

Some worthy far-seeing folk may be inclined to say that Bishop Sullivan acted very imprudently when he refused the comfortable and dignified position of Bishop of Huron. Some may even go the length of affirming that he refused simply from fear of what the public might say, and especially from fear that they might laugh and declare that that was about the amount of his Missionary zeal—all very fine, but quite ready to evaporate when a fat living came round. TRUTH has quite a different idea. Would it not be more charitable, and upon the whole as near the facts of the case, and a great deal nearer, that the alleged reason was the real one, and that the Bishop's interest in Algoma really forbade his thinking about a life of ease or dignity either? Dr. Sullivan is a manly man as well as a devout Christian. Why should it be thought a strange thing that he should retain a poor and difficult sphere, simply because it was such, in preference to one of quite another character? No reason at all, except the accursed uncharitableness of those who ought to feel better. In Dean Baldwin the Episcopalians of Huron have got a first rate bishop. He is able, earnest and energetic, and evangelical. He comes to his work in the full vigor of mature manhood, and has therefore, the prospect before him of a long and successful Episcopate. TRUTH sincerely hopes that the most sanguine expectations of the most enthusiastic friends of the Bishop-elect may be more than realized.

It is perfectly in order for Canada to throw up her cap over the result of the late Fishery Exposition, for she has carried off prizes not a few, and these of the first-class, for various kinds of fish preserved in a great variety of ways. It will surely, in the course of time, begin to dawn upon the most thick witted Englishman, that Canada is something better than the traditional few acres of snow, and that even a true born Briton might learn a wrinkle or two on certain subjects, by a sojourn in this Dominion. To be sure, Canada is only a colony, and therefore not likely to deserve any such notice as the neighboring Republic. Still, it is becoming more and more evident that she is not quite so insignificant as she has generally been thought by her dear friends across the water. A good many think that if Canada were a little more self-assertive, and talked independence now and then, she might get more notice, and be somewhat more highly and more becomingly appreciated. It will all come in due time. Meanwhile she is doing what will be found the best preparation for a distinguished career,—she is growing, and may bye and bye come to that stage when it is generally thought that individuals and nations can manage their own affairs.

The disallowance of the Civil Rights Act by the Supreme Court of the United States, is causing a very unnecessary amount of stir and anxiety among the colored people. There are some things which mere law cannot effect, when backed by overwhelming public opinion, and equal social treatment is one of these. It is all right for the law makers to struggle

as much as possible in this direction. But the most effectual way to bring things in to a right condition, is to educate public opinion, and thus shame those who are inclined to treat any class with unfairness and contempt out of such folly and wickedness. It will take a good while before the color prejudice be obliterated. But the process will be hastened all the more by those who are the objects of that foolish and sinful dislike showing by their becoming conduct and refined manners, that they do not deserve any such treatment, but what is very much the reverse.

The capital sentence pronounced the other day amid many tears by Judge Morrison, on the poor betrayed girl McCabe, for the murder of her illegitimate child, will surely never be carried into execution. This is the old story of the woman suffering and the man going scott free. TRUTH does not excuse women that allow themselves to be betrayed to their ruin. There must be something inherently indelicate and ill-regulated in such. But then let any one think of what these girls in a great many cases are, how ignorant, how unwarned, how easily coaxed on to their ruin, how ready to hope the best of those whom they have learned to love. The whole makes up something unutterably sad. They ought, of course, to know that men never seduce the woman they love. Yes, they ought to know a great many things which they don't. But, is this ignorance of theirs, or even this indelicacy and lax morals, to be taken as sufficient reason for their bearing the consequences of their sin alone, and for their heartless male associates in sin being altogether passed over? TRUTH thinks that such an idea is very monstrous, though at the same time it repeats for the hundredth time the fact that girls ought to know better than to believe the lies which too many men think it fine fun to utter, in order to lead such as they are to their destruction. Resent, girls, the slightest approach to indelicate familiarity, as you would the deadliest insult. Let your womanhood be your protection. The honorable won't tempt you to your injury. Don't give the dishonorable a chance.

So the vice-regal reign of the Marquis of Lorne and his Princess wife has come to an end, and these two distinguished personages are on the ocean, homeward bound. All that needs to be has already been said on the subject. The good wishes of most Canadians, if not all of them, will go with the illustrious pair. The Marquis has not been so gushing as was his truly Hibernian predecessor, whose tongue was certainly rubbed on the Blarney stone if ever was that of mortal man. Still, he has had other compensating excellencies, which will make him and his residence in Canada remembered with respect. It is too soon to be forecasting what the "Coming King" shall do or say. TRUTH always, in such circumstances, hopes the best.

