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The centenary of Theodor Korner will be celebrated on the 21st September, and no doubt his countrymen will do his memory due honor.

The information gravely accorded by a section of the press to the effect that Henry George is somewhere in seclusion preparing a "reply" to the recent papal encyclical borders on the ludicrous.

MR. TARTE does not stand particularly well in public opinion just now, and the blusterings in his paper as to the dire consequence of the Federal Parliament taking cognizance of the matters which have arisen through provincial dealings in connection with the Baie de Chaleurs-Railway will be taken at their proper estimate.

OF the Cabinet Ministers surrounding Sir John Macdonald after his accession to power in 1878, Mr. Bowell alone remains in office.

DISMAL accounts are published of the effects of mutually hostile tariffs on the working people in a number of the large manufacturing centres of Europe.

of which they are now deprived. They will have to revert to their normal occupations. Manufacturing has been vastly overdone by all nations.

The great French political philosopher Montesquieu has found the origin of the British Constitution in the Germanic Tacitus, and while he pays due homage to the "beautiful system" which at his day had been developed as the system of government in England from the woods of Germany, comes to the conclusion that it "will perish when the legislative power shall become more corrupt than the executive."

HON. L. O. TAILLON. At the last general elections for the Province of Quebec it was publicly stated that Hon. L. O. Taillon was too honest a man to govern the Province.

THEY MUST GO. The days of Mercierism are numbered. The disclosures of the Baie de Chaleurs railway scandal cannot be withstood.

when an Irish Catholic would be counted amongst the Cabinet councillors holding portfolios. There is reason for congratulating now that none of our people occupy seats in the disgraced government of Mr. Mercier.

DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

The proceedings before the Committee of Privileges and Elections, in the Tarte McGreevy investigation, have come to a close. All along, we cherished the hope that the Hon. Thomas McGreevy, for so many years, a prominent Irish Catholic representative, would have come out of the ordeal unscathed.

The Hon. Frank Smith, of Toronto, has been called to fill the position of Minister of Public Works pro tempore until the reconstruction of the government, which will take place after the close of the present session.

It is a relief to be able to refer to such a name with the reminiscences of O. E. Murphy, Robert McGreevy, and others crowding upon us.

Throughout the whole country there is but one opinion expressed regarding the high minded impartiality and integrity of Sir John Thompson in connection with the investigations now going on.

The Senate has been doing good work in unearthing the gigantic schemes of corruption of the Mercier gang in this province. Even the Toronto Globe has been forced to speak out.

CHURCH AND PEOPLE.

American newspapers are reproducing and commenting favorably on the report of an audience Professor O'Gorman, of Washington University, has had with the Pope and his interviews with leading dignitaries of the Church.

Cardinal Parochi is further reported as saying that "Pope Leo has plainly and clearly expressed approval of a political alliance with the democracy. It is the only good and possible alliance."

fact, and a triumphant fact." In this connection it may be observed that this attitude is not new to the Church. From its foundation the Church has always maintained the principle of popular rights, and, in defining the limits of authority, never hesitated to resist the undue encroachments of temporal power.

A different and quite a superficial view of the attitude of the Church towards the democracy has been taken by a secular critic, who asks: "Does Cardinal Parochi's words refer to the rumored alliance with France, or is it a prophecy based on a vague provision that the days of monarchy are numbered, and that a republican form of government will soon be the universal rule among civilized nations?"

THIS question and comment, as what we have written shows, only proves how little Protestant writers really know of the history of the Church and of the spirit which animates it in its dealings with the nations.

THAT "MONSTROUS PROPOSITION."

We expressed regret, in our issue of last week, that party warfare should have found it necessary to give currency to the rumor that Mr. Mercier had been in dispute with the Jesuit Fathers on account of a commission alleged to have been paid him on the amount obtained for the now famous settlement of the affairs of the Order.

answers to the reporter may be added as of interest, though not materially affecting the main question:

"But has not Mr. Mercier ever expressed his intention of claiming a commission?" "Not at all, and what is more, since the grant was made he has, individually as you know, the original grant was \$400,000, which was left to the Pope to divide, and he awarded us \$160,000. We received every cent of that amount."

Very Proper.

It is stated in a private telegram from Quebec that Mr. McGreevy has resigned his seat as member for Quebec West.

Honest Men May Come to their Own.

MONTREAL, Aug. 12.—There are rumors of an open rupture between Count Mercier and the Langelet-Picaud clique, caused principally by a difference of opinion as to how the Baie des Chaleurs affair shall be treated.

Hymen Waves His Torch.

Sir Ann's Church was the scene of a very pleasing ceremony on last Monday morning, August 17th, the occasion being the marriage of Mr. M. O'Leary to Miss Rebecca Gilmour, of this city.

The Fatal River.

A sad occurrence happened on the river opposite Lachine on Saturday afternoon. The fine weather had tempted several to indulge in boating.

Burned to Death.

A sad, but only too common, accident occurred on Cathedral street last Friday. It was another instance of the results of coal oil and a woman in a hurry.

The Federation Question.

TORONTO, August 17.—Col. Howard Vincent, of Imperial Federation fame, who is in the city, expresses himself as greatly pleased with the enthusiasm displayed at Montreal and Ottawa over the project he is here to further.

Lotteries and Raffles Denounced.

Cardinal Manning, in a letter has just made public, denounces the employment of lotteries and raffles at bazaars for works of charity or religion.