THE TRUE WITNESS AND CATHOLIC CHRONICLE.

***** Our Observer. **₭₭₭₭₭₭₭₭₭₳₳₳**

I was speaking to a person connected with a Department Store the other day, a Brilish official that the famine-he and incidently I inquired if the amount | didn't admit that there was any famine, of business transacted on Bargain Day he called it "distress"-was due to was greater than on any other. " Much less,' he replied ; "every woman that has any time to spare will visit the store and worry the clores and it they do happen to make a purchase it is insignificant, and for the trouble that they give there is but little recompense." This agrees with what I said a few weeks sgo; a woman who goes shopping generally manages to spend the day, but sel dom anything else.

From out of the window where I sit, I can see into the offices of a big Insurance company, and it is a noticeable fact that every time any one in authority goes out, the staff thereupon begins a mildly hilaricus reign of revelry, which goes to prove the truth of the old adage : "When the cat's away the mice will play."

William Curtis, the well known Washington correspondent, writes that the Korean minister will have to shut up his legation at Washington and go home, and all because his government has not paid his salary. It appears that the minister is very much in debt; he has not received any remittances either on account of his salary or expenses for a year or more. This is all the more peculiar, as he is a great favorite of the king, and on two occasions has saved him from assassination. Indebtedness is a chronic state of affairs at the Korean legation. A few years ago the Government at Washington was obliged to interfere, so clamorous did its creditors become. According to the usages of the which to compel a member of the corps do so. He is exempt from legal proceedings, and the only resource an unsatisfied creditor has 18 to advertise his dishonesty in the newspapers. The Korean minister at that time, however, was an honest man, as this one is, and was much mortified over his predicament. So one day he went to the State Department and told all his troubles to the Secretary of State, explaining his belief that his enemies at home in the Government were purposely in order to punish him for some offence, fancied or otherwise. The United States Minister at Seoul was communicated with; he saw the king, and succeeded suffering from a similar conspiracy, a it is known that he has many enemies in the Government. The lot of a representative of Korea's opera bouffe Government is truly not an enviable one.

One of their peculiarities is that they are able to live without the troublesome necessity of eating. Of course some of them die, and then others go to countries where they can get something to eat and learn to cook. Possibly this accounts for the enormous decrease in the population of Ireland and for the remarkable statement made recently by over population." The Irish are A truly remarkable people.

Apropos of all that has been said regarding the forms which lacrosse players in the Senior Series are to sign before being permitted to play the game, I spoke to a prominent official of the Amateur Athletic Association of Canada about the matter and pointed cut to him certain published statements that the whole affair was "a slap in the face for the A. A. A. of C." 'On the contrary," he replied, "the action of the lacrosse people will be of valuable assistance to us." C. J. H.

PHILADELPHIA LETTER.

The National Flag of the Republic and the Masses.

Some Interesting Notes on the Subject from Many Standpoints.

PHILADELPHIA, May 30, 1898. D. RING the whole month of May it has rained in Philadelphia. Morning after morning, the gray sky and the chill

damp of February rather than the sunlight and warmth of May; evening after evening, the drizzle, drizzle of approaching storm or the downright pour of a winter's rainy night. The effects of such unseasonable weather are visible. diplomatic service there is no way in There are colds without end, and rheumatism is certainly abroad, while the to pay his debts if he does not wish to mental distress of these who are oppressed with the thoughts of the dismal breaking in' of the troops is not a little conducive to the melanchely aspect of the city, notwithstanding the flutter and sweep of the beautiful flag, repeated in every possible form.

