and population. Let any sensible man gua population conditions and ask himself are prepared to punish with the atmost how long they car continue before the people of Canada will find themselves hopelessly distanced, their property depreciated, their industry cripil d and unable to compete with the free energies of the Americans?

And further let him reflect that the vast revenues and gigantic resources of the Dominion, which should have been held as reserves to relieve the people from the prezsure of the conditions above named, have been recklessly equandered and divided among a horde of political sharks and speculaters with the sole object of keeping Sir John Mandonald in power. Then, having considered these leading questions, let him | say shall this abominable system be fastened on the country. Rather will he not say that the time has come for the saturnalia of Macdenaldite should coase, and give place to government by men who will not need to " practice corruption in all its protean forms." The appeal is made to the common sense of the people. They are asked to rescu, their families and their country from the grusp of the most base, corrupt, tyranical and reckless Government that ever disgraced and plundered a people under the forms of responsible administration. That the appeal will not be made in vain we are satisfied.

THE CATHOLIC VOTE.

According to The Mail, the Cathelic vote in Ontario was sufficiently strong to decide the election in fifteen constituencies in favor of the Liberale. This may be un over estimate of Catholic strength made by the organ with a view of all rming its Protestant readers. We are quite willing, however, to accept it as nearly correct. It shows how worse then stupid was the conduct of the Tories in raising the religious cry against a class who had the power to administer so severe a rebuke as the loss of sixteen con stituencies to the men who raised it. The places and the figures, according to the last census, given by the Orange-Tory organ, are as follows :---

Russell, population 25,082, of whom 13,255 are Catholics.

Stormont and Cornwall, population 23,198 Catholies 8,044.

Ottawa, population 27,412; Catholics 15.901.

West Peterborough, population 15,212

Catholics 3,092. North Essex, population 23,655; Catho-

lica 13.169. West Northumberland, population 16,984

Catholics 2,518. The above constituencies, The Mail says, were taken from the Torics and given to the Liberals by the Catholics. In the following constituencies, it asserts, the Catholies large

ly increased the Liberal majorities. Prescott, population 22,857; Catholics

North Catario, population 19,093; Catho lice 2,770.

South Ontario, population 25,895; Catho tics 2.238.

South Oxford, population 24.782; Cathe lica 1,819.

Melland, population 26,152; Catholics Simcoo Centre, population 17,412; Cathe-

Hes 4 050.

Glengarry, population 22,221; Catholics,

11,758. North Renfrew, population 20,965; Catho-

lics, S,014.

as true, to the fact not something to be provident, we believe, a stople manufacture in the of rather than, as the organ implies, some neighboring republic, but rice is a product neighboring republic. of relater than, as the same of the shaped on the same of the same class in the community had been insulted, revised and threatened as the Catholics were by Tery newspapers and craters, mould its members not have acted exactly as the Catholics are alleged to have done? We could do like The Mail, and cite a number of counties where the Protestant erv had an the world by the mile can be a very small ball for their work, and that some of them are several states, and is a simple in American are like their work, and that some of them are several states, and is a simple in American as powerful as Dundee whelers. There pro pelles are deep in the water to prevent them couling with the ice. Their guivales are almost could be the first their work, and that some of them are as powerful as Dundee whelers. There pro pelles are deep in the water to prevent them couling with the ice. Their guivales are almost and it may be seen that a prohibitory duty of rowing their way through an ice of them are deep in the water to prevent them couling with the ice. Their guivales are deep in the water to prevent them couling with the ice. Their guivales are almost and it may be seen that a prohibitory duty of rowing their work, and that some of them are appeared as powerful as pow class in the community had been insulted, re- several states, and is a simple in American the assertion of The Mail that it was a sectarian triumph is not true. It must also be horne in mind that if the Catholics us a body voted for Mr. Mowat, it was because the Tory organs raised the cry that he was favorable to them. What eles could they be expected to do but stand by their friend, especially blace his friendship to them was

In the Federal elections they will repeat their action of the 25th of Doccmber, and for the same cause. They know that Sir Jonn Macdonald, his Ministers and his organs are the same who led the attack on Mr. Mowat. They are all in the best, pulling together. They cannot shirk their responsibility now, and the reasons for punishing when applied to the Dominion, Mr. Mcredith supply. This is an economic question that and the local Opposition are but the creatures requires opening up. We are deploring the them with defeat in Ontario are even stronger and the local Opposition are but the creatures of Sir John Macdenald. He is their head, their chief adviser. They are devoted to him, their conservation and restoration. Such and we have his own words for it that he regarded their success as his own. It is, therefore, the duty of Catholics all over the Dominion to do as the Catholics of Optavio Dominion to do as the Catholics of Ontario land, Germany and, we believe, Scandinavia have done, nor rest satisfied till all power the custom of Christmas decoration is carried for mischief is taken out of his hands and style than on this continent. But a judicious about the Northwest affairs; its Smith-Shipley ra'se the "No Popery" ory is a crime which in- of young timber.

accounted a crime by his opponents.

dependent Catholics and Liberal Protestants severity of the bailet.

