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For January, 1882.

THOBBDAY, 12. -Of the Octave. FRIDAY, 13 .- Octave of the Epiphany. SATURDAY, 14 .- St. Hilary, Bishop, Confessor, and Doctor of the Church. Bp. McGill, Bichmond, died, 1872. SUNDAY, 15 .- Second Sunday after Epiphany.

Peast of the Holy Name of Jesus. St Maur, Abbot. Less. Acts iv. 8-12; Gosp. Luke ii. 21; Last Gosp. John ii. MOSDAX, 16 .- St. Marcellus, Pope and Martyr. · 1-11.

TUBBDAY, 17.-St. Anthony, Abbot. WEDNESDAY, 18 .---- Obsir of St. Peter at Bome. St. Prison, Virgin and Mary.

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

We do not like being obliged to call so frequently upon our subscribers to pay up their subscriptions, but we sometimes find it necessary. Hence it is not our fault, but the forgetfulness or the neglect of those of our friends and patrons who do not seem to realize what a number of names the TRUE WITNESS bears on its subscription rolls; what an immense sum they owe us in the aggregate, though amail to each individual and what good-its possession would enable the proprietors to do in the field of Oatholic journalism If it were placed at their disposal at once promptly and cheerfully. To our agents we would offer our heartfelt thanks for their pass co-operation and valuable assistance. which to most of them has been a labor of love. We would also suggest to them that now is an excellent time to collect, especially in the rural districts, when the harvests are gathered in and money is plenty. We would also urge upon them to explain that all the new subscribers they obtain who shall pay in ance will receive the TRUE WITNESS from now until the 1st of January, 1883, for one year's subscription, which is giving the remainder of this year's issues gratis. We want another strong pull to add one-third to the circulation of the TRUE WITNESS for the current year. Those of our readers who are in arrears will find on the labels attached to their papers to what date they have paid. We would remind them also that the Tava WITNESS gives facilities to which few other journals can afford ; that in regard to its news and literature it is second to none on the Continent, and in cheapness stands alone. There is no other Catholic paper in America with half the pretensions of the TEUE WITNESS which sells for \$1.50 a year. In order to still further compete with the trashy and soul-destroying weeklies which compete with the TRUE WITNESS, we give Catholic clubs of five or ten the advantage of the paper ever, and the most bitter irony and finest for one dollar a year, and all we can say is that the Oatholic who cannot pay two cents a week for such a paper is not worthy of the glorious name. It shall be our ambition co see it in every Catholic family in the Dominion,

Parnell and Dillon, but the Hacks do not like this un-Anglo-Saxon sort of thing, and intend applying for a mandamus to quash. the resolution. The hacks are in a sorrowful plight at this present moment, and we should not be surprised if their position grew worse, and that a mandamus were granted some fine morning moving them across the Irish Sea to a land they have, up to this, loved not too well, but wisely. This is a strange century. my masters . to a careat of both of the of the

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It used to be France which furnished periodical sonsations to Europe, now itsis Germany. The Emperor William has issued a rescript to his beloved subjects, countersigned by Bismarck, which informs the aforesaid subjects that the Emperor must be supreme in the State; that while Parliaments are useful things in their way, they must not stand in the Emperor's path, and in fact that the rule of the Emperor is above and beyond the law of the land. The old Kaiser is at all events honest. He does not affect respect for the constitution which he does not feel, and like Louis Quatorze, he believes PEtat, dest moi. The Germans are not left in doubt as to the intentions of their Emperor, he is an old man now, but when in 1848 he was a young man -or at least a middle aged man-and only heir presumptive to the throne, he was honest change of date on address-label enough to sabre a number of Germans in the streets of Berlin in the cause of the divine right of kings; and he has not changed since then except in the way that his convictions have become more intensified, and his faith stronger, that the people are nothing and the Emperor everything. The Germans are known as a patient, forbearing people, but it remains to be seen if they are willing to accept this last piece of nonsense from their old Kaiser, the father of his people or if they will calmly wait till he dies to lay hold of their inheritance. They have stood a good deal of nonsense up to this, but it may be the last straw will break the camel's back.

