OUR CIRCULATION.

The demand for copies of our last issue was something unprecedented in the bistory of Canadian Catholic journalism. We printed a total edition of 35,000 is expectation that this supply copies in expectation that the department of the would meet an unusual demand. The demand, however, far surpassed our most extravegent anticipations and we might French invasion, that this Province is have easily disposed of another 10,000. We cannot attempt to acknowledge all the letters of congratulation and endorsa-tion received at this office on account of our article, "For God, the Country and the Constitution." We earnestly thank our friends and well-wishers everywhere for their kind, thoughtful and generous recognition of our services. The RECORD's ambition is to stand by the cause of Church and country in every emergency. We feel that through the generous co option of kind friends we have done some little service on the side of right. Our power for good, will, we expect, be largely increasalivened and strengthened during the coming year. We ask our friends everywhere to renew at once their subscrip tions, and, of each, we make the request to procure us at least one other subscriber. The RECORD has no desire to be cheap and thrashy. It claims to be able to give every man the worth of his money and will never ask support on the ground of mere cheapness. It is as cheap as the best of the Catholic papers in America. No cheaper will any supporter of genuine Catholic journalism ask us to make it. Catholic j urnalism ask us to make it.

To merchants throughout the country we may say that the RECORD is one of the best of advertising mediums. We ask their support in this line also. But we are, in all respects, in the hands of our friend—and feel safe in relying on their earnest and lasting support.

THE "HICKORY CATHOLIC" RAM.

The Catholic Church in Ontario has from the very beginning had to suffer from internal treason. Her openly avowed enemies in the sects and secret societies have indeed done her grievous injury, but none at all to be compared with that inflicted by individuals calling themselves Catholic and profiting by the profession of our holy religion. If they want place or emolument then they proclaim them-selves Catholics, and are obsequious to the clergy in quest of endorsation. Office once obtained, however, they seem with diabolical ingenuity to set themselves to work to sow discord in the fold to which they belong, and bring religion and its ministers into hatred and contempt. Such men as those are a disgrace to the Catholic name. They are to be found everywhere, in Toronto, Ottawa, and London, and per chance Kingston, as the following from the Mail of Dec. 15th very clearly shows:

"A BOLD STROKE. Bishop Cleary's High-handed Action on Sunday Last.

WHAT OCCURRED IN ST. MARY'S CATHE-DRAL—THE CONGRECATION REQUESTED TO KNEEL AND PRAY FOR HIS LORD-SHIP'S "INTENTION"—WHAT THE "IN-

Tention" was.

To the Editor of The Mail:

Sir.—I have just read in the Mail a brief despatch from your Kingston correspondent relating what occurred in St.

Mary's Cathedral on the previous day. As I was present, and was, like many others, more than astonished at the action of Bishop Cleary, perhaps you will permit me describe just what occurred. It was on Sunday morning at High Mass. The Bishop was present. Rev. Fr. Kelly, the Bishop's secretary, preached—and a very elequent and powerful sermon it was. On concluding his sermon, Father Kelly announced to the congregation that he desired them to join with him in praying in the greatest fervor of their hearts for an "intention" of his Lordship the Bishop. Father Kelly then requested all present to get down on their knees, and we did so; and during the solemnity of the occasion he announced that the "intention" was that the combination in this distracted province which was openly attacking the Catholic Church and endeavoring to abolish the Separate Schools and the grants to Catholic institutions—among them those to the Hotel Dieu, the House of Providence and the orphanages—might not have the power to succeed. To the Editor of The Mail:

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might not have the power to succeed.

Many members of the congregation, as
I have said, were startled at this
announcement, which I have given in
Father Kelly's words as nearly as I can them. Yours, etc.,
A Lover of Civil Liberty.

Kingston, Dec. 13. Some might imagine that the above was written by a Protestant, but we firmly believe that some "hickory" Catholic is the worthy parent of the production. Our Limestone City friends will, of course, readily locate the slimy individual, whose vindictive meanness is all the more manifest because of his diaphanous flattery of Father Kelly. We believe we know the author, as one looking for honors as a Catholic, and who till recently held a position to which he was no credit, but is ready for filthy lucre and for menial place to do a little more dirty work for his leaders, who must at heart despise him.

