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THE "MAN WITH THE KNIFE."

That W. F. Maclean, M.P., and his strenuous newspaper, The World, have performed many and valuable services for the people of Toronto not even "W.F.'s" enemies are churlish enough to deny.

Mr. Maclean's latest achievement is the discrediting of the railway board of Ontario appointed by a Conservative Government. In this particular no one has had the temerity to talk about the "man with the knife," because the exposure of the board was made under circumstances that allowed no room for explanation or reply.

We do not pretend to prophesy the political or any other field of the future. But we fail to see the improbability of another opportunity offering itself to the electors of Ontario to control W. F. Maclean as a public utility.

Though he went off his head on the "autonomy" cry, Mr. Maclean as a public man must be estimated by his fidelity to the issue he has made his own; and in this respect there is nothing in his record that should prove an obstacle to the acceptance of him as a Canadian Liberal.

transcontinental railways, although with regard to the trunk line telephone service and the telegraph, the conditions warrant practical investigation.

To the lot of the provinces it will fall to test public ownership along lines of least hazard. Liberal organizations will level their platforms up to this pre-eminently provincial policy, provincial because it is with the provincial legislatures the municipalities have to deal.

CATHOLIC REPRESENTATION.

Last week was heard through these columns a voice from Ottawa, which with no uncertain sound and with no doubting or wavering placed before the public a lengthy litany of those in that city and district who had been injuriously affected by the action of the present Government.

Elsewhere in this issue is printed the schedule of resolutions adopted by the Federated Catholic Societies of America, at the late Convention held in Buffalo, and to peruse the list is to be struck with the magnitude of the ground covered by those who convened and the far-reaching and comprehensive views taken of the subjects with which the convention dealt.

THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION.

Toronto was properly en fete all last week. It gave itself up to doctors with grace and courteous hospitality. Deserved compliments were exchanged on both sides, and all went merry as a marriage feast. The British Association, numbering, as it does, so many distinguished physicians and surgeons, attracted a large number of others; so that from the distant east as well as from the neighboring States, scholars flocked to Toronto to see, to discuss most interesting questions and to advance the sciences to which they devoted their life and keen intellect.

ing is virtuous. It will take time, but such evils are sure to spread. What we missed in the proceedings was any paper or discussion upon the moral side of medicine and surgery. There are most intimate relations between other practices in the profession and morality.

A COMPREHENSIVE CONVENTION

Among other gentlemen that Old-Timer was glad to meet in Buffalo was an Irish-Canadian business man, Mr. James H. Dormer, formerly of Kingston, Ont. He is engaged in the wholesale fish trade and does a large business.

THE EXHIBITION.

The striking feature of the Canadian National Exhibition opened yesterday by Sir William Mulock, is the substantial new buildings added during

the course of the year. The directors of several manufacturing interests have availed themselves of the increased accommodation to show the process of their industries. The new art building is a disappointment. We have no longer an exhibition of Canadian art to stimulate the young and ambitious, but rather a snobbish show of English pictures by no means of surpassing excellence upon comparatively bare walls.

A Layman's Views

Editor Catholic Register:

Sir,—I read with much interest the communication signed "Clerical Reader," in your issue of August 23rd. He touches on a couple of points which no doubt many Catholic laymen like myself have often wondered at. First, Why is no effort made to bring laborers from outside when the home supply is insufficient, to use his own words; and secondly, why no provision is made for the sustenance of aged and infirm priests.

TOPICS OF AN OLD-TIMER

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Although I had had correspondence with him when living in Chicago, I never before had met Mr. Cornelius O'Brien, who has charge of the municipal baths. It was he who passed judgment on my "Personal Recollections of Thos. D'Arcy McGee" when submitted for publication in the "Union and Times" of Buffalo.

Another gentleman whom I was anxious to see was Mr. John R. MacManus, secretary and treasurer of the Buffalo National Gas Fuel Co., a native of Buffalo, and whose family connections date back to the eighteenth century in that city.

planned." She and her husband emigrated from Ireland in the year 1794 and took up their residence in Albany, N.Y., where the husband died. The United States census was taken in the year 1810, when the population of the county was 4,208. There were then forty-three families residing in the village of Buffalo, besides a number of unmarried persons.

In the early fifties a young girl was sent on a charitable quest by the dear Sisters of St. Vincent. Almost the first house she entered was Mrs. O'Rourke's. She was welcomed by the sweet-faced old lady, and her errand stated, was made to feel that she had conferred a favor instead of receiving one.

The year 1829 saw Buffalo in possession of her first resident priest, the Rev. John Nicholas Mertz. The first church was named "The Church of the Lamb of God," on the site of which was afterwards erected and where now stands the spacious Church of St. Louis.

My friend and correspondent, Mr. John Hurley of Litchfield, Conn., has contributed through Mr. Herbert N. Casson some very valuable information about the Welsh in America and the origin of the Welsh race, for the September number of Munsey's Magazine.

"I thank you for your very learned and instructive article on the Irish, which I was pleased to read. I sincerely hope that you will be as well satisfied with the Welsh article as you have been with the Irish. As you say, both Welsh and Irish are from the same original stock, a wonderful race of civilization builders to which I am proud to belong."

WILLIAM HALLEY.

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