ernment of the country, with the pos-sibility, moreover, of conflicts be-

person of your Holiness, our attach-ment to the interests of our country

prohibitions of your predecessor; protect the consciences of the Catholic

electors, and thus secure peace in our country by the union of religion and

liberty—a union which your Holiness has many times extolled in those im-

mortal encyclicals, whose precious

teachings we desire in all things to follow; and, lastly, grant to the children of the church, now addressing

your Holiness, the apostolic benedic

Mr. Casgrain asked if the honorable

gentleman meant to accuse any of the bishops who went to Rome of brand-

ing Mr. Laurier as a bad Catholic

assured them no delegate would be sent. But a delegate had been sent,

had dismissed about 100, because they

Mr. Craig (Con.) followed. He said it

were not wanted. He would dismiss a man if he found he was not loyal.

The House then adjourned.

IN THE SENATE.

In the Senate, Sir Mackenzie Bowell continued the debate on the address.

ority guaranteed under the constitu-

The plebiscite had been asked for by

Leuenhouck says that the common caterpillar has not less than 200

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# Ireland's Burden.

Edward Blake Opened an Important Debate in the House.

The Government Defense-They Fall Back on the Convenient "Commission" Scheme.

London, March 30 .- An important de-

bate on the financial relations between Great Britain and Ireland was opened in the House of Commons yesterday by Hon. Edward Blake, Nationalist member for the south division of Longford, who introduced a motion for the relief of the taxpayers of Ireland, con-tending that the contribution of Ireland to the treasury of Great Britain was unjustly disproportionate to Ireand's population and resources. Mr. Blake added that the report of the committee on financial relations between Great Britain and Ireland had proved that the latter country was unluly taxed. It was the duty of the Government to take early steps for the adoption of remedial legislation. hn Redmond, Parnellite, seconded Mr. Blake's motion. He said that the appointment of the new commission was a dishonest evasion, and it was in-

tended to shelve the question for an indefinite time, but it would result in a hastening of the day when Ireland would find in her own national government the best safeguard against fur-Thos. P. Whittaker, Liberal, moved

that while the exchequers of Great Britain and Ireland remained consoli-dated all portions of the United Kingdom must be regarded as one country for fiscal purposes. This motion was seconded by Thomas Waring, who is classed as a "Constitutionalist and Im-

Britain. In 1817 the Irish and English Parliament by a unanimous vote, because it was felt that it would be a great relief to Ireland. He denied the system of taxation based upon the taxble capacity was never successful owthe constantly varying condiwould contribute nothing to the com-mon expenditures of the United Kingdom, but would receive tribute from England and Scotland. There would be a further inquiry into the matter of the financial relations between Great Britain and Ireland, the Government desiring to do full justice, but it would in no wise depart from the system es-tablished in 1817. The debate was

Government claim that the late royal commission only inquired into one branch of the question, and the final decision must be withheld until another mission reports upon the other

mission, which they regard as a mere dilatory expedient. The Radicals do not object to redressing Ireland's financial grievance, but maintain that the report per cent of the estimated cost.

| Comparison includes double tracking for a purely point-railway purposes, constructing a double cal act, there is an abuse of authority, of which the consequences cannot but be fatal, not only to constitutional liberty, but to religion itself. If, in a

of the royal commission only demotrated more clearly than ever that the cidents of taxation in these countries s altogether favorable to the rich, and that a root-and-branch alteration in the taxation system should be adopted in rder to bring relief to the poorer classes all around.

# Railway Matters.

Several Grand Trunk Changes and Transfers

The Road to Get \$300,000 for Victoria Bridge Extension.

The cost for breakage by accidents of all kinds, while handling all those cars was but 1 cent and 1-10 mill per car. This is a record that probably never has been, and perhaps never will be,

A general reduction of operating expenses has been Laugurated by the Chicago and Alton Pailway Company, mmencing with the chops and offices Bloomington, Ill. An order has been

telegraph offices closed. The C. P. R. traffic returns for Febseconded by Thomas Waring, who is classed as a "Constitutionalist and Imperialist."

Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Chancellor of the Exchequer, speaking in behalf of the Government, said that the Opposition ascribed everything wrong in Ireland for the past century to Great Britain. In 1817 the Irish and English 1817, working expenses, \$1,826,552; net profits, \$758,166. For two months ending Feb. 29, 1896, there was a net profit for two months ending for two month Britain. In 1817 the Irish and English debts had been consolidated and the exchequers of both countries amalgamated. The act had been passed by Parliament by a unanimous vote. be-

great relief to Ireland. He denied the stories of the poverty and misery that were said to prevail in Ireland. Continuing. Sir Michael declared that a system of taxation pased upon the taxeastern division, with headquarters at Montreal; Master Mechanic W. D. Robb, of London, to occupy a similar position for the middle district, with the Government restored to Ireland the £2,750,000 she claimed as the exville, and formerly of Toronto, to be master mechanic of the northern division, with headquarters at Allandale, and Mr. A. A. Scott, at present locomotive foreman at Allandale, to suc-

ceed Mr. Ball at Belleville. The Dominion Government have dence, can only exist under perfect \$300,000 to the G. T. R. for the extension of Victoria bridge over the St. Lawrence, and this has been supplemented by a grant of \$150,000 from the Brayingial Covernment. One of the Provincial Government. One of the engineers left by the Campania on Saturday to submit the plans and specifications to the board in England. The work is to be commenced by May 1 and completed in October, 1898. The extension includes double tracking for a grievous sin out of a purely politic. As at present advised, no Nationalist 1 and completed in October, 1898. The ligion, goes to the extent of r or Radical will act on this second comextension includes double tracking for a grievous sin out of a purely

Addressed to the Pope by 44 Liberal Members.

The Attitude of the Bishops Strongly Rebuked.

Mr. Tarte Declares for Roman Catholic Liberty.

Mr. Craig (Con.) Says He Will Vote for the Government

If the School Settlement is Attacked-The New Superannuation Bill-Mr. Fielding's Refutation of Newspaper Charges-A Lively Debate.

Ottawa, March 31 .- The feature of yesterday's session of the House was the production by Hon. Mr. Tarte of a petition to the Pope, signed by 44 a stop have begun again, and threaten Liberal members in October last. It once more to create trouble among is a manly document, and will figure in Canadian history.

The first business after routine was

the introduction of Mr. Mulock's bill population. Again, affirming our abfor the abolition of the civil service superannuation act. Mr. Mulock's new scheme provides for the retention by scheme provides for the retention by the Government of a certain percentage of each officer's salary. When he resigns or retires, the amount thus deducted will be refunded to him, with interest. If he dies, it goes to his nearest relative. Those who had contributed to the fund, but not in the past ten years, would be credited in the new fund what they had already paid, and 5 per cent interest added. Those who have been paying to the superannuation fund for over ten years may, within three months, bring them-selves also under the latter category.

The bill was read a first time.

Mr. Fielding then rose to make a personal explanation. He quoted from the Ottawa Citizen a paragraph insinuating that he had given a tip to the cotton manufacturers and sugar refiners as to the new tariff schedule. Mr. Fielding said the statement was plutely false, and without shadow and a Freeemason

Hon. Mr. Foster said the country would hear with satisfaction the straightforward and emphatic denial of the Finance Minister. Mr. Foster then accused Mr. Fielding in his speech at Montreal of giving a public tip on the coal duties. oal duties.

Mr. Foster was called to order by the circular stating that the Pope had

DEBATE ON THE ADDRESS.

Hon. Mr. Fitzpatrick, the Solicitor-General, resumed the debate on the address. Mr. Fitzpatrick condemned the intimidation practiced by the bishops of Quebec on behalf of the Conservative party. As for his own case, it was true that he had given his pledge to his bishop to support remedial legislation, or resign, "and having given it," said Mr. Fitzpatrick, "I mean to stand by it, whathaving given it," said Mr. Fitzpatrick, "I mean to stand by it, whatever the consequences may be; and
from that day to this I have never
been asked to fuinil it. Nor has any
attention ever been drawn to it. But
instead, the pledge has been delivered
to the Tory party, to be made use of
for political purposes." Mr. Fitzpatrick added that whenever he was
called on by the authority to whom
he had given the pledge to resign, he
would go. He was in favor of giving
the minority all their rights under the
judgment of the Imperial Privy Council, and believed in separate schools;
yet, as the grievance was purely financial, it was not in the power of Parlimented to me a good Roman Catholic
and a good British citizen at the same
time. I know that if the Pope, who
is one of the broadest-minded men
of the age, knew the oppression that
was being practiced, he would put a
stop to it; and we were not mistaken."