Let us hasten to offer our heart and our love to that God who, to gain our love, sacrificed His blood, His life, and His

All writers, all preachers, all confessors would recommend nothing more conhould recommend tantly than prayer.

INTERESTING FIGURES.

It is really interesting, in view of the "French Invasion" ory raised by the Mail, to cast a glance at the official figures of Ostario's population. These figures are at the moment instructive and significant. They show that Outario has little or nothing to fear from a essentially a British Province, and that it is to remain so in respect of language and of laws. We of the English speak. ing majority must not, however, forget that our French Canadian brethren are, like ourselves, British subjects, that they have, in the eye of the law, rights, equal to our own, and that, therefore, if choose to make homes in Ontario they are not to be treated as aliens in the land of their fathers. The French minority, on the other hand, must ever bear in mind that this is Ontario, an English speaking Province, that the overwhelming majority of its people are determined it shall be so for all time to come, in name and in fact, as to laws, language and institutions.

Thus by mutual forbearance, and by kindly Christian sentiment, will much difficulty and many heartburnings be What do the figures show They show that while in 1861 there were 36,666 persons of French origin, there were in 1881, 102,743 French Canadians in Ontario. They also show that while in the first mentioned year there were in this Province, 22,906 Germans, there were in 1881 188,394 persons of this nationality. Yet we hear no talk whatever of a German invasion. The counies in which the French number more

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the German element has a strong and firm foothold. The growth of the German element, with its virility, its frugality, its industry, its courage and its perseverance, so far from filling us with alarm, is really a source of heartiest satisfaction. We fear neither a French nor a German invasion. Welcome, say we to all comers ready to obey our laws and co-operate in the development of our vast resources. Ontario is a broad, a fair and a generous land, and while giving homes to men of every creed and race and color, will never sully her statute books with enactments making either or any of these a source of legal disability. The presence here of 627,-262 Irishmen, 535,835 Englishmen, and 378,536 Scotchmen, makes the future of Ontario safe against invasion of any and every kind and character. The Dominion of Canada now consists of eight Provincial divisions. In none of them does the French element prevail but one, In the great and growing com-

munities of the west, Manitoba the North-West Territories and British Columbia, the British races have already secured a predominance that every year will accentuate. These new countries will, before many years, have in the Canadian Parliament a representation as large as that now enjoyed by Quebec. We are safe in predicting that great as may be the growth of the latter Province, and it cannot be greater than we desire, its political importance in the Confederation will, at the beginning of the twentieth century, be, on account of the growth of Canada's great western empire, much less than it is to-day. The men, therefore, that are seeking to raise bad blood by a race and revenge cry are men with purely selfish ends in viewwithout a spark of true manhood or

An upright intention is the soul of our actions; it gives them life, and makes them good.

patriotism.

When faith grows weak, all virtues are weakened; when faith is lost, all virtues are lost.

MR. CURRAN, M. P.

We had the pleasure on Saturday last of a call from J. J. Curran, Q. C., member for Centre Montreal, in the Canadian Commons. We are always rejoiced to welcome the hon, gentleman to London. He disclaims any connection whatever with the No Popery brigade in Ontario politics. He has no sympathy with the Mail or Mr. Meredith in the pending local contest. He repudiates the no-Popery organ most emphatically and wishes success in no manner however small to the opponents of religious equality led by Mr. Meredith. His sole purpose is to defend his own course and the course of his party on Dominion issues, especially on the Riel and Home Rule questions. He denies having thus far in his tour in Ontario made the slightest allusion to Provincial politics. The Minister of Justice, who is a stranger to our provincial questions did, however, we are credibly informed, in one place, at least, invite the electors to oppose Mr. Mowat on the Riel issue! Mr. Thompson has, till now, enjoyed the esteem of a large portion of the Catholic body not friendly to his politics. But no Catholic, we can tell him, cares to see a Catholic constantly appealing to anti-Catholic prejudice-much less giving aid, even in the remotest manner, to a no Popery

We have since the above writing been informed that Mr. Curran has been stump ing West Kent and South Essex in opposition to the government. We can hardly believe that the member for Montreal could have so soon forgotten his solemnly reiterated pledges made in two places in contrary comes from most reliable sources. We cannot permit ourselves to be deceived by any one. Let Mr. Curran then explain himself. While here he was so outspoken against the Mail that he declared that Mr. Meredith had no chance of success in the Province, &c., &:.