FREE TRADE AND PROTECTION.

The teachings of the average party politicians on the relative merits of Free Trade oredibly informed, that quite a storm has been receptly raised in one of the labor societies : that city. It publishes in parallel columns the duties on various articles, and draws invidious comparisons between the taxes on what it terms "articles of luxury" and "articles of necessity." Here are a few specimens:

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Common window g a si 87 per cent Raw wool, 45 per cent. Steel rais, 85 per cent. Baw elik, free. Jowelry, 25 per cent. Gold studs, 25 per cent. Horsestou Lails, 116 per Finest still wines, in bot-ties, 20 per cent.

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Finest thread Isce, 30 per Spenithreid, 51 per cent. Pine Anhaisson and Ax-minister capets, costing abroad 22 77 a yard, 48 by per cent. abroad \$2.77 a yaid, 48

Finest India shawls, costing abroad, say \$20 a
pound weigh, \$5 cen s
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per cent.
Slike stockings 50 per
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\$5 a pound abroad, 35 cents a pound and 40 per cent., equal to about 41 per cent. cents a pound abroad, duty 35 cents a pound and 35 per cent ad valorem, equal to 59 per

Pate de foie gras, 25 per litee, 106; per cent.

Cent.

Musical instruments of all
kinds, 25 per cent.

Buty on a quart bottle of of champagne, coating abroad \$1 a bottle, 58 cents.

Carry and curry powder, free.
Clives, green or prepared, free.
Speces of all kinds, free.

Speces of all kinds, free.

Now with a degree of believes that is almost incredible unless it may be accounted tor on the ground that he had a profound contempt for the mental capacity of his hearere, a local vote catcher has addressed a laige meeting at which he held up this tabulation as an indication that the working people of the United States are oppressed by such a tariff arrangement, and that the rich are favorably treated as against the poor, in "articles of luxury" as compared with "articles of necessity." Strange to say a member of a laber union was found to move a resolution affirming this view of the case. But yet a moment's consideration ought to show that the tariff quoted is really in the interschoolboy ought to see this, and the comparison made ought to convert any observer to protective principles. For example, dismonds are not extensively produced in the United States, therefore a duty of ten per cent is all that is necessary. Window glass is an important industry, and if it were not present hour that same John Costgan is ranged. And at the present hour that same John Costgan is ranged. are not extensively produced in the United States, therefore a daty of ten per cent is all that is necessary. Window glass is an important industry, and if it were not least the most popular Tary Irish Cathoic in County, but that is saying very little. The plot would be affected. So again with gold attact. These are no great natter, but the trescance nalls are one of the most extensive articles of American commerce and manufacture. Therefore a 116 per cent, duty is no hardship or oppressive burden, if it presents to the rescaled decoling the condensate of the most extensively produced in the United States, therefore a daty of ten per cent is all that is necessary. Window glass is an important industry, and if it were not long that had at the present hour that say a John Costigan is per least the most popular among them. But Sr John Costigan is the most popular among them. But Sr John Costigan is the most popular among them. But Sr John Costigan is the most popular among them. But Sr John Costigan is the most popular among them. But Sr John Costigan is the most popular among them. But Sr John Costigan is the most popular among them. But Sr John Costigan is the most popular among them. But Sr John Costigan is the most popular among them. But Sr John Costigan is the most popular among them. But Sr John Costigan is per least that the mention of the mention of the most ext that the number of renegates is small, but yet there are still a few of them left; and do you know what should be destroyed." It was a slarge and their laws, went to Ontario to stand the industry, the need to obtain the mention of the East Huren, population 27,004; Catholics, is no hardship or oppressive burden, if it prevant keep the river channel open as far as Sorel, wents Belgium and England flooding the vents Belgium and England flooding the Union with its work. Pate de fole gras is happened here this morning. It took just the fact not something to be provided not, we believe, a steple manufacture in the same thing to be provided for a which do four duty in winter

