

number seven, if you please, so that no improper means would be taken by the Church Society to secure the return of any one present in the final election. We thank our correspondent, however, for his communication, altho' we differ from him, and we trust that others of our brethren will follow his example in thus expressing their opinions on matters connected with our holy Mother Church.

THE CLERGY RESERVES.

We perceive that at length the Canadian Government has declared itself in favour of the SECULARIZATION of the Reserves. This declaration, coupled with Mr. Hincks's escape with the Home Government, and his senseless and insane declaration of "Independence" now made in his place in Parliament, ought to be quite enough to open the eyes of all British subjects to the fact, that the "Progressive Reform Party" are making very decided and rapid advances towards the neighbouring Republic. If English capitalists and emigrants refuse to come to Canada hereafter, let the Canadian Ministry well understand that their covert designs are known, and are prominent obstacles to immigration to this Colony.

What the loyalty of the Liberal is worth may easily be calculated by the rebellious language used by the *Globe* with reference to the granting of the Royal Charter to Trinity College, and by the following from the *Toronto Examiner*. Unless the country is governed exactly to the wishes of such men, they care not how soon it is embroiled in civil war and all its horrors.

"We make no idle menace when we affirm that, in our opinion, were the conviction to become universal among that class of our population—the vast majority of the inhabitants of Western Canada—who are and have been so long aggrieved by this foul attempt to create a dominant church in the colony, that INDEPENDENCE OR ANNEXATION to the neighbouring Republic could alone secure their deliverance from the curse, one universal shout would go up throughout the length and breadth of this Province for a severance of the degrading colonial tie—for emancipation from the eternal goadings of a faction of unprincipled State Hirelings, upheld and stimulated here by the clergy and aristocracy of England. Canada occupies a position entirely different from that of Ireland, and experimental coercion employed with success in the one country would assuredly be impotent in the other. We claim and demand the unrestricted—the unconditional right to adjust the Clergy Reserve, and other questions of a local nature, without the let or hindrance of Imperial power. To all others, involving great national interests, we, as a part of a great confederation, dutifully and submissively yield to the control of the Parent State. Earl Derby cannot close his eyes to the great facts of history—especially of British Colonial History, nor stop his ears to the humiliating lessons of national experience:—neither can he doubt that the best—the only method, indeed, of securing the allegiance of the British North American Colonies, is by wisely and generously yielding to the just claims of the people upon every question purely local in its character."

ROMISH IMPERTINENCE.

We extract the following statistics from the *True Witness* :—

THE CENSUS.

The census returns for the Province of Upper Canada, arranged according to the creeds of the population, are before us. From these it appears that the respective number of Catholics and Protestants are as follows:—

Catholics.	Non-Catholics, or Protestants.
167,930	784,154.
The Non-Catholic, or Protestant portion of the population is subdivided into the following sects:	
Anglicans.....	223,928
Baptists.....	42,475
Congregationalists.....	7,931
Lutherans.....	12,035
Methodists of all varieties.....	208,613
No creed, or not given.....	39,137
Presbyterians of all sorts.....	204,622
Quakers.....	7,497
Unitarians.....	834
Universalists.....	2,687
Minor Protestant sects unclassified, such as Jumpers, Shakers, Tunkers, &c.....	31,345
	784,154
The Census for the same portion of the Province, by races, is given as follows:	
English.....	82,482
Irish.....	177,654
Scotch.....	75,710
French Canadian.....	26,500
Other Canadian.....	523,327
German.....	9,721
American.....	43,460
All others.....	13,760

It will be seen from the above that our schismatical contemporary coolly arrogates to his sect the style of "Catholic," to the exclusion even of that branch of Christ's fold in this colony which alone is entitled thereto.

The ignorance of Romanist writers of true catholicity, and their consequent persistence in the propagation of error amongst their own sect, is as much to be lamented at this day as it was of yore. Ignorant of the commonest truths of past history themselves, they either fancy that Anglo-Catholics cannot read, or else cannot procure books of reference, to discover the road along which their ancestors travelled. We advise, therefore, our contemporary of *The True Witness* to be really what his name implies he wishes to be, and to learn to obey the commandment, "Thou shalt not bear false witness;" and also advise him carefully to study the history of the Anglican branch of the Church Catholic ere he presumes to slander the Lord's body—the Church planted in these realms. Will the *Witness* tell us who it was received St. Augustine when he went to England? Will he tell us whereabouts in Ireland Roman Catholics flourished when the Church of Ireland was pure, in the third and fourth centuries, as it is now, and knew nothing of Roman novelties? Lastly, will the *Witness* inform us how a doctrine-developing Church can be a Church retentive of Primitive Truth? Is the Roman Catholic doctrine to-day what it was when Augustine preached in England, or how many new ideas have been developed since? When a Romanist presumes to declare the Church of England non-Catholic, we can smile at his folly, and afford to pity his corrupt and ignorant pretensions. This last salty of the *Witness* is about as rich a piece of self-conceit as a late article of his on the "Rappes"—but as this subject will require a separate notice, we shall reserve our comments for a future occasion. Meantime we shall gather a few notes on some of the "spiritual rappings" of Italy, and the celestial visits to the shepherd's two little children. We question whether there is not some partnership between our Italian friends and the Yankee "knockers."