PERTH BAZAAR.

We have much pleasure in announcing that the Very Rev. Dean O'Connor's Bazaar will open on Monday, the 27th inst., in the Town Hall, Perth. Dean O'Connor is one of those priests of whom it may in all truth be said that his heart is ever in his work. He has done great ser-vice to religion in eastern Ontario. We are personally acquainted with his successful labors in Perth. We, therefore, trust that the bazzar he has undertaken will be a great triumph in its way. This it can be made by the ready co-operation of the parishioners and their friends, with the friends of their excellent paster through-

FATHER McKEON CONFOUNDS THE MAIL.

The Rev. Father McKeon, a talented young priest of the Diocese of London, where he is pastor of Bothwell, thus demolishes certain of the Mail's conten-

PETER'S VERSES

To the Editor of the Mail.

SIR,—In a recent issue of the Mail you
shower the Mowat Government with have SIR,—In a recent issue of the Mail you charge the Mowat Government with having excluded verses 13 20 of the First Epistle of Peter from the Public Schools at the request of Archbishop Lynch. Allow me to say that you have been misinformed. I can state without fear of successful contradiction that Archbishop Lynch never requested these "yerses" (I Peter ii.) to be excluded from the Public Schools. 1. Because these "yerses" are read to the people in St. Michael's cathedral every year on the third Sunday after Easter, and with the Archbishop's knowledge and consent they are read on the same day in every Catholic Church in Ontario.

2. Because the great principles proclaimed by Peter's "yerses" are studied by all Catholic children as soon as they come to the use of reason, and they will be found in Butler's catechism, pages 57 and 58. It may be news for some of your readers to hear that Butler's catechism is the English catechism authorized by Dr. Lynch for the archdiocese of Toronto. Now in the face of this evidence I will venture to ask, what object could his Grace have in excluding Peter's verses from the Public schools? The answer is simply this. The Editor of

dence I will venture to ask, what object could his Grace have in excluding Peter's verses from the Public schools? The answer is simply this. The Editor of the Mail has been misinformed. His Grace had nothing to do with the exclusion of Peter's verses from the Public schools; on the contrary, the principles proclaimed by these verses are taught in Dr. Lynch's authorized catechism, and the same verses are read to every Catholic congregation in Canada on the 3rd Sunday after Easter every year.

The "verses" (I Peter, ii., 13 20) were first uttered by the Pope of Rome A. D. 48; the Catholic Church took them up and has been echoing them ever since, and if these "verses" are not found in the so called Ross Bible, then his Grace at all events should not be blamed for the consistion.

the omission.

In conclusion let me say that in my parish alone there are 153 Catholic children that are now compelled to attend the Public schools, and the amount of Catholic property assessed for Public schools in my parish is about \$180,000 and yet some of your correspondents go so far as to say that we Catholics should have nothing at all to do with the Public schools. I am happy to know, however, that this is not the opinion of all intelligent Protestants, Yours, etc., Yours, etc., ALBERT McKEON.

Bothwell, Dec. 16.

An humble heart readily acknowledges the special favors it has received from Our Lord, and humbles itself the more.

THE FAMILY COMPACT AND ITS ALLIES.