> Now that Christmus is ever it may be worthy of note that the season is non-respect indirectly productive cien evil which few consider. Of course, the custom of decorating with evergreens has too many centuries upon its head for it to be lightly abolished, but there is certainly some greater care required in the methods of supply. The destruction of young trees is enormous. An interview with a gentleman connected with interview with a gentleman connected with fact "trade," shows that it is common for farmers and timbermen to make from \$400 to that the conting the conting of the make from \$400 to that the conting the conting of the mindeed affect to believe that the conting the conting of the coming session in the product of the coming session in the product of the coming session in the product of the heard, in the departmental offices, way. There is no end of the heard, in the departmental offices, way. There is no election to be that in heard, in the departmental offices, seer, or the law and the minute not been instructed to pretthe usual previous to a session to be that in heard, in the departmental offices, seer, or the vergices that make the usual previous to a session in the read, in the departmental offices, way. There is no election to be that in heard, in the departmental offices, way. There is no election to a session to be that in heard, in the departmental offices, way. There is no election to a session to be that in heard, in the departmental offices, way. There is no election to a session to be that in heard, in the departmental offices. Seer, or the usual previous to a session to be that in heard, in the departmental offices. Seer, or the usual previous to a session to be that in the departmental offices. Seer, or the usual previous to a session to be that in the departmental offices. Seer, or the usual previous to a session to be that in the heard, in the departmental offices. Seer, or the usual previous to a session to be that in the departmental offices. Seer, or the usual previous to a session interview with a gentleman connected with the "trade," shows that it is common for farmers and timbermen to make from \$400 to \$500 per annum in a season out of green stuff. We are further told that many of the wholesal. dealers buy from 10,000 to 20,000 young trees This will convey an idea of the tremendous destruction that goes on all over the country. We are further told by this wholesale dealer that Canada is drawn on largely for the other means enleavoring to promete

OUR QUEBEC LETTER.

From Our Own Correspon tent 1

Quinzo, Jan 3 .- Some people here affect to believe that the present G vernment will not in New Brunswick, in Q ebec and in Ontario, meet the house on the 27th inst. They appear he may yet appeal to the people before he holds think that they will res gn bof regulat day and thus allow the Hon. Mr. Mereier to have and Pretection are often percicious specimens a walk over. I doubt it. And one reason of the results of the blind leading the blind, why I doubt it is, that all the members Feeble generalizations are accepted as gos; cl salaries for January. This they did arout ten traths and windy platitudes for conclusive days ago, and in face of this "advance," it would require some grave political reasons to would require some grave political reasons to the Ministers to resign before they refluence the Ministers to resign before they carned the money which they have in their poskets. The best informed politicians in Que-bec believe that Dr. Ross and his confreres will New York in consequence of a "challenge," me t the House, and on the floor of the as it terms it, thrown down by the Times of Legis ature take their punishment smiling. But the s rangest rumor about this meeting of the Bouse is that the Gov rement intend to propise the Hon, Mr. Marchand as speaker! Now, of course, you know that the Ho. Mr. Marchand is a stannel Liberal and, it is supposed, that he will be Mr. Mercer's nomince for the speakership also. But Dr. Ross' friends say, "Supp se we propose Marchand, what then ?" And, as a matter f course the Nationalists reply, "Why, we will vite him down, that is all." The fact is lin. Ress and these around him are grasping at snaws. Acything to save them. But he Nationalists had on with a lid indifference. They remind not of an E glis man who was pitcously appealed to by a drowning man to "save me, sare," but the En tishman, with his national exclusiveness, excused I inself for note in my to the rescue because he "had a t been in rockesd." It is so with the National ists. They have "not been in reduced" to Dr. Ross and his conferrer, and refuse to save the drowning c mpany.

AN IRISHMAN ON A SPIT.

