

Louis Theophile Marechal, of the City of Montreal, Province of Quebec, K.C., to be a Puisne Judge of the Superior Court for the Province of Quebec, vice Hon. Mr. Justice Tellier who has resigned the said office. (Oct. 6.)

Flotsam and Jetsam.

The devotion of a large part of the long vacation by the Lord Chancellor of Ireland to the visiting of lunatic asylums, to which reference has been made in these columns, may recall a good story told by Mr. Daniel O'Connell when speaking at a public meeting in 1843 in condemnation of the conduct of Sir Edward Sugden (Lord St. Leonards) as Lord Chancellor in the dismissal from the Commission of the Peace of magistrates, amongst whom was Mr. O'Connell himself, for attending meetings convened to petition for the repeal of the Union. "The Lord Chancellor," said Mr. O'Connell, "had made an arrangement with Sir Philip Crampton, the Surgeon-General, to visit without any previous intimation Dr. Duncan's lunatic asylum at Finglas, near Dublin. Some wag (supposed to be Mr. O'Connell himself) wrote word to the asylum that a patient would be sent them in a carriage that day, a smart little man, who thought himself one of the judges or some great person of that sort, and he was to be detained by them. The doctor was out when the Lord Chancellor arrived. He was very talkative, but the keepers humoured him and answered all his questions. He inquired if the Surgeon-General had come. The keeper replied, 'No, but he is expected immediately.' 'Then I shall inspect some of the rooms till he arrives.' 'Oh, sir,' said the man, 'we could not permit that at all.' 'Well, then, I will walk for a while in the garden,' said his Lordship. 'We cannot let you go there either,' said the keeper. 'What!' said he, 'don't you know I am the Lord Chancellor?' 'We have four more Chancellors here already,' was the reply. He got enraged, and they were thinking of a strait-waistcoat for him when luckily Sir Philip Crampton arrived. 'Has the Lord Chancellor come yet?' said he. The man burst out laughing and said: 'Yes, sir, we have him safe; but he is by far the most violent patient in the House.' I really believe the Lord Chancellor caught the fury of superseding magistrates while he was in Dr. Duncan's asylum, and it would be fortunate if all the rest of the Ministry were there with him": Fitzpatrick's Correspondence of Daniel O'Connell, ii., pp. 306-307.