Mr. Tarte said he had had four interviews with Mgr. Langevin, but his
grace would have nothing but separate
schools, and that was impossible. The
Holy See was not opposed to public
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hour a week. Mr. Tarte highly comcial, it was not in the power of Par-liament to help them. He advised them under existing conditions to take what under existing conditions to take what Mr. Greenway offered in the spirit in

which it was offered. Mr. Laurier-Hear, hear. Mr. Fitzpatrick said he went to Rome not on behalf of the Government but as an individual Catholic, who, in common with other Catholics, went to lay a grievance before the head

of the church. After speeches by Messrs. Dupont, La Riviere and Quinn, Mr. Tarte rose and said that if it suited the Opposi-Trunk officials to Midland the railway company has decided to erect a new elevator there, provided the town Roman Catholic hierarchy, and realizing that the Papal ablegate could company has decided to erect a new elevator there, provided the town will grant a bonus of \$25,000.

During the year 1896 the C. S. division of the M. C. R. handled 691,609 cars, which equals the hauling of one car 80,019,171 miles. This is nearly the distance from the earth to the sun. The cost for breakage by accidents of all kinds while hanging all those against the property of the Crown by appealing to the Pope for his interference. He was glad the matter had been bright up because it gave the Speaking on the school question, he said he would cast his vote for the been brought up, because it gave the Liberals an opportunity of stating their case before Parliament. There restoration of the rights of the minwas nothing to conceal in this matter tion, even if the Pope himself was satisfied with the terms of the so-The Government as a government had nothing whatever to do with the appeal to Rome. He frankly admitted, however, that a group of Roman Catholic public men belonging to the Libcalled settlement. He also conden the abolition of the Franchise Act, the plebiseite and manhood franchise. Sir Oliver Mowat applauded the eral party took steps to secure the ers and clerks. A general cut of \$5 per month has been made in the salaries of operators and a number of the control of the co school settlement. The increased deexclusion adopted by the United States, and many other reasons, made Holy Father,—We, the undersigned members of the Senate and members it the duty of the Government to carefully consider the entire question of the tariff before making any changes. and representing therein the Liberal the temperance people. party, present ourselves before your Holiness as respectful and devoted

plain of the existence of a state of things, which, if allowed to continu might be extremely dangerous to the constitutional liberties of the country, as well as to the interests of the church itself. Your Holiness has already been made aware of the conduct and attitude of certain prelates. clergy, who, during the general elec-tions in this country, in the month of June last, intervened in a violent manner in restraint of electoral free-dom, taking sides openly with the Conservative party against the Liberal party, and going so far as to declare guilty of grievous sin those of the electors who would vote for the candidates of the Liberal party. Sincerely attached to the institutions of our country, which insure to us Catholics the most complete liberty, we respectfully represent to your Holiness that democratic which we live, and for which your Holiness has many times expressed sentiments of admiration and confi-

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# country such as ours, with a population consisting of persons of various creeds, and wherein the Protestant denominations are in the majority, Catholics did not enjoy in all matters relating to legislation the some political freedom as their Protestant fellow-countrymen they would

estant fellow-countrymen, they would ipso facto, be placed in a position of inferiority, which would prevent them a Surplus of \$39,436 17 for 1897. from taking the legitimate part which they are entitled to take in the gov-

Preparing the Estimates-The Merry-Go-Round Again.

tween the various groups of the popu-lation, which history shows to be ever fraught with danger. Then, again, an active and violent intervention of the clergy in the domain of political questions submitted to the people must of necessity produce amongst the great mass of the Catholic population a degree of irritation, manifestly prejudicial to that respect which religion and its ministers should ever inspire and command. Some twenty years ago his Holiness Pius IX., your

The revenue from consumers was interest, would make the total revenue

illustrious and lamented predecessor on the pontifical throne, acting through the Sacred Congregation of the Propaganda, deemed it his duty to put a stop to certain abuses of a similar character, and forbade the intervention of the clergy in politics.
This prohibition was generally respected so long as his Eminence Cardinal Taschereau was able to guide the church in Canada, but since old age and infirmities have paralyzed his guiding hand, the abuses to which your illustrious predecessor had put

R. Hall was present in support of his application to operate a merry-goround at Springbank during the sumand to the crown of Great Britain, its acgis and protector, we beg that mer. He offered \$25 for the exclusive right. It was decided to sell the exyour Holiness will renew in our be-half the most wise proscriptions and clusive right for \$100, or admit three machines, the first choice of location to be had for \$60, and the remaining Bradford & Hodgins wanted the pri-

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# make but one report, had turned around and reviled his church.

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