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NOTES OF THE WEEK.

It is announced that Her Majesty Queen Victoria contemplates contributing another book to the literature of the world. The announcement will be heard with general regret.

Mr. Wm. O'Brien, M. P., failing to appear to answer the summons in the case of the government against him under the provisions of the Crimes Act, was arrested at Kingston on Sunday. Mr. O'Brien is in delicate health, and confined, the *Freeman's Journal* says, in a cell only nine feet long and four broad, badly lighted and little better than a black hole.

The report that Mr. Powderley was in sympathy with, and associated in the Know-Nothing movement, which certain fanatics in the States are now endeavouring to revive, although, on the face of it, an fabrication, has elicited from that gentleman the following plain and unambiguous denial. "While I am an American," he writes, "I am not interested in reviving 'purely American ideas.' I am not anxious to see the tomahawk and scalping-knife flourish again in this country. I have no desire to rekindle the camp-fires of the purely American, nor do I wish to see the re-establishment of the ducking pond or the burning of the witches. I am content to devote my time to the revival of an interest in the Declaration of American Independence, and the re-establishment of the rules of American people, independent of party or monopoly."

Speaking of the lamentable occurrences at the Mitchellstown meeting, on Friday last, the *London Daily News* said: "The more we examine into the tragedy the more evident it becomes that it was nothing less than murder by persons unknown. The ominous silence of the Government and its agents on the question of responsibility is one of the worst features of the case. What are we to expect but crime answering to crime, devilish outrage following devilish repression?" The comments of the English

press and the angry character of Monday night's debate show that the sad and grievous affair has created a sentiment of horror and disgust throughout the kingdom. "The heart of England," Sir William Harcourt said, "is with the Irish in vindicating the right of public meeting, and will support them until justice is done." The action of the Government in attempting to prevent the holding of public meetings violated, it was maintained in the debate, the law and the constitution, denied the fundamental principle of both, and was wholly incompatible with the existence of free government or the rights of a free people. "My only fear," Mr. Parnell has said, "is lest some men become so exasperated as to commit wild acts of revenge. I will continue, however, to urge my countrymen to patient endurance of wrong and suffering until they get Home Rule."

The shrine of St. Anne de Beaupre, about 26 miles below Quebec, on the northern shore of the St. Lawrence, was on Thursday the scene of an imposing and very remarkable demonstration. According to previous announcement, Cardinal Taschereau, in accordance with an authorization from the Sovereign Pontiff, solemnly crowned the new statue of St. Anne. A number of sick and afflicted people, for the most part helpless little boys, had thrown themselves, or been carried in the way of the statue, and implored the saint for relief. The scene was a touching one to all who witnessed it, the eagerness and longing displayed on the countenances of the earnest applicants moving many to tears, even amongst the members of the clergy. There were probably no fewer than 10,000 people present at the ceremony. Several boats with pilgrims left the city at an early hour, and the steamer Canada brought down an immense number from Montreal. The steamer Bienvenue, upon which the Cardinal and bishops took passage, was handsomely decorated, and so was the landing place at Ste. Anne, while the road to the church was spanned with arches, etc. Besides Cardinal Taschereau there were present the Archbishop of Ottawa, the Bishops of Rimouski, Sherbrooke, Chicoutimi, St. Hyacinthe, Nicolet and Pontiac, Mgr. Bosse, Mgr. Letourneau, Mgr. Legare, Mgr. Tetu, Mgr. Marois, Grand Vicars Langevin, of Rimouski; Marechal, of Montreal; Gelinat, of Nicolet, and some 200 members of the clergy. The large church was crowded to suffocation and was yet unable to contain anything like the whole of those who sought admission. Sermons were preached, in English, by Archbishop Duhamel, of Ottawa, and, in French, by Bishop Racine, of Sherbrooke. At the conclusion of the mass the ceremony of the coronation of the statue took place, and in consequence of the inability of the church to hold anything like the entire congregation, was performed on a raised platform erected for the purpose outside the entrance. The golden crowns were then presented to his Eminence, who in the observance of due precedence, took first the smaller one and laid it upon the head of the juvenile Virgin Mary, immediately thereafter laying the larger crown upon the head of St. Anne. As the act of coronation was performed by Cardinal Taschereau, guns were fired, bells were rung, and the brass bands clanged out their most joyous music. Then a solemn "Te deum" was sung in the open air, in which most of the vast assemblage joined.