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A happy New Year to all.

## EVENTS OF THE MONTH.

If "Liberalism" in Quebec politics means anti-clericalism, and "Conservatism" and the Church are synonymous terms, then the salvation of the Province is assured; for the elections of the 2nd of December made a clean sweep of the Liberal party. Religion—always supposing that the "Bleus" are the bulwark of religion—rules by a majority of 35 in a full house of 65. We shall expect great things of the Legislature at its approaching session, the very least of which will be the suppression of Sunday traffic on the Government Railway, conformably to the oft' repeated desire of His Grace the Archbishop of Quebec. By your fruits, ye shall be known, gentlemen.

The finding in Montreal, "fortunately in time to prevent its doing any damage," of the remains of a super-annuated clock, enclosed in an old tin canister, created a mild tempered panic from the steep shores of the Atlantic to the crested billows of the Pacific—as a well known Toronto scribe would say. In the morning paper, Monday, Dec. 25th, under the caption, "A Diabolical Plot," the news ran: "An infernal machine was found on Saturday night within the railings that skirt the Court House. It was discovered by a citizen, who, unaware of the deadly nature of the contents, took it to the Central Police Station. A former private in the Royal Artillery named Clark immediately pronounced it to be an infernal machine. It was in operation, and Clark was the only man who could stop it. It was four inches high, five wide, and ten long, and contained six pound of dynamite. It will be destroyed on Monday morning." This "infernal machine," it will be noted, took an infernally long time to make up its mind to go off, and even then it didn't go. It was "in operation" when discovered; yet "in operation" it was carried from the Court House to the Police Station; there it good-naturedly allowed itself to be fooled with by a lot of green detectives, and finally condescended to be stopped by the only man who could do it—Clark, late of the Royal Artillery. By this time the Sabbath was dawning, and those god-fearing authorities of Montreal adjourned the prosecution or execution of the "machine" until Monday, when