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CATHOLIC CALENDAR

- THURSDAY, 8.—St. John of Matha, Confessor, Founder of the Most Holy Passion of our Lord. St. Apollonia, Virgin and Martyr.

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS. It has become necessary once more to call the attention of our subscribers to the large number of subscriptions which remain unpaid.

THE NEW GOVERNOR OF PENNSYLVANIA, Mr. Pattison, has entered a practical protest against the encouragement of aristocratic tendencies.

THE OTTAWA PAPERS have notes yet finished wishing one another the compliments of the season.

THE INHABITANTS of Stockton, in California, almost went crazy during a recent snow storm.

THE DISTRICT TELEGRAPH COMPANY in New York have organized a new service, which proposes to protect gas consumers from the mistakes made by the inspectors.

It with the expert's memorandum and see if he is charged for more gas than he actually burned. This service will afford a much needed protection against the blunders of gas companies in making up their bills.

CHIEF SECRETARY TRIVELTY, writing of his recent tour through Donegal, which he undertook for the purpose of acquiring personal information of the condition of the poor tenants, and of ascertaining if there were any grounds for the reports of famine in that desolate district.

MR. STEPHENS, the member for Montreal Centre, is doing some effective watching in the Local House. He caught one of his confederates, Dr. Martel, whispering to the Governor and urging it to grant the municipalities of Chambly and Longueuil a slight favor.

THE MORE independent and consequently the more national of the Canadian Press are lamenting over the fact that the Canada Pacific Railway has ceased to be a national concern.

THE WITNESS has been requested by a subscriber to print the photograph of Mann, the Little Bideau murderer, and to give, at that, both side and front views of the human butcher.

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IT IS, moreover, stated that the Premier will, if the question is raised in the House of Commons, declare that Sir Alexander's remarks were wholly unauthorized. It is to be hoped that such is the case, for no more foolish or meaningless speech could have been delivered by our High Commissioner.

WHEN IRISH Juries are not packed, they are quite capable of arriving at very just and sensible verdicts. As is illustrated in a recent breach of promise case tried before Justice O'Brien in Dublin.

IN A certain number of States in the Union the tender-hearted and humane Legislators could not bear the thought of hanging a man or woman for the foul crime of murder, and taking the murderer's feelings into kindly consideration they ordained the abolition of capital punishment.

ALBANI SNOBS CANADA. CANADA is in very bad odor with Albany. The cantatrice positively dislikes the country and goes so far as to disown it as being the place where her vocal powers first manifested themselves on an infantile scale.

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GRAIN AND STOCK SWINDLERS. The periodical warnings given by the Press to those people who have but little money and less brains or foresight, not to seek business relations with Chicago firms and their branches in Canada, that are only

nominal engaged in business as grain and stock brokers, remain unheeded to a large extent. The result is that hundreds of poor people are swindled out of the little money they earned, and which they can ill afford to lose. These firms advertise freely and audaciously; investments of money are solicited and promises impossible of fulfillment are made without stint; they assert in their advertisements that by a combination of small sums in one operation they are able to secure extraordinary returns; such as to return one hundred for ten dollars.

EXTRACTION seems to be solemnly closing in on the Irish murderers. It is to be hoped and presumed, however, that there will be no conviction without evidence of the most undeniable sort. So says our esteemed contemporary, the Montreal Daily Witness; so say we all.

THE MAYORALTY. THE question of who shall be Mayor of Montreal during the term of '83 was, we hope, practically settled last evening, when a deputation, which was not only highly influential but thoroughly representative, waited upon Mr. Henry Balmer and requested him to become a candidate for the Mayorality.

MR. BEAUDRY cannot but admit that the honor of the Mayorality has been enjoyed by him considerably more than has fallen to the lot of any other citizen. He cannot, therefore, with very good grace, refuse to allow the honor to be extended to other highly eligible citizens.

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ANATOMY is a very useful science, but it should not be made to progress by open and defiant violations of the law. Still our police authorities and officials stand idly by and watch with little or no concern our graveyards being nightly robbed of their dead.

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THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FORCED TO BACK DOWN. We have already had occasion to state in these columns that the Mousseau Government would meet with determined opposition so soon as they would make any attempt to increase the burden of taxation, without at first directing their attention to reducing the expenditure.

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