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MR. MEREDITH AND HIS MAN.

FRIDAY.

Despite his assertion that he had resolved not to write any more letters to Archbishop Cleary, in explanation of his attack on the Archbishop and the Catholic Church—"the common enemy," he dubbed them in his London speech—Mr. Meredith has once more taken up his pen. His latest effusion contains but one new point. It will be remembered that the Archbishop charged that if he were to be made responsible for what a member of his flock wrote on political matters, Mr. Meredith should at least be held accountable for the annexationist propensities of his chosen lieutenant, Mr. St. White. Mr. Meredith's reply is characteristic. He says that Mr. White has told him that he is only in favor of annexation in preference to "Commercial Union," and that anyway he (Mr. Meredith) would not endorse his sentiments and cannot be held responsible for them. That, of course, would be all very well, if the Tory leader were not so very anxious to make believe that his clerical antagonist should be held responsible for the sentiments of a member of his communion over whose political views he has again and again asserted he neither exercises nor desires to exercise any control whatsoever.

By the way, has it escaped Mr. Meredith's notice that the Ottawa Citizen—the recognized Tory organ at the capital—recently asserted that Mr. White, his lieutenant, a year ago ran on the purely annexation ticket at Windsor, and got beaten, adding that if he tried on again, the same fate would attend him. Here is another discrepancy between the Tory leader and his newspaper apologists which requires clearing up.

OPENING OF PARLIAMENT.

The Dominion Parliament meets to-morrow. It promises to be an important session, though it is hinted by those supposed to be in the confidence of the Ministers that it will be unusually short, as few Government measures of importance will be introduced. No one need object if the business is rushed through with as reasonable speed as a proper discussion and understanding of the measures brought forward will permit, but it is to be feared that Sir John the Unready, and his assistants will pursue the usual policy of permitting the House to meet day after day for weeks, before they lay before it enough Government measures to keep the members at work. If this is done, as is invariably the case, either the measures will have to be passed without proper consideration, or the session will have to be unduly prolonged. It is believed that the principal Government bill to be brought forward will be a measure for the better government of the Northwest, which may result in the discussion of the dual language and separate school questions, over which Manitoba and the Northwest have recently been exercised. It is probable also that the Orangemen may ask for special incorporation. No doubt, too, the Opposition will have an opportunity to advance their views on the reciprocity question. If Mr. Butterworth's bill providing for unrestricted reciprocity between the States and Canada passes the United States Congress, as may be its fate, the Dominion Parliament would undoubtedly be forced into making some pronouncement upon a reform which promises so much for Canada. In any case, the trade question will occupy not a little of the attention of Parliament, especially if the Government resolves to take up the grievances of the millers in regard to the flour and wheat duties.

MR. JOLY AND THE JESUITS' ESTATES ACT.

Hon. H. G. Joly, of Quebec, is known throughout Canada as an independent and upright French Protestant and a Liberal of life-long standing. He has been out of politics for several years, but no doubt he still takes a keen interest in public affairs. He at all events has been keeping an eye on the national movement in his own Province, and on the latest outcome of it, the Jesuits' Estates Act. Mr. Joly says the Nationalists owe their origin to the Bled execution, and he declares that "no one will be so unjust as to make Mr. Meredith or the Parti National responsible for the Northwest rebellion." That was Sir John's doing. He denies that the payment of \$400,000 was meant to endow a favored church; it was the settlement of a long-pending claim. He also denies that the Jesuits' estates had been confiscated. "Confiscated," he says, quoting Blackstone "is the forfeiture of lands and goods for offences," and he asks "What offence had the Jesuits of Canada committed against the Crown of England since the conquest to justify the confiscation of their property?" Their order was suppressed by the Pope, and then the property became vested in the Crown in virtue of the law of escheat, which applies in cases of failure of

persons legally entitled to hold property.

"If the order had not been suppressed by the Pope," says Mr. Joly, "the Jesuits of Canada would have kept their property." And then as to the statement that the payment of \$400,000 is only an installment to be followed by much larger sums, he quotes the sixth clause of the settlement sanctioned by the act as a full, complete and perpetual concession to the Province of all property in Canada which may have belonged to the Jesuits, "in the name of the Pope, of the Sacred College of the Propaganda and of the Roman Catholic Church in general." Another delicate feature of the act Mr. Joly deals with in the following manner:

The introduction of the Pope's name is, presumably, the acknowledgment of the necessity of his consent to a settlement and the leaving to him the disposition of the fund as he may see fit. The act is a concession of authority and dignity on the part of the Pope, and as an acknowledgment of the fact that the Pope is the head of the Roman Catholic Church, the Pope, without which no settlement could be considered as final.

A great proportion of the contents of the grant to the bill appears, at first sight, either out of place and objectionable or superfluous. But upon further examination it will strike the patient reader, especially if he possesses some local knowledge, as a series of valuable precautions taken to secure a valid and final discharge and settlement for the Province of Quebec.

THE ICE PROSPECTS.

Every year the quantity of ice used for domestic and commercial purposes becomes larger, and every recurring mild winter sends people into a flutter about the probability of an ice famine during the following summer. With weather so very warm as we usually have it in June, July and August, ice becomes a necessity to the butcher, the grocer, the hotel-keeper, the brewer, the railway men, and to the heads of large families, or serious waste and inconvenience is certain to ensue—not to speak of the loss that would follow the ice cream industry, if ice were scarce and dear. Somehow or other, however, in these latitudes we have cold snaps enough to enable us to get out sufficient ice for all our wants, and extraordinarily mild though the weather has been so far, we do not yet despair of the ice crop of 1890. But if the worst came to the worst, we could fall back on the artifices of man to supply the needs which John Frost fails to meet.

