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CATHOLIC CALENDAR For December, 1880.

THURSDAY, 16.—St. Eusebius, Bishop and Martyr.

FRIDAY, 17.—Feria. Ember Day. Fast.

SATURDAY, 18.—Expectation of the E. V. M. Ember Day. Fast.

SUNDAY, 19.—Fourth Sunday in Advent. Epist. I Cor. iv. 1-13; Gosp. Luke III. 1-6. Sp. Melchior, Green Bay, Wis., died, 1873.

MONDAY, 20.—Vigil of St. Thomas.

TUESDAY, 21.—St. Thomas, Apostle. Cons. Bp. Ireland, Conrd. St. Paul, 1873.

WEDNESDAY, 22.—Feria.

Our readers will regret to learn that our esteemed correspondent, Sir Myles O'Regan, Bart, is too ill to write his usual letter.

The latest cable despatches inform us of two murders committed in Ireland, two first class agrarian murders, though the law as it stands only recognize one.

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to lose her children, though, of course, that has nothing to do with Canada as a matter of sentiment, but what is more to the purpose, it strikes us that she will not lose any more of them, for the reason that the classes who would emigrate are fastening themselves on the soil and regulating rents, and such, somewhat more to their own advantage than the landlords did during their reign of power.

In the present crisis in Ireland it is the duty of all her children at home and abroad to render what service they can. There has never been a question in which all political sections of Irishmen and all classes (except the landlords) can so easily and so gracefully unite.

A LATE despatch from England brings the intelligence that "Charles Colman Grant has been created Baron Longueuil of the Province of Quebec, reviving a family title of Louis the XIV."

The terms of agreement entered into between the Government and the Syndicate are now made known, and are found to be not materially different from the forecast published in the press soon after the arrival of Sir John Macdonald from England.

The Montreal Branch of the Irish National Land League is meeting with an encouraging amount of success. Between seventy and eighty new members are received every week, and the amount of money collected is very fair, seventy-five dollars on an average, though the Secretary acknowledged the receipt of \$92.10 at last night, as against \$67 last week.

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Now that the imperial pretensions of General Grant are in abeyance public opinion in the United States inclines in his favor, and this irrespective of political feeling. The country thinks it owes him a debt of gratitude for helping to preserve the Union, and both Democrats and Republicans are inclined to act fairly in his regard.

The settlement thus on the point of being accomplished can be looked upon only with feelings of contentment and relief. It is needless to insist upon the importance of a good understanding between England and the United States, but even for this too high a price might be paid if it were necessary to admit all the claims advanced from time to time by the adventurous and somewhat irregular diplomacy of American statesmen.

many portions of Canada's dowry which might have been retained if the British Governments of the day had not been so very anxious about preserving friendly relations with the United States. They have given up Oregon and Washington Territory, the State of Maine, which deprived us of our only winter port, San Juan Island, and now if we can read Lord Granville's despatch aright, they are about to surrender our fishery rights in Canadian waters.

It was Alexander Pope who said he had never known a man in all his life who could not submit to his friend's misfortunes with the most perfect Christian resignation, and it was Artemus Ward who so patriotically tendered the services of all his wife's relatives in the prosecution of a war, but we doubt if in either case a greater spirit of the sacrifice of the rights or feelings of others is manifested than in the despatch of Earl Granville or the Times' editorial of last Saturday.

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What, under the circumstances, can the Government do to re-establish its lost authority? It has arrested several leading members of the Land League; it has poured troops into Ireland until it can pour no more, but of what avail are soldiers if the people are so stupid as not to rise? If this new and terrible movement means anything, it is that the Irish people, Catholic, Protestant and Presbyterian, Orangeman and Fenian, Nationalist and Constitutionalist, are heartily sick of London rule, and of Irish landlordism.

THE FORTUNE BAY AFFAIR. The despatch of Earl Granville to the American Minister at the Court of St. James will not please the fishermen of Newfoundland or the people of Canada at large, and it would be strange if it did.

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GLADSTONE SUCCEUMS. It is not easy to realize the terrible amount of pressure brought to bear upon the Imperial Government to coerce Ireland. All the Tory party in Great Britain and Ireland, all the 'Whig aristocracy, all the landlords, all those entertaining anti-Irish sentiments, passions and prejudices, all that servile press under the control of landlords, directly or indirectly; the combined influence of all these elements have been brought to bear upon Mr. Gladstone and, by all accounts, he has succumbed.

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AN INTERESTING CEREMONY. A most interesting and impressive ceremony was witnessed at the Catholic Church of St. Vincent de Paul on Wednesday last, in the admission of a postulante in the person of Elizabeth Whelan, daughter of Mr. John Whelan, senior, of this city.

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