MONDAY, which comes immediately after

fore, which provides for a new and secure Sunday, is the day on which the most alarmresidence for the Pope, is a wise one. It is ing reports as to lawlessness in Ireland. arrive by cable. We can assert without fear | not the first time the factions in Rome exiled the Sovereign Pontiff; Avignon was for many of contradiction that a Monday has not put years the head quarters of Christendom, nor in an appearance since the Land League was is it the first time a King has proved false to first organized two years ago that it was not his pledges. But it must be remembered that worse than its predecessor in sensational intelligence, and that on that particular the Pope always returned to Rome, called there by the voice of those who exiled him Monday affairs could not be in a when they found that nothing but his presence worse condition. Nevertheless, the next in the Eternal city could save society from Monday beat it all hollow, left it resolving itself into its original elements. not a leg to stand upon, made it hide its As the salt preserves the ocean from rottendiminished head, knocked spots out of it, did ness, so does religion, and especially the not permit it to carry drinks to it. &c. And Catholic religion, preserves society, and the yet the climax has not yet been capped, and Pope is the head of the Catholic Church. it would appear there are still worse ills in whether he resides in Rome, in Avignon, store for unhappy Ireland. This Monday is the worst yet, but surely next Monday or in Malta. But Rome is the natural capital of the Church, and so will be "worser." There is no murder rehas been since the days of St. Peter. corded to be sure, there is no famine ap-The question now is will the Catholic proaching, but there is a still greater nations of Europe consent to the exile of the ferooity, a more horrible and abomin. Holy Father from his capital? It is to bo able event to be recorded, a crime feared that they will. In former times when which will cause civilization to turn pale, the head of the Church was in danger, the and Irishmen blush from the soles of their potentate who for the time being was pare feet upwards-the farmers have begun to hunt ! Heretofore all the birds of the air and sll the little fishes in the rivers belonged to his duty to defend him and his possessions. the landlords, as well as the air and water themselves, but now the tenants have begun to hunt, after first chasing the legitimate hunters from the country. In defence of their netarious proceedings, they allege that they send the game destroyed to the suspects in juil, but this is no defence, if the suspects deserve to be in jail they deserve to be hungry. Government burgoo is too good for men like Parnell and Dillon. We wait with anxiety and hope that this last fearful news may be contradicted. THE old bluntness, both in word and action, which, at least according to English writers, used to characterize Irishmen has gone for. sarcasm have taken its place. What, for instance, can be more sarcastic than to offer a landlord his rent reduced thirty or forty per cent., provided the suspects are released ?and what can be more ironic than conferring the freedom of Dublin and Cork on the leading suspects, Parnell and Dillon, and then forwarding copies of the resolutions granting such freedom to Gladstone, Forster and the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. Irish municipal bodies, even of bigotted or so narrow-minded as the Tory the highest standing, have lost all respect for organ, and it is to be hoped they never the feelings of those great men or they would never have taken such a step; no, never. is still more dreadful and ill-natured than overlook the fact designedly --- that the sarcasm. For here have the English and Scotch people been taught to believe for years upon years that it was only a beggarly section of the Irish people who were unappreciative of the spirit of the British Constitution-Fenians and their American sympathizers-while the Irish, the real Irish, men of estates and social standing, looked upon Parnell and Dillon with quite as much horror as-as, let us say -Lord Dundreary or any other representative English nobleman. And now the scales are fallen from their eyes, and they see one of the wealthiest and most important corpora-

of North America they simply exclude them THE HOLY SEE. from the hotels, they keep within the law, The King of Italy delivered an address OD but in Bussia they murder them New Year's Day to the foreign representaand in Germany they mob them. tives who called to present him with the Sarah Bernhardt, the great actress, has been compliments of the season, in which he must mobbed in Odessa, a large Russian seaport have made reference to his relations with the town, and yet few are surprised, while if the Vatican, for although we have not received thing were done in New Orleans or Baltimore the substance of his remarks by cable we it would create a profound sensation throughgather from the note addressed by the out the world, from all of which it must be Papal Secretary to the representatives inferred that the people are able to govern of some of the European powers, themselves and their passions much better and the representative of Brazil, that than either Czar or Kaiser can do it for them. the Holy Father is alarmed at the tenor of the King's remarks, and considers that the It is adversity which is the surest test of time has arrived when his position should be friendship. When partners in business are definitely settled. Late events in Rome show making money hand over hand, when they plainly enough that the Head of the Catholic are rolling in riches, so to speak, they love Ohurch is liable to be personally insulted one another, and they smile at one another by the rabble, and the utterances in high and everything goes on gaily. But when places do not tend to allay the anxiety which the clouds have lowered, and when the partmust be felt throughout Ohristendom for ners roll in poverty, they, if they are not the personal safety of the Holy Father. men cast in heroic mould, fall out, and If the King of Italy really intended taunt and blame one another for to loyally abide by the guarantees the misfortunes which have overtaken there need be no uncasiness, or even them. And so in politics, as in business if he was thought in possession of sufficient especially wherein politics is made a business nerve and firmness to protect the Pope of. So it is, at all events, with our excellent against the machinations of those in Italy and esteemed contemporaries-the Herald seeking his destruction. But when it is and the Wilness-which, during the late elecknown that the throne of Humbert itself is tion campaign, each, in its way, worked so being undermined by the secret societies of hard for the success of the Conservative Bome, and that, even Oabinet Ministers and princes of the blood belong to them, Europe may well be alarmed concerning the guarantees. A revolution may break out in Rome at any moment, and the

