeding in a languid fashion, and the Government, which has already moved that the House go into committee on the measure, will apply, it is said, the cloture if the debate be prolonged beyond to-day. The Unionists are undecided as to their course of action in the committee stages. There are some 203 amendments to the Bill already noticed, and it is probable 100 more will be added before the committee stage is reached. During the week Mr.

Gladstone, Earl Spencer, and other Liberal leaders have been addressing large meetings called in opposition to coercion, and reiterating their belief that "the peace of Ireland, and the honour of England are alike involved in the defeat of this unexampled Coercion Bill."

Reference is made in another column to Mr. O'Brien's projected visit to this country. Since writing then, the word comes by cable that, Lord Lansdowne declining to accept the provisional arrangement made last week by the mediators engaged in adjusting the dispute between him and his tenants, Mr. O'Brien, whose proposed tour was postponed on receipt of the intelligence that the difficulties were about to be settled under the terms of an agreement, which, it was understood, was accepted, announces his determination to no longer delay in proceeding to Canada.

After a somewhat prolonged debate the resolutions introduced in the Dominion Parliament by Mr. Curran, expressing the hope that the present Coercion Bill for Ireland would not be passed, and re-affirming the convictions of the people and Parliament of Canada, as expressed by the resolutions of 1882 and 1886, as to the desirability of granting local self-government to Ireland, were passed in the House on Tuesday by a vote of 135 to 47. The amendment proposed by Mr. McCarthy, from whom the only serious opposition was encountered, declaring it inexpedient and unwise to make any suggestions on the subject to the Imperial Parliament, was voted down by a division of 133 to 49. Mr. Curran's resolutions carrying as originally read, save one or two changes in the wording suggested by Mr. Blake. The magnificent speech made by Mr. Blake on the occasion was in keeping with his great reputation as a Parliamentarian, and his steadfast and proven fidelity to the cause of his country. The series of similar resolutions introduced by the Attorney General in the Legislature of this Province were also adopted on Saturday last after a hot debate, confined, however, to Mr. Meredith, Mr. Clarke, and their small Orange following.