ANGLO-AMERICAN.

We have perused with much gratification the third number of *The Anglo-American Magazine*, and do most sincerely congratulate our friends on the manifest improvement taking place in this truly Canadian work. We shall next week give a few extracts from the work for the benefit of those few who do not yet support the publication of the literary treat they debar themselves from.

HARRISON AND ROBINSON'S LAW REPORTS.

We were much struck with the neatness and excellent finish of the above Work, and have taken no little pains to discover whether its internal qualities were proportionate. It was very gratifying to hear but one opinion expressed, and that a unanimous assent to the importance and value of the Work.

The Rev. Thomas William Marsh requests that all letters and papers for him may for the future be addressed to Norval Cy. Halton.

Communication.

To the Editor of the Canadian Churchman.

Sir—In your number of last week you allude to the Act which has lately received the Royal assent in reference to the future presentations to the Rectories in this Diocese.

The plan you recommend is, I humbly think, open to the old objection of canvassing. If the Church Society, as a body, appoint the Incumbent either directly or indirectly, as you suggest, there will assuredly arise the usual amount of canvassing, whenever the Benefices become valuable. It has been the invariable result in England when appointments to Benefices or Lectureships are vested in corporate bodies, or in committees thereof, or in trustees.

Would not the best plan be for the Church Society to pass a by-law placing the nominations in the hands of the Bishop, who is a corporation sole? No one can be so well acquainted with the merits of his clergy as their Chief Pastor. I think we have the testimony of history to prove that Bishops have always been in the advance of laymen in the promotion of meritorious clerks. By this means unseemly canvassing and much heartburning would be avoided. The Bishop would have some patronage at his disposal, and, on the whole, I believe, all Churchmen better satisfied.

Your obedient servant, D. C. L.

23rd August, 1852.

To the Editor of the Canadian Churchman.

Dear Sir,—Having seen a number of the "Coburg Star," a few days ago, in which there were some comments on an article lately in your paper, relative to the conduct of the "Sons of Temperance" towards a Clergyman of the Church. I was greatly surprised that the Editor of such a respectable journal as the "Star" should offer such hasty remarks.

Little does he know what a hindrance to the Clergyman in his pastoral duty, (though probably beneficial to himself in many points of view) this Society is, which now claims to itself the glory of having done more good in twelve months, than the Church has in twenty years.

I cannot at all see in the article in the Churchman, any "injustice" (as he says) towards the Sons of Temperance, when we consider the enormity of their offence in that case; neither do I think that the terms used towards them are, in any way, "bitter or unjust," since it is now almost universally allowed that this would-be-reform society is rapidly tending to infidelity.

I am, indeed, sorry that the Editor of the Star, who is a Churchman, should manifest such a seeming inclination to favour that Society more than his own Church, when every exertion should be made to defend the Church, which is already beset by dissent of every kind, and now by this new system of the "Sons of Temperance."

I am, &c.,

"TEMPERATE IN ALL THINGS."

August 28, 1852.

To the Editor of the Canadian Churchman.

DEAR SIR,—Having lately had occasion to go to the Falls of Niagara I determined to go by the *Mazepa Steamer*, and thus take the opportunity of visiting the flourishing and pretty little town of St. Catharines. When the time for the collecting of the fares came, I was agreeably surprised to find that the very civil and gentlemanlike Captain had adopted the plan so general in the adjoining republic, of charging Clergymen only half-price. This I consider worthy the attention of your readers—it stands out so prominently, in contrast with the usual practice of our Canadian Boats. Truly yours,

CLERICUS.

Toronto, August, 1852.

DIGEST OF COLONIAL NEWS.

Last week a young man named Archibald Finlay, of East Flamboro' was entombed under six feet of earth and stones, by the unexpected closing of a well at the bottom of which he was working. He was extracted without sustaining dangerous injury.

The exhibition of the Hamilton Horticultural Society, takes place on the 29th inst.

Cpl. Prince having recovered from his late severe indisposition has proceeded to Quebec.

According to the *Elora Backwoodsman*, Thompson (the man supposed to be murdered by Dr. Dill some years ago,) is now living in Garafaxa.

The weather during the last week has been unusually hot, the mercury generally ranging from 78 in the morning to 92 at mid day.

On the night of Wednesday the 25th ult. the Parsonage of the Rev. Dr. McMurray, Dundas, was entered by burglars. The robbers had possessed themselves of a watch and some other articles when they were discovered by the Doctor's son, who fired a pistol at them. They immediately made off, leaving behind the property which they had taken.

