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LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

My Dear Sir:—Since coming to Canada I have been a reader of your paper. I have noted with intelligence and ability, and above all, that it is imbued with a strong Catholic spirit.

Dear Sir:—For some time past I have read your estimable paper, THE CATHOLIC RECORD, and congratulate you upon the manner in which it is published.

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MAX AITKEN ON HOME RULE

The fond hopes of the Irish race that Home Rule for Ireland was fast reaching realization, have been cruelly dashed to the ground.

London, January 16—Sir Max Aitken, addressing his constituents, said that in Canada there was trouble enough with Provincial Home Rule.

It is true that in the past Beaconsfield and Salisbury, Balfour and Chamberlain, opposed the grant of Home Rule to Ireland.

But seriously, is it not time to ask ourselves a few questions, and with such limited knowledge as we have to answer them?

Who in the first place is Sir Max, and secondly, why are his views published in our papers? From all we can learn he is a young New Brunswicker who, not many years ago, managed a billiard room or bowling alley in the city of Calgary.

What we do wish to point out is the ignorance displayed by the young man in the speech of which we have a brief report.

He speaks of the provincial authority acting in contravention of the central government. Again, he speaks without knowledge.

When Sir Max says Canadians would rejoice if the Unionists succeeded in preventing Home Rule, he has to be reminded that he has no mandate to speak for Canadians.

The press agency which persistently circulates all this advertising matter with a view of building up a political reputation for this politician, is without knowing it, doing him a disservice.

TO THE HONORABLE SENATOR JAFFRAY, President of the Globe Printing Co., we send our heartiest congratulations on the attainment of his eightieth birthday.

THE DAILY SENSATION

A press report was sent from Montreal to Toronto, on the 26th, to the effect that the Ne Temere marriage decree will be withdrawn in the near future.

THE BLUE LAW PEOPLE

Toboggan-sliding on Sunday in Toronto presently holds the floor with the Ministerial Association.

A FIFTH DAY IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday last week was a strenuous day in the Canadian House of Commons. Mr. Lancaster, the member for Lincoln and Niagara, introduced a bill favoring the enactment of a Dominion law regarding the solemnization of marriage.

The Right Hon. R. L. Borden, Prime Minister, moved a resolution to the effect that the whole matter be referred to the Privy Council.

"That is what I mean, so far as religion is concerned. It does not deal with differences of nationality. I am speaking only of religious differences," exclaimed Mr. Lancaster.

By the Canadian constitution, as embodied in the British North America Act, section 92, sub-section 26, the exclusive legislative authority of the Parliament of Canada extends to and includes marriage and divorce.

It has also been held by the Privy Council that a Provincial Legislature has authority as plenary and as ample within the limits described by section 92 as the Imperial Parliament in the province of its power to legislate.

"The opinion of the late Minister of Justice, Sir Allen Aylesworth, the opinion of the present Minister of Justice, Mr. Newcombe, K. C., are to the effect that legislation such as that now proposed is not within the legislative competence of this Parliament.

"On the other hand, the hon. member who has introduced this bill is himself a lawyer of eminence and great experience, and he is strongly of opinion that this bill is within the meaning of the word 'solemnization.'"

Its supporters. The question was not new. The Ne Temere decree was simply an extension of the point decided by the Council of Trent, made three hundred years ago.

Mr. Maclean—But will the Right Hon. gentleman say the decree does not affect the rights of parties in a mixed marriage?

Mr. Doherty said that he had all respect for the member for Lincoln, and while he desired to treat his arguments seriously, he could not agree with his point of view and must oppose the Lancaster bill.

Mr. Lancaster's motion was defeated on division by a vote of 87 to 61.

A CONTEMPORARY tells us that the revival of the old-fashioned market basket and a trip to the market itself is suggested as a remedy for the high cost of living.

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proceedings. What a dark horizon would be ours if the Ministerial Association occupied seats in the House of Commons to the right of the speaker.

THE ORANGE CONSPIRACY Conditions in Ireland give us much evidence that Orangism spells injustice and oppression, intolerance and bigotry.

When the Orange fraternity proceed to play rough house in the city of Belfast the sight of the bayonets of the constabulary and the soldiers will give them a change of heart and convince them that their best course after all is to behave like civilized beings.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

MR. WILFRED WARD'S long-expected "Life of Cardinal Newman" was published in England by Longmans on January 32nd.

THE ORANGE ORDER

In previous articles we have endeavored to show that Orangism is undemocratic, intolerant, lawless, ignorant, and immoral.

But when the Orange orators spout about loyalty do they forget that the Orangemen of Ulster were the bitterest opponents of the union when first

proposed in the Irish Parliament? And after what manner have they read history if they never learned that in the last years of the reign of George IV the Orangemen of the North of Ireland were largely engaged in a revolutionary plot to exclude from the throne William IV, the rightful successor, and substitute for him the Duke of Cumberland, a disipated scoundrel whose only

portance. "Meddling in the business of other people is a vocation which they seem to take very kindly to. Their bill of fare is a varied one — total prohibition of the liquor traffic, the use of tobacco, sabbath desecration, politics—all these are taken up in regular order, but when they, like unto children, tire of these playthings, the ever new and ever acceptable "Romish aggression" is discussed.

If flag waving and drum-beating be loyalty then the Orangemen are loyalty personified. But that he is loyal, not to the flag but to the sweets of office, the incidents recorded above prove conclusively.

CARDINAL NEWMAN easily ranks with the greatest names of the nineteenth century. His long life of close upon ninety years was almost equally divided between Protestantism and the Catholic Church.

AN INTERESTING discussion has arisen in Scotland over the portraiture of Mary Queen of Scots. Mr. Andrew Lang, whose researches into Marian history give him some title to speak

with authority, has expressed the opinion that "Mary's one good portrait is that owned by Lord Leven and Melville." Father Henry G. Graham writes to the Edinburgh Scotsman to ascertain if in so doing Mr. Lang had purposely overlooked the famous portrait preserved at Blair College, Aberdeenshire.

THE DEATH occurred two months ago (intelligence of which has just reached us) of a Canadian nun in far-off India. Mother Mary of the Nativity, Superior of the Convent of Jesus and Mary, Mussoorie, after a life of zealous devotion to the work of her Order, passed to her reward on 22nd November.

THE DEPLORABLE spectacle furnished by a Toronto Methodist minister in uttering a gross and unprovoked libel upon the Society of Jesus, and then when brought to book and set right in the matter of information, refusing to retract the vile imputation, is one to bring joy to the enemies of religion everywhere.

FROM TIME to time we are regaled with a dissertation from some vagabond upon the threadbare topic "Why I left the Church of Rome." It is usually a Methodist or a Baptist pulpit that is made the vehicle of such racy narratives, and they are always conceived in a vein of palpable mendacity.