The "Family Compact" has found another spokesman in Canon Innes-at pest a not very formidable piece of ecclesiastical ordnance. The worthy Canon, whose swagger has become more accentuated and whose strut a little more solemn, or rather slightly suggestive of increased self importance, since his admission by a lucky hit, into the charmed circle of the compact, is anxious to demolish Rome. He tells an intensely amused public, for the Canon is really amusing when he assumes that air dogmatic, in quality quasi military and semi-rustic, that he is bound to resist Romish aggression. Good Canon, Rome will yet stand even when some stranger from Komoka is sketching the ruins of St. Paul ! If the Canon was only lucky enough to own the whole of the earth, he might indeed settle matters of grave moment and complicated character by a nod of a vacant, tenantless head. But as the Canon does not own the whole of the earth his credit and his influence are lamentably small. In his eagerness to defend the cause of some of his able bodied male relations, he last Sunday condemned a book he had never read and hence set all London in a roar of good natured laughter. Pity is felt for such manifestations of departed good sense and absent intelligence. The Rev. Mr. Hunter on the same day also blew his little tin whistle, the Rev. Evans Davis with ominous brow and formidable aspect discharged his pop-gun, whilst the Rev. Mr. Hicks smiled from his little stool, on the ministerial Olympus, at the folly this city. But our information to the and wickedness of both political parties. Hence much laughter all along the line and general merriment in every polling sub-division of London, urban and sub-

> nrban. NORTH ESSEX REPUDIATES THE

The Conservatives of North Essex, like those of the South Riding of Wellington, have lost no time in formally and decisively repudiating the Mail newspaper. The party in Essex, made up of men of divers races and creeds, see very clearly the mischief that the Mail is work. ing to the best interests of Canada. They feel, as we know thousands of others do on the same side of politics, mortified and humiliated at the course of the paper that is supposed to be the leading organ of Canadian Conservation. We give place with pleasure to the Conservative address presented at Windsor to Sir John A. Macdonald during his last visit there, for not only have we no desire to do the Conservative party injustice, but ever admire open, outspoken, manly language in friend or foe. The address speaks, we are assured, the unanimous feeling of the Conservatives of North Essex. It reads

To the Right Honorable Sir John A. Macdonald, G. C. B. Premier of Canada.

RIGHT HONORABLE SIR,—On behalf of the Liberal Conservative Association of this Riding, we bid you and your honorable colleagues welcome to North Essex.

Looking back to the occasion of your last visit to Essex, it is gratifying to us to

ness of your reception here, although you were then out of power, aided in encourag-

were then out of power, aided in encouraging you to persevere in the struggle in which you were at that time engaged, and which culminated in the glorious national victory of the 17th of September, 1878.

The course of your Administration since your restoration to office has been an ample fulfilment of the pledges you made on behalf of your party when in opposition. Owing to the policy which you have adopted, to the wisdom of your Administration, and to its fostering care Canada has advanced an hundred-fold in the eyes of foreign nations, her trade and the eyes of foreign nations, her trade and commerce have been greatly enlarged, her

commerce have been greatly enlarged, her agricultural, manufacturing and mining interests have acquired a healthy development, and her material prosperity has in every way increased in an unprecedent d manner.

We congratulate you on the completion of the Canadian Pacific Railway, with which great national enterprise your name will always be identified, as, had it not been for your courage foresight and not been for your courage foresight and statesmanship, the work might have lan-guished and lingered for years before

guished and lingered for years before reaching completion.

We desire to express our unqualified approval of the whole course of your administration, believing it to be your sincere and sole desire to govern our country well and honestly and to administer its laws with equal justice to all, without distinction of race or creed.

We heartily approve of the policy of your government in the appointment of a Royal commission to enquire into the questions of Capital and Labor, the position of the workers and the wage earners

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throughout the Dominion, and the relation between employers and employed,
and we trust that the promised legislation
and the proposed Labor Bureau will be of
material benefit to the mechanics, artisans
and workingmen of Canada, as the vigorous growth of a democratic country such
as ours is dependent on their welfare,
happiness and prosperity.

The action of your Government in the
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appointment to the Superior Court Bench of our Province, of a former Representa-

Windsor, Ontario, Dec. 15th, 1886 Windsor, Ontario, Dec. 15th, 1880 (Signed) Charles E Casgrain, President Liberal-Conservative Associ-tion of North Essex. (Signed) M. A. Mchugh, Secretary.