There are some pictures of the flag that are wonderfully beautiful, although both small and cheap. The folds and the slow sway of that moment when it is most majestic, that instant when it withholding his salary and allowances | hesitates, as it were, to unveil the glori ous blending of blood red stripes of struggle and star-brightened blue of the heaven of peace, is most effectively produced in countless colored prints. Everyone talks flags, and everyone displays in straightening matters out. It is amazing ignorance on the subject. A probable that the present Minister is great many home keepers would like to are their own flags but it seem almost impossible to arrive at a knowledge of the true proportions. The newspapers, upon which so many rely for information, do but confuse and mislead in this case. What was supposed to be an exact account of the making of a flag appeared in one of our papers a few weeks ago, but upon working it out, possible, and each report of the raising of a flag-and they are increasing each portions. They have it as long again as it is wide, they have it two fifths of the length in width, they have it one-quarter of the length in width. Now, there must be a rule of proportions by which a flag of any size could be correctly guaged. Who is to furnish it? Given this rule, and thus doing a good thing in the best way it can be done !- exactly right-it is certainly a delightful idea that has seized upon the women of the United States. Every woman among us should make a flag-an American Hag, large or small, of bunting, with white muslin or linen stars, and properly finished ready for hoisting. The most teeble fingers as well as the most skilful are able for this labor of love. A great deal of very foolish 'stuff' is andoubtedly written about 'Old Glory,' and there are mock heroics written unmistakeably to fill out the measure of the paragraphers, while the uses to which the flag and its representation are so often put as advertisements, and worse, too surely prove that there is, after all, a gross misunderstanding and disregard of what is due to the standard manufacturers find the power most con- of our country. Few people really enter to meet the new. Already men make into the meaning of what is said of it, mention of two Decoration Days in the because, unless misfortune touches the heart in some hour where the flag ap pears, there is really so much to suffer force its claim upon men and women, that they put off as mere sentiment, to be indulged in as a luxury, the meaning A Catholic High School has been a of the flag to those born beneath the Government it represents and the wide folds with which it shelters them, Many things that are 'every day throes and paroxsyms' to the multitude, I neither accept nor reject, for I see no sense in

the glib tongued setting of them forth, and I will not believe nor assume to be-lieve all that I am told. But I love the flag. In the gayest mood and most thoughtless enjoyment of parade or re-view or celebration, those tattered battle flags that are borne in line bring some thing with them that thrills my very soul, something that overawes the hour, I know not why, and brings a loftiness of spirit that ennobles. No less, the flutter of the 'colors' deepens the blue of heaven and brightens the sunshine, while, always and everywhere there is with the gladness, a remembrance, that, perhaps, accounts for it all.

One morning long ago, I saw that flag float 'union down' from the last mast of a sinking ship. A little child, I was one of a crowded boatfull in the midst of the Atlantic Ocean, and those around me said to each other in lowered tones, that unless the help came for which that signal of distress was raised, and unless it came soon, the wreck must sink with all on board of her. The boat lay as near as possible waiting-for the end. The flag fluttered once more, floated far out, and went down with the ship and the brave souls on board of her. The help came too late for them, and their

Strides of Progress Made During Recept Years.

The Part Catholics Have Taken in the Movement - Religious and Educational Praise for Sir Wilfrid Laurier-The Departure of Lord and Lady Aberdeen.

CAPITAL OF CANADA,

Pursuing my tour through the Dominion, I arrived in Ottawa a few days ago, and in that Capital City of Canada a visitor always sees much to interest high mental and natural gifts, and these him. The political capital of any coun she exerted to the utmost in furthering try naturally has a prestige peculiar to itself, and, besides, Ottawa has many in her noble bush and ahe has had an ex geographical and commercial features emplary and sympathetic helper in all that attract the eye of a visitor. Its her beneficent works. Canada has been clean and well kept streets, and fine favored with many very eminent rulers last signal of farewell to earch was the business and public buildings, denote its popular Lord and L dy 19 therin, and

FAMINE-STRICKEN DISTRICTS OF IRELAND.



INTERIOR OF A CABIN-CARRAROE. See Page 2.

flutter of their country's flag. It is not [rapid growth and prosperity, while its the flag has on the feelings, and the interest that awakens search for knowledge as to its meaning and its symbolism. A thousand memories, a thousand hopes, a thousand beliefs, hover round every tiny rag that bears the 'red, white and blue' for, as it is to me for reasons of my own, so is it to every other American, and as we feel for the 'red, white and blue' of the fair flag the world knows in its broadest sense as the American Flag so the men and women of other countries feel for other flags-their own.