A few years ago there was such an open winter as we have had so far this season, and ice dealers in the large towns of the Middle and Northern States had to pass by the open waters of Northern New York and Pennsylvania and the great lakes that divide the two countries, and seek for ice in Kempenfeldt Bay, near Barrie. For several weeks the traffic in the product taxed the N. and N. W. Railway to its utmost. Since then, however, the scientist has come to the relief of the ice-dealer, and no longer is he compelled, in years of a short crop, to go many hundreds of miles in search of a region where ice is permitted to form. Indeed, as is pointed out by the Boston Transcript, ice can now be artificially produced that is really better in many respects than the natural article, it being of greater purity and of more compactness. Ice-making is no new thing, and has for years been accomplished in the Southern States, India, Peru and even under the equator, where ice was never before seen. The machines for producing artificial ice are of different kinds and varied construction. One kind utilizes the fact that a lowering of the temperature accompanies the sudden expansion of like thermal effects that result from the volatilization of certain liquids. In the first class, air is compressed to three or four atmospheres and kept cool by circulating water around it. It is then allowed to expand rapidly, the act of expansion drawing the heat contained in the water and freezing it. The other machines have their effectiveness on the latent heat of vaporization. It requires but a slight vacuum to cause evaporation sufficiently rapid for refrigerating purposes. The liquids to be vaporized in these latter machines may be either water, sulphuric ether, bi-sulphide of carbon, ammonia, sulphuric acid or other substances. Ammonia seems to furnish the best results, and it is machines utilizing this chemical that a company in New York uses in an elaborate system of cold distribution and ice-making. For the ice-making part of the business the ground floor of the plant has been fitted up with a large iron tank, divided into two parts by a partition. Within the tanks are expanded to cool the brine with which the tanks are filled. In this cold bath are iron molds filled with fresh water, which are frozen by the low temperature of the surrounding brine, which requires a much lower temperature than the fresh water to freeze it. The cakes of ice are 36x18x12, and the present capacity of the machines is estimated at 30 tons a day. It will be sold in competition to the regular ice trade. The distribution of cold consists in forcing the brine, at a low temperature, through street mains to where wanted for refrigerating or cooling purposes, and is already in successful operation.

It is evidently the intention of the United States Democrats to keep alive the Presidential election scandal of 1876 as long as possible. In the House of Representatives a resolution has just been introduced, setting forth that it is expedient to appropriate \$50,000 from the United States treasury "to erect a bronze statue of the late Samuel J. Tilden, to be placed in the center of the rotunda of the Capitol. That on a tablet at the front base of said statue there shall be conspicuously engraved these words: 'Samuel J. Tilden, nineteenth President of the United States—elected,

but not seated.' That on the right of the square base shall be engraved the date of birth, election and death of such President, and that on the opposite side shall be engraved an eagle with a snake in its talons, and under them these words: 'For the right.' As the House is Republican this year, it is not at all likely that the motion will pass, but it will form the groundwork for a lively attack on those who condoned the methods which resulted in the counting out of the late Mr. Tilden, and that is probably the object of its introduction.

ARCHBISHOP CLEARY, in his latest letter, says that generosity towards a vanquished assailant moves him to avoid laying himself open to the charge of "striking a man when he is down," as Mr. Meredith now finds himself to be with regard to the matter of fact recently in controversy between the two. This, the Archbishop says, is the motive which prompts him to refrain from replying to the "remaining fallacies" given publicity by the Tory leader. The fray may therefore be regarded as over, with Dr. Cleary on the top.

The Port Huron correspondent of the Detroit Free Press says: R. J. King, of Seattle, and a company will establish a factory in this city for the manufacture of toilet soap. The factory will be located near St. Clair, on the Detroit River, and the capital stock of the company will be \$50,000.

We do not suppose that Mr. King would leave Seattle and establish his factory in Port Huron if he had the access to the United States market which unrestricted reciprocity would give him.

Mr. BILL, secretary of the Winnipeg Board of Trade, volunteers the information that fully 98 per cent. of the business men of that city are in favor of unrestricted reciprocity with the United States. The Winnipeggers are not the fools which the restrictionists would fain have them be. They know that untrammelled trade supplies the best opportunity to make money.

"WORLD that I had never taken Solomon White to my bosom."—[William Ralph Meredith.]

AN OTTAWA correspondent states that the applications to Parliament for legislation during the coming session number 91, as against 94 last year. Of applications for bills of divorce there are 5; for the incorporation of railway companies, 20; miscellaneous bills for amendments to the existing charters of miscellaneous companies, 14; total, 91. The divorce applications are as follows: Hartford Ashley, from his wife, S. M. Ashley, on the ground of adultery; David Clapp, from his wife Alice, on the ground of adultery; Christiana F. Glover, from her husband, C. C. Glover, on the ground of adultery and desertion; Hugh F. Keefe, from his wife, Rebecca Ann Keefe, on the ground of adultery; Emily Walker, from her husband, A. P. Walker, on the ground of desertion, etc.

HERE is Mr. Labouchere's account of his experience of "Russian influenza"—if Russian influenza it is that is now loose in England: "I like to be in the fashion, so I bore my fate with equanimity when I discovered that I had caught the prevailing epidemic. All of a sudden I seemed to have caught a cold, and took to sneezing, etc. Then came a cough, a headache and an all-over-ache. Knowing that it was not dangerous, I proceeded to doctor myself by the light of common sense. To prevent any fever I at once administered to myself 30 grains of quinine—that settled the fever. To meet the cough I took unlimited squill pills—that settled the cough. To meet the cold, I went to bed, heaped on my bed-blankets, and took nothing but sleep—that settled the cold. In four days I was quite well. I give my opinion that the benefit of others who may be attacked."

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