We are assured that Sir John A. Mac donald in his reply to this address, while refusing to be held in any way responsible for anything the Mail or any other paper said, emphatically repudiated the utterances of that journal on the racial and religious questions it has attempted to liscuss. We believe that Sir John A. Macdonald can have no sympathy with any cry bearing a No-Popery character even in the remotest degree. But we must say to our Conservative friends that as they had the making so they have the unmaking of the Mail in their own hands. There never was yet in a freely governed state of modern times a great party or an administration without a leading journalistic mouthpiece. If the Mail, then, has ceased to be the leading Conservative organ, where is that organ to be found? If it exists not yet, let it be produced as soon as possible, or one party in the state will be thrown back fifty

years in its course.

If the Conservative party is in earnest in its denunciation of the Mail, it can kill that paper as it killed the Telegraph and

BISHOP CLEARY'S PRAYER FOR

We have before us a Kingston despatch

dated the 19th, couched in these terms:
"This morning, in St. Mary's cathedral, dated the 19th, couched in these terms:

"This morning, in St. Mary's cathedral, after the congregation had responded to an order to kneel, Father Kelly read the following document:—'Your Bishop requests you to kneel down and j in him praying with all the fervour of your souls to the Heavenly Father, through the merits of our dear Lord Jesus Christ, the head of the whole Church, and the intercession of the blessed Virgin Mary the help of Christians, that he may be pleased to look with pity upon this distracted Province of Outario to repress the violent passions of the wicked combination of men who are clamouring for penal laws against our holy religion, and to infuse His divine spirit of charity, peace and union into all Catholic hearts throughout to understand what takes places, and mion into all Catholic hearts through union into all Catholic hearts throughout this struggle that is forced upon us. In particular you are requested to pray that our enemies may not be able to deprive us of our constitutional right to our Separate schools, against which they are wag-ing a most butter and desperate war, nor ing a most bitter and desperate war, nor deprive our sick and our orphans and our helpless old people in the Hotel Dieu and House of Providence of the means of subsistence. The Bishop of Kingston still maintains his attitude of strict neutrality in Canadian politics, but as pastor of 65,000 souls he feels bound to guard his flock against the 'wolves in sheep's clothing,' who go about seeking to seduce them from a about seeking to seduce the selection sights, by the hypocritical pretence that the atro-cious menaces uttered aloud from day o day by the recognized organs of the 'No Popery' combination are not to be considered in this electoral contest for the Provincial Legislature. Our religion and our honor are here at stake; so also and our honor are here at stake; so also are our moneyed interests; for, should our enemies succeed and our Separate schools be legally abolished, the 350,000 Catholics of Ontario shall henceforth be burdened with a double school tax if our little ones are to be reared in the faith of their fathers."

A VOICE FROM THE PEOPLE.

To the Edstor of the Catholic Record :

To the Editor of the Catholic Record:

The sulpherous blasts issuing from the Mail's laboratory are daily increasing in intensity. The person at the bellows is a vigorous blower and earns his unholy wages in a work of which no honorable man will envy him. That worthy man, Bunting, who claims to be the true exponent of temperance and Protestant principles, would be truly formidable if his herculean exertions had been earlier undertaken. Sudden conversions are not always to be depended upon, because converts possessing large imagination not always to be depended upon, because converts possessing large imagination are more susceptible of adopting new theories in religion or politics than more staid and phlegmatic individuals. The fruits of his efforts after the elections are one; will demonstrate more security. tive of this county in the person of the Honorable Mr. Justice O'Connor, was highly pleasing to us not meraly on personal grounds, but because the appointment removed the reproach which has attached to successive Governments, both Conservative and Reform, of excluding men otherwise qualified from the highest judicial positions in this Province on account of their religious beliefs.

We greatly regret and disapprove of the

interest that on some future occasion you may be able to revisit Essex, accompassive statesman has been to harmonic unit of war as a broad minded, at a season when, with more leisure at your disposal, the natural resources and advantages of this portion of the Dominion can be more fully seen and appreciated.

We pray that a kind Providence may bless you with renewed health and strength so that you may long be enabled to guide the affairs of the Dominion with the impartiality, wisdom and justice which have hitherto characterised your administration, and we desire to assure you of our continued confidence and support.