And it seems to me a lesson we need to learn here, that so they should feel. It is one of the extravagances and part of the mock heroic sentiment I speak of as written to fill out a paragrapher's measure that it is not allowed in the sensational journalism that there should be any flag on the globe save 'Old To an American, no! No other Glory.' to equal it in honors or in affection or in devotion to its cause. But the Eng-lishman who can grow cold to the flag among the ablest educationalists in this also the gay devotees of the social cir of England, the Irishman who can torget the flig of Ireland, the Frenchman who can forsake the lilies of France-in | and that of St. Bridget's, and their resshort, the native born of any land, who ceases to honor the standard under which he was born, is no honor himself to the ability to lean upon. country he adopts. Either he has forfeited all right to its protection, or he is dead to every ennobling thought of feeling, and should be declare the most exalted sentiments and the deepest devotion towards our own dear banner of the tree, I believe him capable of betraying it as he betrays the one under whose shelter God placed him.

wonderful that I can testify to the hold [splendid Catholic churches its educa tional and charitable institutions indicate, in a marked degree, that the Irish Catholic element is steadfly pushing onward in the path of prosperity. St Patrick's Church is undergoing alter ations and enlargement, which shows that this prominent congregation, under the spiritual guidance of Rev. Father Whelan and his able assistant, Rev. Doctor McNally, has outgrown the capa city of the present church. St. Joseph's and St. Bridget's have also overflowing congregations The former is now un ler the pastoral care of Rev. Father Fallon, the learned and elequent vice rector of Ottawa University, which posi-

> with h s rectorship of St. Joseph's parish. The convents in the city are notable for their high standing and educational facilities, and so are the collegiste and educational establishments under the able control of Dr. McCabe, who enjoys country. In such headmasters as Mr. Thomas Swift, of St. Patrick's schools, pective staffs of efficient teachers, Principal McCabe has splendid teaching

tion, I think, he holds in conjunction

This exclusion must have been a dis appointment to Lord Aberdeen, because he regarded the late Mr. Gladstone as a father and a friend.

The subject must discussed n. w in Ottawa is the impending will drawn of the Earl and Counters of Aberdeen 'rom their official post in Canada L dy Aberdeen herself made the announcement the other evening at the meeting of the Women's Council and the bare thought of a separation trend with a charming woman provided tears of segret among the ascendiage this is a striking proof of the good if it rence wrought by this distinguished lauy dur

ing her residence in Canada, and it proves that goodness of heart and nobility of character will always fine their adequate reward in the love and gratitude of a discerning people. Lady Aberdeen is a woman endowed with the happiness and well being of all creeds and classes in the Dominion, and and social invortion of the x imple, the many others, but it may be mily said that the noble pair who intend to leave our shores in October or November next deservedly worked their way into the love and all-ctions of the people at large in a way and to an extent unequalled by any other occupants of the vice-regal throne

The time of final departure is yet some days distant, but the official mention of it has caused deep-seated sorrow among the whole people, and it creates a pang of regret among the ladies of the Women's Council as well as among all persons who w re-admitted to intimate terms with the noble pair who have so kindly moved among the people for these past years, acting always in a manner to win their attachment. When J heard or witnessed the outburst of regrets at the coming leave-taking, my mind turned back to the scenes enacted at Dublin quay on the day the self same couple left the shores of Ireland.

In poor Erin, where famine and desti tution so often visit, there were still greater scope for the exercise of Lady Aberdeen's goodness of mind and son for she had o'tentimes to relieve actual want, and she traveled over the land from Cork to Donegal on her mission of relief works to help the needy peasantry to keep starvation from their doors. And to her benevolence of purp se and business ability the numerous kuitting and embroidery factories all over Ireland speak in trumpet tones. And the workers of the ruined Irish Poplin Industry will bless her name, for she was the instrument that put new life and vigor into that once flourishing trade It was no wonder then that streams of tears should flow on the quays of Dublin as the grateful peasants saw their best friend and protectoress take sad leave of their shores.

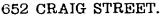
From what I could gather in Ottawait seems that the session is drawing to a close, and surely the legislators may retire to their homes with a full consciousness that they have participated in the labors of a time that has produced many wise enaciments that will tend to the good and happiness of the nation.