It is a common saying that "if you put ar Irishman on a spit you will always be sore of getting another Ir shman to turn him." Well I see nothing wrong in that. In fac: I think it is mite right to spit and turn and bast- every Irishman who does wrong. All other people do it, and why not the Irish? Laurier and Mescier "spit and tern" Langevin, Compleau and Caron. Macdonald, the Sco'chman, "spits and turns" Alexander Mackenzie Churchill, the Englishman, "spits and turns" Glidsone, and so on all through the chaps one, and so on an entered with ter. But when an Irishman goes wrong we ter. But when on Irishman goes wrong we Irishmen are to hold our tongues and be as dun b as Trappiste. When J. J. Curran goes to Ontario and fights for Meredah in the middle of his "No Popery" campaign we are all to say "hush -hush." "don't put him on a soit and turn him." Of course Mr. Curran well say that he was discussing Lomnion and a soit and turn him." Of course Mr. Curran will say that he was discussing Lominion and not local politics. But what did his meater, Sir John, say? Why he said, "li ven want to support me support my lieutenant, Mr. Meredith." In fact J. J. Curran all. me support my lieutenant. Mr. Mcredith. In fact J. J. Guran allowed his politics to get the better of his manhood in the Ontario business as he did in the Home Rale affair. No doubt about it. The hope of no incal preferment, that is the old rock on which the Irish M.P.'s struck in the Imperial House of Commons, and that is the reck on which they are strking in this Demanon. That is where Curran and Bergin and Cogolin where Curran and Bergin and Coghlin and the rest of them went down, and that is where their political bones will bleach in the runshine when Blake comes into power,

THE HON, MR. COSTIGAN. The Chroniele of this morning says that it is likely that the Hon. Mr. Costgan will retire think of that? After religion, and threatening M. P. for Kent, N. B., take his place. to "smash confederation into its original After praising Mr. Landry and boasting of the fragments" if the French-Chrudians did not qualifications he possesses for a seat in the Cayinet, the Caronicle says, "It would not greatly surprise us, we must confess, if he succeed Mr. Costinan is Ministr of Inland December 19 What is the mannion of all this? Revenue." What is the meaning of all this?
Is John Costigan to go? And if so,
why? I cannot see any reason why
the Heat John Costigan should leave

wites moss for the towerrat, speciary con-a meted icerans, which do ferry duty in winter, to cress from one side of the river to the other. And you must remember that there is not built for their work, and that some of them are

that the

GENERAL ELECTIONS

are imminent, and that if Sir John wins he are imminent, and that if Sir John wins he will buy, cajole or throw dust in the cycs of a few of the Hon. Mr. Mercier's followers and then win them "back to their allegiance," as they roothingly say. But the belief that the general elections are imminent is not confined to the Pendards. Judge Coursel has left his home at St. Thomas and gone to Montreal because he had some univate informa-Montreal, because he had some private informa-tion to the effect that Sir John intended to tion to the effect that Sir John intended to appeal to the country at once. The Hon. Mr. Langelier. Mayor of Quebec, has postponed his trip to Europe for a similar reason. The gathering of so many mirristers of the Crown—Caron, Coungan, Fester, and some others in New Bunswick gives more coloring to such a supposition, and even in face of the Tory disaster in Ontario the chieftain may stake all on one more hazard. He dreads may stake all on one more hazard. He dreads

THE COVERNMENT WILL PROPOSE

another election with the inevitable exposures that is the Orange policy,
about the Northwest affairs; its Smith-Shipley some one for speaker. Their nomines will be and Sir John is obliged to do as the Orange of both sexes and of all ages. Designating the sexual state of the sexes and of all ages. Designating the sexual state of the sexes and of all ages. Designating the sexual state of the sexes and of all ages. Designating the sexual state of the sexes and of all ages. Designating the sexual state of the sexes and of all ages. Designating the sexes and of all ages. Designating the sexual state of the sexes and of all ages. Designating the sexual state of the sexes and of all ages. Designating the sexual state of the sexes and of all ages. Designating the sexual state of the sexes and of all ages. Designating the sexual state of the sexes and of all ages. Designating the sexual state of the sexes and of all ages. Designating the sexual state of the sexes and of all ages. Designating the sexual state of the sexes and of all ages. Designating the sexual state of the sexes and of all ages. Designating the sexual state of the sexes and of all ages. Designating the sexual state of the sex and of all ages. Designating the sexual state of the sexes and of all ages. Designating the sexual state of the sexes and of all ages. Designating the sexual state of the sexual state of the sex and of all ages. Designating the sexual state of the

Oca-go sympathics and its many dangers. Sir Opposition does, but they will wait in vain, for John decads one discrete of allowing the Hon. Mr. Mercier to be in power target or four across the floor of the House and smile. Then would be target the contract the contract of the contract o months before the peneral elections, because he knows that that would mean the loss of many more seats to his Orang-Tory foll wirg. So that even in face of his disasters in Nova Scotia,