party, although quite against its own will. If the Liberals had been victorious, we can easily imagine how delighted the Herald would be with the Witness, and how grateful for its services but slas, they have been badly besten instead, and the *Herald* is angry. The *Herald*, angry and half stupified with the sad result, and after " three weeks' incubation." as the Witness puts it, turns fiercely around and accuses the Witness of causing the defeat of the party. What blindness is here, what base ingatitude) The truth is that the few Liberal votes polled at all are due to the Wilness; it is the Herald which is the cause of the great defeat. The pins and needles articles of our amiable contemporary were enough to kill the devil, were he moving around in active politics, which he of course is, but in disguise. We mean if he were an open, popular candidate that the aforesaid articles would have defeated him. The Witness did its duty in a mild attempt to bestride the Protestant horse and the Herald also did its duty in raising an anti-Irish cry. We think the attempt of the Witness was the more successful, for if it did not gain any votes it certainly lost none, while the *Herald* undoubtedly did. for every one knows the Witness and its consistency to bigotry, which it honestly calls principle. The Herald articles alienated the Irish vote from the Liberals, and it is now acting childishly, as well as unkindly, towards its political brother of the evening, in seeking to throw the responsibility on its shoulders. It says to the Witness, go and join the other party, you are our old man of the sea; go and got on the back of Mr. Chapleau. But the Witness won't go, it knows when it is well off. Says the Herald: We are not inclined to be augry

which contingency, however, is certainly not probable at present-it world open up a keen controversy it some member of Congress, of Irish proclivities, were to make a point of ascertaining the nature and extent of the assistance which the Secret Service employees of great Britain, receive from the Federal authorities. There is, doubtless, a limit even to international courtesy in such matters ; but, so far as the results accruing from its observance are concerned, the Irish-American members of anti-British societies have chiefly themselves to blame." The above article is a clipping taken from

