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Calendar for the Week.

- Dec. 30-S. Sabina. 31-S. Sylvester. Jan 1-Circumcision. 2-S. Mosaicus. 3-S. Genesiove of Paris. 4-Octavo of Holy Innocents. 5-S. Telesphorus.

The Toronto municipal elections are rather uninteresting. Mayor Shaw is practically to have a walk over.

The partition of China seems to be impending. Russia, Germany, England and Japan are already in the grab, and France is trying to get a piece.

In the name of the Protestant majority The Globe warns Catholics to be very quiet about the school question.

Nothing need be added to the following editorial paragraph from The Orange Sentinel to show where the Dominion Government likes to place its political favors.

The sharp criticisms of an Indian paper upon the management of the disastrous campaign against the Afridis have been published generally throughout the empire.

Various are the uses of loyalty; but one of the commonest services that it is made to perform is to fool the free and independent elector.

Mr. Paterson appeared on the platform one evening and hailed them in language something after the following style, as we remember it: What, ho there! you loyal people of Toronto.

The Manitoba School Question.

Several alleged summaries of the Pope's decision on the Manitoba school question have appeared in the press within the past few days.

After speaking in praise of Canada and of the bishops it speaks of the law of 1890 and condemns what was then done.

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and lastly on the good will of all Catholics. In the meantime and until they succeed in their object let them only refuse partial satisfaction.

Although we do not see how The Globe could come by a more reliable summary at Ottawa than the other summaries cabled from Rome, we select this one for our readers.

Should Our Editors Be Hanged!

Mr. S. H. Blake, Q.C., says so in the most emphatic manner. Mr. Blake is one of the most eminent lawyers in Ontario.

The court room educated 500 or 600 people, and the newspapers continued the work of educating 5,000 or 6,000.

Mr. Blake is all right as to the facts. The evil is, indeed, far more extensive than he hints at. But we believe he is wrong in placing the responsibility upon the editors.

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the cause of three political parties in succession; it has in turn been an advocate of annexation and ultra imperialism.

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English Liberals and Home Rule.

The following is the preamble of a resolution passed by the general committee of the National Liberal Federation of Great Britain.

There can be no other opinion than that this declaration displaces Home Rule from the head of the programme of the English Liberals.

Mr. Dillon's declaration re-asserts the old policy of Mr. Parnell, that Ireland can only enter into a friendly alliance with an English political party that places Home Rule at the head of its programme.

Solicitor-General Fitzpatrick.

The Quebec Chronicle, of December 21st, contains the announcement of Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick's election as Baronet-General of the bar of the sister province.

over over the list of Mr. Fitzpatrick's predecessors. Amongst others we have the well-known names of Sir A. Dorian, Sir A. Lacombe, Hon. George Irvine, Hon. J. E. Roblin, Hon. P. C. Casgrain and Hon. F. X. Lemieux.

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Mr. Blake's Departure.

Hon. Edward Blake M.P., sailed for Ireland yesterday. His departure from Toronto was not marked by any public demonstration on the part of the friends of Home Rule in this city.

would have been ungenerous to allow Mr. Blake depart without some public expression of the confidence and gratitude which his service in the ranks of the Irish party continues to inspire in the friends of Home Rule throughout this Dominion.

The League of the Cross.

The League of the Cross in St. Mary's Parish is still moving along. It was thought by many people in the parish when the branch was organized that it would "go through" like all other Temperance societies.

At the good of the society, many members offered suggestions for the advancement of the society. The earnestness and sincerity with which they spoke shows that the future existence of the branch is to be assured.

News of the Vatican-Mgr. Merry del Val.

ROME, Dec. 15.-The sixtieth anniversary of the Pope's first Mass was to have been publicly celebrated at Christmas in the Vatican Basilica in the presence of numerous Italian and foreign deputations.