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INDEPENDENT ELECTORS.

The Federal bye-elections have been most instructive to the country at large as well as to the parties. Especially to the parties is the lesson of North Grey and North Ontario of interest.

If political managers in Britain or the United States were to lead their party up to such a defeat as the Government sustained in North Grey, those managers would be permanently retired from the organization the next day after the debacle.

In North Ontario the Opposition workers were up to the last hour as confident of success as the Government forces had been in North Grey.

The lesson in both bye-elections is the same. It spells increasing popular independence and intelligence. Liberals are prepared to vote Conservative in this Province and Conservatives as willing to repudiate their leaders.

It happens that the result both in North Grey and North Ontario meets with the unqualified approval of the Catholic electors in these ridings.

A LONG DISTANCE SENSATION.

The Evening Telegram, of this city, has been publishing sensational reports concerning "sweating" and so on in the Good Shepherd convent at Nancy, France.

However, giving The Telegram credit for good faith in wishing to publish extraordinary news wherever found, we cannot distinguish the very unique features of the Nancy convent story that give it an absorbing interest at such a distance as this from the scene of the allegations.

Now, can any sane person believe for a moment that if a religious institution in France laid itself open to prosecution that the present Government would not prosecute to the utmost extent? Yet, there does not seem to have been any prosecution of the "demon nuns" of Nancy.

The Government having failed to find a pretext for prosecuting the Superior of this French convent, the sensation had to be bolstered up in some other fashion.

The only other point in the case is that penitents who left the institution are said to have gone forth penitently. How many women bring bank books out of our own jails and public refuges for female prisoners?

IGOTRY IN THE UNITED STATES

Bigotry dies hard in the great Republic to the South. The following remarks on the session of Congress just closed, taken from the Washington New Century, will illustrate the tenacity of the old "Know-nothingism."

"The magnificent statue of the priest and discoverer, Father Marquette, the finest work of art in or about the Capitol, was one of those sent by Wisconsin. Congress at the time, however, wofully misjudging the extent of the wretched A. P. A. conspiracy (for it was all that) was afraid to take proper steps to accept it.

their undoubted right to educate their children in Catholic schools. "Shame upon the men sitting in the Congress of these enlightened and progressive United States of America—in this 20th century—who are so blind and bigoted as to deny to our Indian wards the freedom of conscience guaranteed them by the Constitution!"

IRISH NATIONAL HOLIDAY ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

A project which is on foot in Ireland to make St. Patrick's Day a National holiday has received warm and general approval.

Dear Sirs—Your committee can, of course, count upon my full sympathy being with it in its praiseworthy effort to have the festival of our National Apostle observed in Dublin as a National holiday.

As to those who wish to celebrate the feast day of our National Apostle in such a fashion, no Dublin Nationalist, I feel confident, will ever think of interfering with their liberty to do so.

But surely the time has come for the vast majority of the people of our city to recollect that they have other duties to discharge than that of according their fullest and most friendly toleration to those who are not of their own way of thinking.

WILLIAM J. WALSH, Archbishop of Dublin.

DAILY PAPERS AND YOUNG READERS.

The Toronto papers are casting their dragnets far from home when they smear their pages with the slime of Buffalo criminals.

BLASPHEMERS OF MARTINIQUE

Rev. Dr. Harris, late Dean of St. Catharines, has written a detailed statement confirming former reports of blasphemous demonstrations in

Martinique previous to the destruction wrought by the recent eruption of Mont Pelee. These reports have been published and denied in turn at various times since the occurrence.

MISS MAUD GONNE A CONVERT.

Many of our journalists have seemingly derived no little merriment from the marriage of that remarkable woman Maud Gonne, chronicled last week.

DEVLIN FOR GALWAY.

Mr. C. R. Devlin has been elected unopposed for Galway. This makes the Irish-Canadian representation in the Imperial Parliament two.

AN ANGLICAN RECTOR'S REASONS.

The Rev. J. Fraser, late rector of St. Terman's Anglican Church, Banchoy, some little time ago joined the Catholic Church.

GRANTED AUDIENCE.

Bishop Korum, of Treves, Bishop Gravel, of Nicolet, Quebec, and Bishop Dubois, of Verdun, were granted audiences a few days ago by His Holiness Leo XIII.

When you examine into the matter, what is called progress is nothing more nor less than the multiplication of the resources of those who, by means of dicker and barter, are trying all the time to overreach the public and their fellows in one way or another.

Schwab and the Siren Wealth

A writer in The New York Evening Post says he chanced to be at the meeting of the stockholders of the United States Steel Company.

It was noon, he writes, when I entered the room. An adjournment had just been taken for the purpose of balloting on the proposed bond issue. Some 20 men were standing in groups conversing.

"I wish I had his money," said my informant, with a half-humorous, half-savage laugh.

"Do you think the real incentive, then, is the desire for yachts and fast horses?"

"Of course, men differ in their tastes, but every man wants to be rich—that is the real incentive."

"I am glad you want to talk about that," he replied. "I am becoming interested in all that question leads to."

"That was my whole ambition once. When I was a poor boy, I dreamed of riches. When I began to work I worked for nothing else."

"Your views have changed?" "Yes. They are still changing. What I found myself possessed of more than I could spend for my own good."

"It is interesting. And it is true." "And what are you working for now?"

"I am trying to find that out. The old incentive is gone, but I find myself just as eager as before. Perhaps it is the interest in the game. And yet I don't think that is all."

"The siren of to-day sings of individual wealth and power. No man can doubt that this is the prevailing incentive. It is equally certain that it is the incentive of but an age."

Devotion takes for its motto that of a King of Portugal, "Altioa peto"—"better and better."

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HOW ST. PATRICK USED THE SHAMROCK.

(Eliza Allen Starr.)

There is a pretty plant, with a triple leaf and head, or tuft, of white or purple flowers, which grows everywhere. It is seen in America, north, south, east and west.

More like three-leaved Roman plant than our own clover, is the delicate one which overruns Ireland; its leaf so small that we hardly think of it as a sister to our own rank clover.

He that doth the kindness has the nobler pleasure of the two. Thought is permanent; words evaporate. Nay, you cannot oppose them; r contradict them if they are built in the foundations of unalterable truth.

CONSUMPTION CURED. An old physician, retired from practice, had placed in his hands by an East India missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Asthma, and all Throat and Lung Affections.

THE CATHOLIC PRESS.

"Finally, Catholic parents, let us beg your earnest consideration of this important truth that upon you, singly and individually, must practically depend the solution of the question whether or not the Catholic press is to accomplish the great work which Providence and the Church expect of it at this time."

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