MERCIER'S CABINET. The Quebec Telegraph started the runor that the Hon. Mr. Mereter did not intend to take an Irish Catholic into his cabinet. I do not know where the Telegraph got its information, but the started to those the second rule know what is what do not 27th "ven may deeped upon it that the Propeople who know what is what do not believe a word of it. I do not profess to me the "inside track," but I know enough to justify me in giving the rumor a flat contradiction. In the first place it is a part of the the place it is a part of the place it Ron. Mr. Mercier's programme to have a representative Irish Catholic in his Ministry. Ho has said so over and over again. Besides, the lith Catholics gave the Nationalist party a very general support at the late provinced electrons and the support at the late provinced electrons are supported by the support at the late provinced electrons are supported by the support at the late provinced electrons are supported by the support at the late provinced electrons are supported by the support at the late provinced electrons are supported by the support at the late provinced electrons are supported by the support at the late provinced electrons are supported by the support at the late provinced electrons are supported by the support at the late provinced electrons are supported by the support at the late provinced electrons are supported by the support at the late provinced electrons are supported by the support at the late provinced electrons are supported by the support at the late provinced electrons are supported by the support at the late provinced electrons are supported by the support at the late provinced electrons are supported by the support at the support at the late provinced electrons are supported by the support at the support tions, and I am satisfied that the Hon. Mr. Mercie never gave the slightest indication of abandor ing the people who have stood loyally at his side. He is not that kind of a man, and the side. He is not that kind or a man, and are men who can suspect him of d ing anything of the kind do not know him, that is wh. The Hon Mr. Mercier will, first of all, be loyed to the province, and after that he will be loyal (those who were loyal to lem. On that point everyone who knows him is agreed, and the Telegraph is widely mit a ken in the motive and the character of the centing Premier of C nada.

Outene, Jan. 4,-Suppose the Hon, Mr. Mercer refused to take an English speakin Protestant into his cannot, what a how! The Mai' would noke of it. And yet, if he did, he went does only following the policy hald down by The Mail in it. No Popery crusade. In effect, that paper said that there should be rospecial representation of any religion in the cobiner in Ontario Divested of its covering, that meant that the Catholies of Ontario should have no representa tive among the ministers of that province Well, let us apply that policy to Quebec, and where shall we find ourselves? How worldth English Protestants of this province like to be deprived of representatives in the coming Cabi-net of the Hon, Mr. Mercier? What do you think? But the Catholics of Qu bec have different iteas of the rights of their Protestant teriow currens, and the situation should be straige, indeed, in which they could be toreed to deny the immority the right of such repre entation as their numbers entitle them to. Why, look at the Acadians. They only number a little over 108 600 all told, and yet it is now thing of the "best men" is a fallacy. Sup-pose that the thirteen "best men" in Causch were alt French Canadians, does any sane man believe that the English Protestants would cold. Look at that picture and now look at consent to live under a government made up of this:—At present we are laving a Lib-men who were not of their race or not of their creed. Not at all. We would have a rebellion body. Four provinces have spoken and in twenty-feur hours; and take the situation as it is, representation in the Cabinet according to nationality and religion is the only means by which we can keep a level keel in this country.

HELPING THE OBAN PHEN. Three French-Canadians from Messis, Bouffard, H. Chasso and A. Dionne-s umped Ontario for the Tories! What do you take a back seat! Yet men were found to lick the hand that spurned them. They went to side of the House opposite to Mr. Justin Mehelp the party that dare not reput interface Mad. Carthy. That means that the man who the party of Meredith, "My heuten int," as Sir I used those words is against Home Cale for John called him They went to help the party Ireland. There can be up mistake about whose chief organ said that "French Canadian that. And, of course, you know the man nativelem and intolerance is an uprising against the supremacy of British institutions." took the stamp for the friends of the raper that said, "The palace of the Pope is the only place on earth where murder is publicly glorified." These French Canadian Catholics these men who vow their love for their religion, their lanhonored among their fellows. So be it always.

" REVELY GETTING INTO POWER."

The Courte of to-day caused a smile to ripple over the features of a cheerer of politicians, one of whom was reading its article on the political situation of the day, in the St. Louis hotel. After struggling to make the people believe that the defeat of the Tories in

Waselle new-t thome litt boasts or prove them afteruli? Emplose the p ople at Ottawa tell the Provincial ministers to postpone the calling So far as I can learn, there is a precedent for such a preceding. It happened once in England that Parliament was called for the dispatch of business, and before the day arrived the

in New Brunswick, in Q sebec and in Ontario, he may yet appeal to the people before he holds another session, and go down to deteat before the carnival bids adien to the early days of February.