the N. Y. Freeman's Journal which, it seems, had in its turn taken it from the Hour a paper published in New York, but which we, in commenting upon it, erroneously ascribed to a London paper of that name now defunct. Its appearance in Tus Post caused something like a sensation, which was increased when we reproduced another article of the same nature and drawn from the same fountain, furnished by the editor of the Connecticut Catholic. Those articles pointed to a wealthy Montreal contractor as being the spy or informer, and THE Posr published them solely with the object of removing the stigma from the Irish of Montreal, believing that no such person existed outside the imagination of the newspaper writers. The matter gave rise to considerable discussion and the St. Patrick's Society held a special meeting to investigate it. At that meeting Mr. F. B. McNamee, its energetic President, was very hard on THE POST and said the paper which reproduced the pretended article was worse than the real culprit. That was strange language to apply to a journal, the intentions of which were undoubtedly good. and which merely acted upon its journalistic rights in giving cheulation to the canards, if canards they be. But still stranger, the worthy President insinuated that the reports had not appeared in the paper credited with them and that they were, in fact, of home manufacture. This was, of course, an insult to THE POST, but was overlooked on account of the well-known short temper of Mr. McNamee, and his great zeal whenever a matter reflecting on the honor of the Irish people, is up for discussion. A committee of the Society was appointed, consisting of Messrs, Richard McShane, M. F. J. Quinn and Denis Doody, which committee waited upon the manager of THE Post and requested documentary evidence. To this the manager replied that all he could do was to furnish them with the Freeman's Journal and Springfield Republican, when they would be in possession of as much information as either himself or the Editor of THE Post had with respect to the clipping referred to. These papers, according to promise, have been given to the committee, and there the matter rests for the present. The President, although he does not acknowledge it, and certainly the committee, are thankful to THE Post, as we thought they would, for bringing the matter before the public and allowing the party appointed to vindicate himself. if possible, or else to sink into that infamous but comfortable obscurity, which all sensible informers are only too anxious to seek after having received their purchase money. One would think after all this that the President of the Society, who is so anxious to vindicate the character of the Irish people, not only of Montreal, but of Cauada, would feel obliged to THE POST for giving him the opportuity, but, strange to say, he is not. Perhaps he imagines that THE POST did wrong in noticing the affair at all. At all events when THE Post offered its co-operation in the attempt to find out the informer, if informer there be, the President scornfully refused. Now this was not right for information should be acceptable, even from the most unacceptable places, if we may say so, and up | people who save the State when it ts in to this no word has been whispered impunging the honor of any one connected with Tus Posr. We await with perfect calmness the articles at which the esteemed President of the change of mind which must come over the worthy President, before rendering any further remarks on the disagreeable situation, except to say that the affair is a serious one, and concerns not only the Irish of Montreal, but act THE POST will, and will also send of Canada and the whole American conti- | to New York a delegation of its own. The nent, who would wish to see the isronwar onus is not on THE Posr, true enough, but STAND FORTH, or the calumny be for ever set at the duty has devolved upon it of making rest. Mr. THOMPSON, the Globe's Commissioner in Ireland, passed through Montreal on Mondaven route to Toronto, where he is to be banquetted, as he richly deserves. He is the second correspondent of a Canadian newspaper who has written the truth about the situation in Ireland; Mrs. McDougall, now living in Michigan, was the first. Before their time. landlord ideas were supreme in Canada and the struggling Irish people were branded as Socialists and Communists. The Irish people of this Dominion owe both Mrs. McDougall and Mr. Thompson a debt of gratitude, which, in the case of the latter, is about being paid in a way that, however below his deserts, will be acceptable to him. But what about the former? A Pembroke correspondent of TRE POST suggested that correspondent of THE POST suggested that ceeded in forming a Company to take pos-the letters of Mrs. McDougall should session and work and complete all railway be published in book form free of expense to her, and this suggestion was universally approved of. Still no action was taken for the reason, we suppose, that except some one individual come forward and take upon himself the role of executive the general public will be lethargic. We are happy to state that Mr. William Wilson, a gentleman who enjoys the confidence of all our citizens, Catholic and Protestant, English and Irish has, after a good deal of personsion, consented to act as Treasurer for any fund that may be raised for the purpose of publishing Mrs. McDougall's letters, free of charge to her. Now that decisive action is taken in the matter we hope to see a sufficient amount subsoribed without much delay. We may add iesder of ineland has passed resolutions to statue on College Green has turned green ments are powerless to protect them. If they Bervice to watch their movements. Should that the sums received will be acknowledged

In appears that in his zeal to uncarth the informer, or prove he has no existence, the President of the St. Patrick's Society was premature in calling the President's 'of the Bocieties together. We infer this from the proceedings of the last meeting of St. Ann's and St. Patrick's Temperance Societies. wherein the action of the Presidents was disavowed. This, however, was a fault on the part of of St. Patrick's Society's excellent President which leans to the side of virtue ; for so odious is the name of informer in our midst, that his supposed presence is sufficient to make the population feel uneasy. Zeal, however, outrans discretion at times. and we imagine the committee appointed to arrive at the bottom of the affair are, owing to their being overloaded with it, not pursuing the most direct course to satisfy the public. THE POST, in publishing the clippings which have created so much excitement, did nothing but its duty, as every one except the excellent President will acknowledge, and yet motives were imputed to it from the first and it was even stated said clippings were pretended. Since then the Committee have been furnished with the N. Y. Freeman and the Springfield Republican containing the articles, but even this courtesy on our part has not been reciprocated by the President, who, at last night's meeting. expressed himself averse to receiving assistance from THE POST in coming at the truth. But THE POST is not proud, and notwithstanding its well meant advances are received so coldly, it will persist in its action; and if the committee are not in earnest or unable to fathom the mystery, The Post will, at least in so far as it can. At first we did think the whole affair was nothing but a bit of newspaper gossip or exaggeration, but we are sorry to say that recent developments have changed our opinions, and that we now believe there is some foundation for the article in the New York Hour. If, therefore, the Committee take our advice, it will altogether overlook the utterances of THE POST, the Republican, the New York Freeman, who are but echoes of the Delphic oracle and seek the oracle itself.