Catharine Hayes is expected to sing in Toronto during the Agricultural Exhibition.

A very useful work entitled *The Canadian Constable's Assistant* has just been issued from the office of the *Barrie Herald*. It is from the pen of James Patton Esq., and contains every necessary form and instruction.

The other day a man named Wm. Edgar was brutally murdered near Hamilton. Two negroes have been apprehended on suspicion of being the perpetrators.

An excellent slate for covering houses, is obtained at Kingsay, near Melbourne, C. E.

The tolls collected on the Welland Canal during the month of July last, was £7682 3s 9d against £5809 7s 6d in the same month last year. The number of vessels passed through was 750, being an increase of 60 over July of last year, and of 262 over the same month in 1850.

Three men were killed near Hamilton last week by the falling in of a bank of gravel.

The father of Mr. M'Ginn gaoler of Montreal, has been killed by the kick of a horse.

The only son of the late Adam Ferrie, Esq. was recently drowned in the Grand River, near Preston.

Accounts from Labrador are that equally as vigilant measures were taken to prevent the French fishermen plying their trade within three miles off shore, as were directed toward the Americans.

The *Patriot* asserts that the editor of the *Globe* is "the Grand Master of the Loyal Orangemen." (?)

GRAND RIVER NAVIGATION.—An important movement is on foot for the formation of a ship canal to Brantford; or rather for an extension of the Welland Canal. The Hon. William Hamilton Merritt has expressed himself favorable to the improvement, and given his approval to the proposed plan of government aid being given to the work, upon the guarantee of the interest by the Municipalities of the Counties of Haldimand and Brant.

On Sunday night about half-past nine o'clock, a fire broke out in the block east of the St. Lawrence Hall, and consumed all the buildings, in the rear, and two of the brick houses on King Street. The fire also crossed Palace Street, and burned all the small houses, stables and workshops between the street and the water. There were eight hotels or taverns destroyed, amongst which were Platt's and Stroud's. The new weigh house was also burned. It is not known how the fire originated.

Water strongly impregnated with salt has recently been discovered in digging a well in the neighbourhood of Picton. It is hoped that the quantity will be found sufficient for the manufacture of salt.

We learn from a gentleman that passed along the Owen Sound road, from Sydenham to Guelph, in the end of last week, that the crops in the intervening townships are generally good; that although the fall wheat suffered considerably by frost in the spring, it will yet give nearly an average crop, while all sorts of spring grain and roots promise an abundant harvest.—*Guelph Herald*.

The weather and Wheat crop in the neighbourhood of Quebec are said to be excellent; but the potato rot has been making progress for some time back. The disease is believed to be fully as bad as in former years.

Professor Desaulniers of St. Haycinthe College, is about to start on a tour through Europe and is requested by the Lower Canada Agricultural Society, to visit the model farms and report the improvements.

A man in the neighbourhood of Cornwall last week, while driving a load of hay to his barn, found his load suddenly enveloped in flames, which speedily consumed both load and waggon, leaving the driver barely time to save his horses. It is supposed, says the *Freeholder*, that the fire was communicated by a burning stump in a field, through which the load had passed a few seconds before the flames burst out.

A number of new buildings, says the *Backwoodsman*, are either finished or in course of erection in the village of Elora, and as almost every day adds to the population by new arrivals, it is expected to see yet a few more before winter. In Fergus and Salem, also, builders are actively employed.

The *Daily Colonist* of Friday says, we learn from Quebec that it is now fully arranged that Major Campbell, of St. Malaitre, and the present Mayors of Quebec, Montreal, and Toronto, viz., Messrs. Boileau, Wilson, and Bowes, are to be raised to the Legislative Council.

United States.

Amongst the news brought by the arrival of the Asia, it is announced that Mr. Thomas Baring, of the House of Baring and Brothers, has been appointed Special Minister of the United States, to arrange the Fishery and others questions at issue between the two countries. In opposition to this report it is stated that the New York *Commercial* has private letters of the highest authority which state that Mr. Baring positively denies any diplomatic agency in regard to the fisheries. His visit to this country is on account of his own business operations, though the *Commercial* has no doubt that Mr. Baring thoroughly understands the views and purposes of the British Ministry, and has their entire confidence, and thinks that he may, by an unofficial talk with our Government, effectually remove the misunderstanding which has prevailed.

On the 22nd of August, a ferry boat containing eighteen persons, crossing the Hudson river opposite Albany, upset, and all the persons were precipitated into the water. Eleven of them sunk and rose on more; six clung to the bottom of the skiff until they were saved, and one, a female succeeded in swimming to the shore.

It is said that Mr. Brooks, member of Congress for New York city, will be appointed Postmaster General for the United States, in room of Mr. Hall, who has received the appointment of Judgeship.