

A "WILD" SUGGESTION.

The Ottawa *Citizen*, a morning paper devoted to politics, has become courageous enough to step outside of its ordinary rut and attempt to give the Rev. Dr. Wild, of Toronto, a sound drubbing, because that gentleman has been bold enough to denounce the Dominion Government for not disallowing the incorporation of the Jesuits about two years ago. Instead of attacking him on the main issue, it resorts to innuendos, crawls in by the back door and strikes him a blow on the back of the head with a club. This is the usual resort of all cowards when attacking a brave and fearless foe. As we have stated, it lays aside the point at issue, viz., the incorporation of the Jesuits, by saying "That is a point which we do not intend to discuss, our object being to protest against the outrageous doctrine laid down by this preacher of the gospel." The *Citizen* says "A more preposterous statement was never made upon a public platform by the wildest fanatic." It misquotes a portion of the rev. gentleman's sayings thus: "If a man were to go out on the street to-morrow and kill a Jesuit, he doubted if British law would punish him." It then attributes to him that he suggested to his hearers "murder," and being made in a pulp, "its heinousness is increased and its mischievous nature intensified." No such thing.

The rev. gentleman went to show that the common and general laws of Great Britain, when not otherwise provided for, are in force in Canada, and the Jesuits having no standing in British law, are not entitled to the right of incorporation in Canada, unless the same be given them by the Dominion Government with the consent of Great Britain.

"It would be a strange thing," he said, "if a province could pass laws to override the Dominion's laws, and Britain's laws. The British law says it is a *penalty unto death* for a Jesuit to be in our province, and if you killed one I question if you could be hanged for it. I don't want you to try the experiment, because at that point I might be a poor lawyer."

Now, the immediate foregoing quotation is a correct one, but the *Citizen*, not being able to attack him on any other grounds, so twisted that gentleman's utterances in its own mischievous imagination so as to enable it to cry out "MURDER, MURDER." We do not believe, that if to-morrow the Government and populace were a unit in favor of killing every Jesuit in Canada, Rev. Dr. Will would acquiesce. In fact, we know, that Christian gentleman would be the first, with his great voice, to denounce such a course, and would be their great defender from such a barbarous act.

The \$500 Challenge.

DR. WILD ACCEPTS FATHER WHELAN'S DEFI.

Toronto, March 3rd.—Last Sunday Rev. Father Whelan, of Ottawa, offered to pay \$500 to anybody who would prove that the oath of the Jesuits sanctioned the doing of wrong that good might come of it. Rev. Dr. Wild, of the Bond Street Congregational Church this evening took up the challenge, on the condition that the oath be submitted to a jury of twelve, evenly divided between Roman Catholics and Protestants, and moreover, offered to sacrifice an additional \$500 if he did not prove the point named.

WHO WILL PAY THAT \$400,000?

Col. Rhodes, the new Quebec Minister, stated at the Montreal Board of Trade banquet that "the Government of Quebec was so poor that it would shortly apply to the Dominion Government for more subsidy." That is tantamount to asking the Federal authorities to pay the \$400,000 to the Jesuits. And still some peace-at-any-price gentlemen (when it suits them) argue that Quebec has a right to do as she pleases with her own money. But in this case it seems

to be Dominion money. Anyway, what right has the Quebec, or any other Government, to order Protestant taxes in Quebec to go for the support of a crafty, deceitful society called the "Jesuits?"

THE EMPIRE FIRST.

Principal Grant, of Kingston, the other day declared for an independant political party. As to the trade question, he corrected recent misrepresentations of his view by explaining that he held free trade between Canada and the States would be advantageous to both countries, but as congress would not consent to our mutual benefit unless Canada consented to pay fiscal and political absorption as the price, the louder we clamor for it the less likely we are to get it on fair terms. When we can give an equivalent, it may be secured, but that position can only be when Britain, Canada and Australia have made up their minds to speak on commercial matters with one voice. The duty of the hour is to secure a commercial understanding among ourselves and to discriminate in favor of all within the empire.

A WHOLE VILLAGE CONVERTED TO PROTESTANTISM.

A remarkable event, which is reported by a correspondent of the *Odenburger Zeitung*, reads more like a chapter from the history of the Reformation epoch than an incident of the present age. The Roman Catholic inhabitants of Acsa, a village in the county of Stuhlweissenburg, have had a grievance against their parish priest for some time past. They applied to the bishop to remove him, and, if their report of his conduct be true, he is certainly unfit for the office of pastor. The bishop refused, so they appealed to the Hungarian Minister of Worship, who declined to interfere. Hereupon, after a precedent which was common in Germany and Switzerland in the fifteenth century, the Communal Council of the village convoked a full meeting of all the adult inhabitants in order to settle what action they should take. "As neither bishop nor minister will help us," said the president, "we must now help ourselves." He made the bold suggestion that the entire parish should go over bodily from the Roman Catholic to the Evangelical-Lutheran church. His advice was adopted without one dissident. A deputation was sent to the Evangelical-Lutheran Consistory, requesting to be received into communion, and in one single day 134 Roman Catholics, heads of families, registered themselves as Protestants.

The Englishmen are Warm.

"Well, we expect to have a mass meeting in a few days to discuss this Jesuit question," said a prominent member of the Sons of England.

"Does your order take any interest in things of that kind?"

"I should say it did. We're all Englishmen or sons of Englishmen, and our fathers fought popery too long on the 'old sod' to let it get the upper hand here. If the Orangemen won't stir themselves, we will. If they will act with us, we will work hand in hand. Anyway, it is altogether likely we will have a rousing mass meeting in a very short time to discuss the matter."

"Will that do any good?"

"If it doesn't, I'll tell you what we think of doing then. A condemnatory resolution will be passed by every lodge in Ontario, and there are 75 of them, and these will be all forwarded through the Grand Lodge to the Dominion Government, demanding the disallowance of the act. We don't beg them to disallow it; we will demand it as a right, and we will see if the Government will turn a deaf ear to the united voice of the Englishmen of Ontario.—*London Advertiser*.