When we say recent developments have caused us to agree with the Hour, we mean that the talk evolved from the articles goes to show that suspicion has been alive as to informers in this city for years, and an article which appeared in the Conadian Freeman of ten years ago, owned and edited by J. G. Moylan, and copied into the Montreal Gazette, is among other things cited as going to show that such is the case. The article in the Freeman was plain, forcible and pointed, and as the St. Patrick's Society of that time was very powerful, far from the shadow of a shade it is, now it strikes us as being strange that no action was then taken. The neglect arose, perhaps, from the fact that some gentleman was then President of the St. Patrick's Society, whose regard for Irish honor was not so keen as the present esteemed occupant of the office. Another thing which makes people believe in informers somewhere, is the answer of Sir John Macdonald in Parliament two years ago, in answer to a demand for the production of vouchers for secret

DESPITS the efforts of the Toronto Mail Alderman Ryan has been re-elected for St. George's Ward of that city. It is pretty clear that the people of Toronto are not quite so HALL DIRACING will be.

The Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, who is an English lord, reiuses to allow Parnell and Dillon liberty to attend at the Oity Hall to receive the freedom of Dublin frem its Corporation. The time may come, however, when this high functionary may be in jail himself and eager to go outside for an hour or so to breathe the free air of heaven.

The alleged Fenian ram, which was to deal such havoc to the British Navy, has come to an untimely and inglorious end. On Wednesday last it came in collision with an old canal bost on the East River, near Jersey city, and went down feet first. The British First Lord of the Admiraity, the man who polishes np the handle of the big front door, can new, therefore, breathe more freely.

THERE are now but two real parties in Ireiand, the Castle-hacks, and the Land League, or more correctly speaking, the pro-English party and the Irish people. Mr. Forster and Lord Cowper, both Englishmen, are at the head of the Hacks, and Mr. Parnell, a s'suspect, lying in Kilmainham prison, is the confer its freedom on the "suspects,] under the eyes.

tions in the British Empire coolly, calmly and deliberately-yes, deliberately-conferring the freedom of Ireland's capital on Charles Stewart Parnell and John Dillon. That is to say-

"Rebeis most accurst and dire, So ranked by Moslem nate and ire."

Notwithstanding what yesterday's Montreal Herald said, we do believe in Mother Shipton's prophecies and firmly believe the world

mount in Europe found it his interest and If it was not the King of France, it was the Emperor of Germany, or the King of Spain. But who is there now powerful enough, even if willing, to adopt that role? Bismarck is the most powerful man in Europe, and Bismarck is an enemy of the Church. The King of Spain is weak, the Emperor of Austria is selfishly bound up in alliances with the enemies of the Church, and France is in the hands of Gambetta and the Opportunists. It is of course possible, though highly improbable, that the Catholic nations of the world may form a league to compel fulfilment of the guarantees, but we shall be the better able to judge of this when they answer the note addressed to them by the Pontifical Secretary. But there is after all one Potentate still powerful enough to stretch forth His band to save, Oss who has saved it when the sky lowered more darkly than now, and that Potentate is God, the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords.

Republicans gain the upperhand. In that

case Humbert would have to fiy for his life

and leave the Vatican to be pillaged by a

mob like that which assassinated Arch-

bishop Darboy in Parls ten years ago. If

Humbert realized his position intelligently

he would stand for the Pope's power and

dignity as firmly as for his own, for if the

Radicals succeed in expelling the Holy

Father, despite the protest of the

Catholic nations of Europe, they will

hardly hesitate in dethroning the

son of Victor Emanuel. The policy, there-

It is a common practice with a certain class of writers to indulge in fine drawn comparisons between monarchies and democracies to the disadvantage of the latter. "Wherever the people govern, say those gentry, there anarchy reigns, and they point to the United States and the crimes committed there with impunity, as an example. They forget, But the meaning concealed in the resolutions however, to mention-or, perhaps, they He is to day a rich Governm nt contractor, in the great majority of cases the crimes they refer to are committed away in the thinly settled regions of the West, on the plains, and in the vicinity of the Bocky Mountains, where the law, for obvious reasons, cannot assert itself, and they also overlook the fact that the desperadoes who infest secrecy at one of the meetings recently held those places are chiefly composed of refugees, robbers, forgers and murderers from Europe who have fled from justice to those almost inaccessable regions. According, however, as the country is settled vigilance committees deal out justice until the majesty of the law can assert itself, when the desperadoes are either summarily dealt with or forced to fly still further west. We have now an instance or two before our eyes of how powerless despotism is to deal with anarchy before its very eyes, under its right-divine nose. although its armies and police cover the land, and are ready to act at the nod of a Czar or a Kaiser. The Jews are being robbed and murdered almost daily throughout Russia, and barbarously treated in Gerleader of the people. . The metropolis is coming to an end, and that King William's many, and yet it would appear the Governdielike the Jews in the anarchical Republic | events in Ireland develop into civil war- | in Tus Fost

with the Witness in the matter, for the opslaught of our contemporary no doubt pleases himself, while it does the Liberal party no harm." Most assuredly not; the Liberal party of Quebec has now reached such a stage that nothing in this earthly world can harm it, except, perhaps, it may be the reconciliation of the Witness with the Herald.