The advanced wing of the English Liberals have been in conference at Leeds, and have come to certain resolutions indicating what they think the Liberal party ought to do. It is generally understood that the result will be a new Reform

bill next session for the purpose of assimilating the franchise in cities and country places. If such a measure is carried, the farm laborers, to a large extent, will be put in possession of the franchise with what result time only will show.

The great Morrice case, which threatened to shake the whole country, has been successfully arranged. It would, however, be folly to think that all reasonable ground for anxiety in reference to the commercial prospects of Canada has been removed. There is, on the contrary, every likelihood that the country is sweeping the outer circles of the whirlpool of bad times, and may at any time be drawn much further in than is either desirable or safe. Meantime, the factories have reduced their working time to four days a week. This means privation and pinchery to very many homes and, of course, poor trade to many store-keepers. But over-production and reckless expenditure will always issue in some such fashion. The wheat crop has, also, in many parts of the country, been an absolute failure, which, of course, adds to the difficulty and danger. On the whole, though TRUTH is no croaker, the outlook is anything but encouraging.

Rat Portage is likely to be noticeable for more important things than its being the scene of contest between Ontario and Manitoba. It is, in all likelihood to be the great watering place of the west as far as Canada is concerned. Its situation is unrivalled, and when matters quiet down and Ontario is left in undisturbed possession of the country, as she will be, then Rat Portage will go ahead. There is no summer resort for the weary ones of Manitoba either so near or so attractive, while pilgrims from the East in search of rest and pleasure will assuredly make their way in crowds to those regions which are as picturesque and restful as can be imagined. Those who know both, say that the Thousand Isles of the St. Lawrence are not a circumstance to the glories of those regions.

If there is a single soul in Manitoba not excluding Premier Norquay himself, who actually believes that Ontario is going to withdraw from the disputed territory, TRUTH is sorry for him; he shows a verdancy and a power of faith which are positively refreshing. No, dear, sir. Ontario is there to remain for many a long day and year, and will only be extruded by civil process with all which that implies. The whole face of things is settling down already into quietness, and before many months pass Rat Portage will be as much in reality, as in right, a recognized part of this Province as is Port Arthur or Owen Sound. Why, how could it be otherwise? The Lake of the Woods has been recognized as part of Upper Canada since 1799. Can Manitoba show anything of a like ancient claim?

The absurd talk about "sluggers" and "bull pups" has only crowned those who have indulged in it with ridicule and contempt. Sensible onlookers have naturally asked if that was all that could be said in favor of the claims of Manitoba. Go, go, foolish individuals, don't make

quite such consummation — of yourselves. Have you not even the faintest sense of the ridiculous in your mortal bodies or wooden brains?

The increase of wealth in England is something very remarkable. In 1660, the wealth was such that, if equally distributed, each person would have had \$225 for his or her share. In 1812 it had risen to \$635. In 1882, it stands at \$1,245. The whole wealth last year was estimated at about forty-three thousand millions of dollars. Think of it. Some must have vastly too much and others vastly too little. It is a pity that such should be the case, but so long as vice, idleness and general inefficiency prevail it is to be feared that this will, to a greater or less extent, continue to be the case.

TRUTH is glad to learn that the water meter plan is becoming more and more a success and will issue in a largely increased revenue to the city. Under its operation some factories are paying ten times more for the same service than they did. This is as it ought to be, and will help greatly in putting a stop to the enormous waste which has been going so generally and for so long a time.

There is to be a grand celebration in Toronto of the 400th anniversary of Luther's Birthday. This is as it ought to be. Luther stands out as a grand heroic character, and all the wretched stuff which has been so frequently circulated about him now goes for what it worth, and that is just nothing at all.

Archbishop Lynch very properly discourages the importation to Canada of girls from Irish workhouses. They are a most undesirable element to add to Canada's population. The very least amount of such emigrants the better. Far rather have none at all.

It is dreadful to think of Canadians purchasing land in the United States! At least so it is said! It must be equally dreadful to purchase any other articles which these Yankees have to sell. And if so, surely it is as bad to sell anything to those wretched fellows. By all means let us have a Chinese wall set up and keep Canadians from having any dealings with the God-forsaken Samaritans.

Is there such a thing as dreams "coming true," as the boy would say? It seems so. At least there is any number of stories going about, illustrations of this supposed peculiarity of sleeping reveries. Almost everybody has his private collection of such verifications, and those who produce them get as angry as may be if there is the slightest symptom of scepticism exhibited. Now it is the coffin that is seen brought into the house. Now thirteen at table had something to do with it. But in every case the result was wonderful, and anybody who won't believe in dreams after that is not worth speaking to. Then what a lot of things are said about "warnings," death watches, and death rattles, etc., etc. It would be interesting to learn who has the management of those dreams, and who gives those warnings. What about spirit rappings,