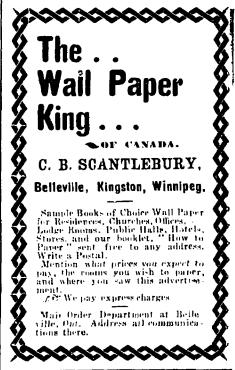
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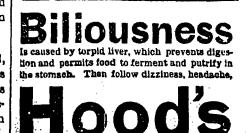




Montrealers have had to pay pretty dearly for the lighting of their streets the rules proved most incorrect and imand houses and this paragraph will hardly add balm to their feelings on the day-gives a different and varying nummatter. Last summer the municipal ber of feet and inches as the true pro officers of Shoreditch parish, London, decided to crect an electric plant to furnish light and power for both private and public purposes, and at the same time to consume the street sweepings for fuel. The first light was turned on on July 16. During the first quarter the loss was about \$2,500. During the second quarter there was a profit of \$4,000 and the third quarter's profit amounted to almost \$6,000 and at this rate an estimated profit of \$10,000 for the first year's operations is expected. This plant has been run without the expenditure of a penny for fuel. The street sweepings have been found to be sufficient, and heretofore it has cost the parish from \$12,000 to \$16,000 to dispose of them. The demand for power has been such that the vestry called for bids for three additional engines and dynamos. The parish is situated in the midst of the cabinet-making trade and the small venient as well as economical. It is a great pity that a few sensible men with up to date ideas were not in our City Council before the extravagant lighting and so much to absolutely claim, and contracts were awarded.

necessity for some time, and now it would appear that the object is nearer attainment than at any other time. The project has been given a good start, and it is very necessary that all should join and bring the undertaking to an assured success.

Harold Frederick in his latest novel, 'Gloria Mundia," through one of his characters, calmly informs his readers that "they do not how to cook in Ireland," and furthermore, that Irish people pay no attention to eating at all. As an Irishman born and bred, I can bear testimony to Mr. Frederick's statement. People in Ireland are a most extraordinary race; they don't eat, therefore why should they know how to cook ?.



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There are Englishmen who are Americans by election and service; there are Irishmen who stand shoulder to shoulder in every rank where there is battle needed for us; there are men of every nation under the sun who are ours by adoption. We know that they are true and faithful ; but if there is one among them who is false or will be false in time of trial, it is the man who has trampled on his country's flag in the race for the spoils and the honors that one of the evenings I attended was the reward the followers of the 'Red, White and Blue.' An adopted son must wear two flags side by side in his heart, if not on it, or he is a traitor to both. This is reason and common sense. As a man must, in the usual course of events, love his mother at least as well as his motherin law, so must this other be strong as a two-fold love, or no love at all.

It is Decoration Day in Philadelphia, and the old battle flags have come forth future. There is great feeling arcused at this season this year, As '98' was memorable for Ireland, so it is to be memorable for us, yet. with a difference! Who can tell the end! A novel of the last war'-we called it the 'late war three months ago !- which I picked up yesterday gives scenes that are lifelike of the Christmas of 1860. They strangely reproduced the holidays of 1897, when no one dreamed of what has come to usand came in April, too-As that war came. That novel is worth reading that the subject was worthy of the orator, now. It is the work of Mrs. Flora Mc-Donald Williams and is entitled, 'Who Was the Patriot?' It is most true to nature and to the time. SARA TRAINER SMITH.

From what we know of ourselves, it is probable beforehand that some amount of jealousy, dislike, rivalry, triumph, or other unworthiness may mingle with our motives, and thus not only vitiate a whole series of actions, but even be superinducing a new habit of uncharitableness, or strengthening an old one, and also hindering all other growths | yearned to be a listener also, but it Faber. - . 1 10

