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Notes.

Mgr. Bosse, Vicar Apostolic of Labrador, telegraphs that the distress among the people there is very great, and that unless assistance is rendered before the close of navigation their condition during the winter will be deplorable. The results of the fishing season have been extremely poor, and already wide-spread destitution prevails. It is very desirable, therefore, that steps should be taken to prevent absolute famine during the winter, by at once forwarding a supply of provisions. Consignments can be made to Mgr. Bosse, Pointe aux Esquimaux, Labrador.

Some of the comic papers have been twitting Her Majesty on having transferred her affections from Scotland to Wales, and one picture represents her as being as skilful in touching the chords of the Welsh harp as in eliciting the music of the pibroch. "It is a pity," says the *Montreal Gazette*, commenting upon the relations of the Sovereign towards her Irish subjects, "that the Queen could not be induced to give Ireland a small share in the distribution of her favours. Absentee landlordism used to be one of the grievances of Irish tenants. They have got over their yearnings on that head, and now they would not ask better, we are told, than to have absenteeism made the law and its violation a punishable offence. But there are still some loyal people in Ireland who would enjoy an occasional glimpse of the august lady to whom they owe allegiance. The Irish are as warm-hearted as their brother Celts of Cambria or Scotia, and would be glad to have an opportunity of entertaining their sovereign. Yet the Queen turns persistently away from them, gives her daughters and granddaughter to Scotchmen, smiles upon the shepherds and the goatherds of the Scottish and Welsh Highlands and shows no aversion to even continental homage. Ireland only sees the graciousness of majesty through the reflected splendors of a lord-lieutenant. Moore once wrote an apologue of a charming rambler—a sort of fairy queen, but it was before Elizabeth's time—who won the heart of Erin by trusting in it. English statesmen might, though it would require some tact to do so without offence, submit it humbly to Her Majesty."

A short time ago we related—by way of recalling the outcry which was raised a few years ago in this city on account of the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario having entertained Cardinal Taschereau at dinner—a somewhat similar incident which the Earl of Hopetown, the lately appointed Governor of Victoria had been made to undergo. It appeared that the new Governor, though since 1887 he has borne the sounding title of Her Majesty's High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, was a man by no means unsympathetic or unfriendly withal towards Roman Catholics. Allied by blood to a number of Catholics, he had on more than one occasion excited the hostile criticism of Presbyterian bigots. The last occasion was in July last, when he invited the Catholic Archbishop of Edinburgh to dine at Holyrood—an attention which filled a reverend gentleman named Primmer, with anguish, and caused him to cry out that it was the first time since the Reformation that Anti-Christ had been so complimented.

The soul of this Reverend Mr. Primmer has been harrowed up again. The *Dunfermline Press* in a late number gives the following news item:

In his church at Townhill, Dunfermline, on Sunday the Rev. Jacob Primmer requested the special prayers of his congregation on behalf "of the Queen, that she might be delivered from the evil influence of the ex-Empress of France, who was following Her Majesty (he said) like an evil spirit." No sooner did the Queen go to Balmoral than this bigoted Papist went to Abergeldie, and only last Sunday Her Majesty paid her a visit.

It will be observed that even Royalty has its inconveniences. But whatever restrictions it may be desirable to place upon the power of Her Majesty, yet even the most republican of persons, we are of opinion, would be disposed to permit her the simple and natural liberty of choosing her own friends and guests. One thing we will say, however, for Mr. Primmer, and that is that he appears to be a much more reasonable person than his predecessor, the chivalrous Knox. Knox, he will remember, denounced "the monstrous regimen of women," and taught the lawfulness of assassinating a monarch if a Papist.

As will be seen by advertisement elsewhere, the Bazaar in aid of the new Church of St. Paul's in this city, will be opened on Monday, the 18th inst. The grand structure to which the proceeds of the Bazaar will be applied, is fast approaching completion, and will be "a sermon in stone" unto all time of the energy and zeal of the Rt. Rev. Bishop O'Mahony, and the clergy of St. Paul's, and the devotion and faith of their people. The new church, which has been fully described in these columns, is a beautiful specimen of Italian architecture of the severely classic style of the seventeenth century. It will be a source of pleasure to our readers, we feel sure, to do what they can by making the Bazaar a success, help to complete a great and good undertaking.