Windsor, Ontario, Dec. 15th, 1886 (Signed)

Charles E Casgain, There are accept the challenge and will fight out the battle on the issue it has set before us. It has alleged that we have received too many favours, especially in school matters, from the issue it has set before us. It has alleged that we have received too many favours, especially in school matters, from the issue it has set before us. It has alleged that we have received too many favours, especially in school matters, from the issue it has set before us. It has alleged that we have received too many favours, especially in school matters, from the issue it has set before us. It has alleged that we have received too many favours, especially in school matters, from the issue it has set before us. It has alleged that we have received too many favours, especially in school matters, from the issue it has set before us. It has alleged that we have received too many favours, especially in school matters, from the issue it has set before us. It has alleged that we have received too many favours, especially in school matters, from the issue it has set before us. It has calleged that we have received too many favours, especially in school matters, from the coarrier by favour of certain Protestants to withdraw on that account their political allegiance from the Reform party and covertly appeals to the Outario goverment (which is not as fact) and

CEREMONIES OF MARRIAGE WITH NUPITAL MASS.

The bride shou'd have her head covered and be dressed modestly, out of respect for the Blessed Sacrament. Full dress, or anything approaching it, should be rigorously forbidden.

Gloves should not be worn, either by the bride or bridegroom. In many very ancient rituals it is prescribed that the bride, if she be a widow, should have on gloves; if not, her hands should be uncovered.

Baruffaldi, however, says: "Decet manus esse nudes et abeque chirothecia," without making this distinction between first and second marriages; and Martinucci, who is the highest authority on the subject, expressly prescribes that the bride and bridegroom, if they wear gloves, should take them off before approaching

It is to be regretted that the custom of wearing gloves is so general at Catholic marriages. The glove is often cut to bare the ring finger, but more frequently the service is suspended for some minutes, while the bride, with great difficulty, takes off a tight fitting kid glove; and the bridegroom often wears gloves during the entire ceremony, Mass included, and even receives Holy Communion without taking them off.

The ushers should never be allowed to conduct the ladies to their pews, linked arms. Such a practice might be tolerated in the drawing room, but it is certainly unbecoming in the house of God.

It is customary at some fashionable marriages, where ignorant Catholics try to ape Protestant customs, for the bride and bridegroom to present themselves without witnesses, the people present answering for this purpose, two of whose names at pleasure are entered upon the record. the altar.

It is to be regretted that the custom of

give testimony in regard to the marriage.

It would seem more in accordance with
the spirit of the Church, although not expressly prohibited, not to have mo expressly prohibited, not to have more than three witnesses.

Martinucci says that the witnesses should be known to the pastor; but we do not think that this is of strict obliga-

The Negro Priest In St. Louis.

Among the religious attractions of St.
Louis this week will be the appearance, for the first time, of a black priest.
Father Tolton is a native Missourian. He was born a slave in Ralls county, and now comes from Rome with the learning and sanctity of a priest, and the preeminent distinction of the approbation of the papal authorities. The Catholic Church is a church of all nations and all races; it draws no line that will place the Church is a church of all nations and all races; it draws no line that will place the black man on one side, and the white man on the other side, when a Negro enters the priesthood of that Church, his color can form no bar to privileges which belong to the order. Rev. Tolton will hold services, morning and evening, at Father Pausker's Caurch to-day, and doubtless will be induced to lecture to our people in some prominent hall before he leaves the city.—St. Louis, Mo., Advance.

and Father Hammel, of Shackelford, Mo, and Father Graham, of St. Joseph, Mo, have a plan for building an asylum for aged priests. The plan is to raise a fund of \$100,000, out of which \$25,000 will be used in the construction of a building somewhere in Missouri, and the balance will be invested so that the research will be the second so that the second so the second so that the second so the second Father Hammel, of Shackelford, Mo., will be invested so that the revenues will support the home. These two priests are now in St. Paul, Mo., furthering the matter.

The reason why the lukewarm run so great a risk of being lost, is because tepidity conceals from the soul the immense evil which it causes.

If he be blind who refuses to believe in the truths of the Catholic faith, how much blinder is he who believes and yet lives as if he did not believe!

Let us try to make up for lost time; let us give to God the time that remains to

Our Lord, to increase our merit in this life, wishes us to be led therein by faith. Let us enlarge our heart; we have to deal with a God full of love; it is folly to distrust Him.