As the tourist wends his way through the new sections of the Capital he sees evident signs of expansion and improve ment on all sides, and in the older and favored residential sections he looks upon homes and grounds that bespeak comfort and elegance within and without. On Metcalf and other streets I and cleanliness in all the avenues I visited. Of course, in the way of architectural grandeur, the Parliament build-ings are the chief objects of attraction; the central block in particular, with its beautiful House of Commons, etc, and its magnificent library of two hundred thousand volumes. It greatly adds to the interest to know that Parliament is in session. The chief topic discussed Dominion's tribute to the name and memory of the late Mr. Gladstone. On the first occasion after his death the words of condolence and grief were eloquently uttered by Sir Richard Cartwright on behalf of the Dominion Government, and by Sir Charles Tupper for the Opposition. But at a later date when the formal resolutions touching the great statesman's death were introduced, it remained for Sir Wilfrid Laurier to pay him the most elequent and most just tribute perhaps ever beard in the parliamentary halls of any land. Certainly it was the finest piece of oratory ever heard within the Ottawa House of Commons. And no wonder that it should be far above the average of ordinary speeches, for it was spoken by Canada's silver tongued Premier and orator, and it depicted the life and career of the greatest and most illustrious statesman of the century. The House was fairly thrilled by the earnest and glowing words of the Premier, and at its conclusion the members cheered again and again, for each one seemed to realize and that he had fittingly voiced the Nation's grief for the loss of a great Christian statesman whom all the world deplores.

Nor did the speaker fail to dwell upon the great deceased's efforts on behalf of the oppressed Irish people. Lady Aberdeen was present among the vast audience, who listened with wrapt attention to the beautiful description of the labors and life of the man who had just passed away so full of years and honors. It is said that Lord Aberdeen the sittings or debates in Parliament. I ends in it.

cle, for these and other departments thrive when the House is in session and the Capital alive with pleasant people. WM. ELLISON.

Almost every man in America has some digestive trouble. When men meet, the greeting usually is, "Well how are you?" That develops health talk. The man who has no bowel or stomach trouble is almost a curiosity Trouble is men take no care of themselves. They eat as though they had copper stomachs and howels of brass. By and by, overworked nature rebels. eaw mansions ht for princes to live Then comes headaches, nervousness, had in, and I noticed an air of freshness bloud, liver and kidney troubles. Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets furnish help for constipation and torpid liver, sick and billious headache, dizzines, sour stomach, loss of appetite, indigestion, or dyspepsia, windy beechings, "beartpain and distress after eating, burn.' and kindred derangements of the liver, stomach and bowels, Accept no substitute.



Kaiser Wilhelm is taking a vacation at the castle of Urville in Lorraine and amusing himself in contriving a new mitrailieuse that shall mow down a whole regiment at once.

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HOW SECRETARY LONG GOT A LICKING.

'Grandpapa's going to lick me. Don't-let him, will you, Uncle Johnny ?' cried a lad down in a little Maine village, years ago, as he winced at a twist of bis car given by an irate old gentleman who held him with one hand, flourishing a riding whip in the other.

Uncle Johnny's' sympathy. it was evident, were at once enlisted in behalf of his favorite nephew as he asks. What are you going to whip him for, father 7

'Impudence,' answered the stern old man, 'impudence; and he must be punished,' flourishing the whip.

Now, let us see,' said Uncle Johnny, and he entered with spirit into the case (one of his first), making a strong argument in favor of acquittal. But the judge was obdurate, quoting, 'Spare the rod,' etc., and it was only by his earnestness and eloquence that 'Uncle Johnny ' succeeded in arranging a compromise by which he was to take the 'licking' instead of the nephew, thinking, of course, that that part of it would be a farce. But he reckoned without his host, and was amazed when he was told to 'take off' your coat and come into the shed.'

A: d when next morning the boy was asked what he was laughing at so heartily, he said: 'Hee! hee! to see Grandpa lick Uccle Johnny, and to see Uncle Johnny hop.' It is entirely safe to say that 'Uncle-

Johnny' never volunteered to take another thrashing for his nephew. But today he stands ready to 'thrash' any one who would give any impudence to Uncle Sam, for he is none other than the Secretary of the Navy- the Hon. John D. Long,-Ladies' Home Journal.

The suulight falls upon a clod, and the clod drinks it in, is warmed by it itself, but lies as black as ever, and sheds out no light. But the sun touches a diamond, and the diamond almost chilis itselt as it sends out in radiance on every side the light that has fallen upon it.

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