SECRET SERVICE MONEY.

An article appeared in the daily edition of this paper -- THE Post --- on the 23rd December last with the above caption which we now reproduce in the TRUE WITNESS for the information of our readers :---

"The composition of the British Secret Service is cosmopolitan. These agents form a part of the diplomatic organization of every British embassy, and are surrounded by a certain freemasonry recognized only by themselves. The Minister at Washington is the official head of the corps in this country and Canada, and not less than two hundred persons are retained in its service in the United States and the Dominion. It employs

whomsoever it finds necessary for its purposes, although the persons whose services are temporarily used are often in utter ignorance of the true aim and motives of those who pay them. Even the press in Canada has been known to have had on its staff employes of the Secret Service Corps. It is no secret that there lives in Montreal a man, now worth over a half a million of dollars, whose fortune was founded by the money he received from the British Government for. betraying the leaders during the Fenian raid. and is supposed to be one of the strongest and warmest friends of Irish liberty. ln fact, he is a President of a branch of the Land League. By means of its secret servants the English Government is informed of the names of the leading officers of every Land League in the United States and of every secret organization antagonistic to British interests. With the vie of securing absolute in Chicago with closed doors, the proceedings were, during part of the session, conducted in Gaelic ; and it is stated that a copy of an English translation was forwarded, as a hint to one of the officers that it would be advisable in future to 'boycott' a certain person who took a prominent part as an Irish delegate from the County -writer had reason to believe that the said delegate was a Secret Service spy. Considering the great per-sonal risk involved in the pursuit of this unenviable calling the salaries are not only large, but liberal pensions are awarded for long service, which, if life be lost or injury sustained, are extended to the widows of the members, while disobedience to orders is made a criminal offence punishable by forfeiture and imprisonment under the provisions which govern ordinary police discipline. The publicity attached to the proceedings of Irish societies in this country makes it easy for the British Secret

service money, which was in substance, that if the vouchers were published the lives of those signing them would not be worth twenty-four hours' purchase. There must, therefore, be informers somewhere, and why not in Montreal as well as elsewhere?

We would like to impress upon our readers that we have not commenced a crusade against spies or informers; it is none of our business. Informers are very often excellent danger for a consideration. What we did actually do was to reproduce certain St. Patrick's Society waxes wrath. Now, however, that the investigation has commenced, we shall try and see that it is a real one, and if the Committee does not matters clear, if others neglect it. Not that for a moment we suppose they will, only that we are atraid the parties who were so averse on Monday night to receiving its co-operation, as tendered by Mr. Whelan, may see fit to throw obstacles in the way through hostility to THE POST.

In regard to the sensation which is now troubling Montreal, we may state that Mr. Whelan, of THE TRUE WITNESS, offered to bear the expenses of a law suit if the proper parties would become plaintiffs. This was in answer to a proposition of the whitewashing Committee.

ANOTHER RAILWAY SYNDICATE.

HALIFAX, Jan. 5.-It is ascertained that Mr. E. W. Plunket, of Montreal, who has been for some months in England, has suclines in this Province, including a line in Cape Broton of about 80 miles to Louisburg, the total amount of miles of road amounting to about 540, the Province, under arrangement, gua anteeing the payment of interest to the Company of £46,200 sterling per annum. The Company secure ranning powers over the the Dominion Government line to Truro from Halifax; become proprietors of the Eastern Extension line from Truro to the Strait of Canso; Windsor and Annapolis line from the former to the latter, and the Western Counties line from Digby to Yarmouth, and engage to complete the latter line, as well as the Nictaux and Atlantic Bailway and the line from Canso to; Louisburg, C.B. The capital of the Company is \$1,000,000, and the scheme will, no doubt, be accepted by the Local Legislature.

Mr. E. Sandsreon, of Quebec, has won the Dominion tropay cup at the chess congress, which ended on Monday night.