Or to be and go to the Lieutenant-Governor and House and go to the Lieutenant-Governor and tell him that they are powerless. At least, that is one way of getting them to clear out at ence, bag and baggage. For, if their motion for adjournment is not voted down, they can hold or for a flow days larger as I understand the or for a few days longer, as I understand the tractice, but by voting down everything the

SOMETRING WILL BE DONE

to after the complexion of the political weather-cock. They still keep hinting about certain Nationalists who are willing to come over, and they even have the check, yes, check is a good word, of using the name of the Hon. Mr. Garreau as one of the norm who may jet be induced to sell out! Why, pepte here, who know the Hon. Mr. Garneau, thick that the friends of the Hon man at night insteas well. friends of the Government might just us well smallow the whole of the cherry and tell us that the Hon. Mr. Mercer himse f is willing to transfor the Nationalist cause. The impudence of the friends of the Government is prodigious enough to do even that. But the Nationalists of Quebec know Mr. Carter the transformatic forms. me u to be a highly honorable man. They do not for a moment believe that he ever entertrived the notion of abandoning the cause he e poused last November twelvemonths. course by has influence, and he could probably draw several Nationalists along with him, but the men who think that a seat in the Legisla-tive Council could induce Mr. Garneau to join hands with the pendards, neither know the man they talk about nor how deeply he feels the cause he has espoused.

QUEEEC WEST.

I want to tell you something I heard to-day about the member for Quebec West-the Hou. Thomas McGreevy. Of course you know that he reprecented that division during the time-that McKenzie was in power at Ottawa. During the four years of the Liberal administration McGreevy had no influence at Ottawa, and he, his constituency, and his constituents were out in the cold. I believe that he never went to Ottawa but once during all the time that the Liberals were in power, and neither boodle nor patronage could be had for hinself the Liberals were in power, and negative con-tor patronage could be had for himself-or his friends. In fact, Quebec West might as well not have been represented at all. The consequence was that the interests of the city onfored and his supporters were left out in the that way at the present hour. Well, if Sr John goes and McGreevy happens to be elected for Quebec West, he will again become a nonentity; he will again be powerless to help bis friends; he will again shun Ottawe as the old buy shins holy water, and he will be afforded an opportunity of consoling himself with the raffection that "every dog has its day, and mise has gone for ever," Queenc, Jan. 7 .- "If I was a member of the

Imperial Parliament I would be sitting on the used these words is against Home Unle for that. And, of course, you know the man They doubld himself. And yet in face of that admission you will find Irish "Home Rulers" voting for the party of Sir John at the coming general election. Why certainly you will. They will "explain" it when the life and death of a nation is at is allowed to remain in power, like Pitt, "by stake, there should be no mercy shown to the | c named of the Kind." professing "Nationalists" who fallow party to the detriment of the National cause. Blake and Mowat and Mercier and our friends in Nova Scotia and New Bruzzwick In power,

to: Col. O'Brien, the Ocange M.P. for Mestoka, who, during the Home Rule debate Oranic, Jan. 5.—Suppose the Provincial Little flower of Commons, said: "I support Ligislature does not meet on the 27th inst., the amendment because it is the most micchieveus of the two; The Mail, which said that "the Irish Catholic population are a foreign element," and that if the Irish of Ithink affairs are all moving in the right Catholics do not get their share of direction." It is learned from a reliable nublic patronage because they are too source that Levi Iddessing, the Foreign Crange Vets in Uniarly,—these are Sir any other office, but that if the interests of Jan's pets, and by these we know Grange Votes in Untaile,—these are Sir event and put it off until they were in a Letter Jou's pets, and by those we know position to come before the representatives of the people. And you may depend upon it that if the members of the Lovernment think him climb again into power, if he can, by that if the members of the Lovernment think they have the ghost of a chance of clanging to power, or of helping their friends at Ottawa, by such a proceeding, they will because the Lieutenant-Governor should be a party to the postponement, and the question is, it postponement is demanded, what will he do? And you must remember that the Provincial Ministers may have good reasons of their own, such as they are, for putting off the meeting of the Legislature. Sir John may request it, and, of course, his "request" is law down here. Of that there can be no doubt. It is the rock on which the Ministers have soilt, and that they are clinging to Course shalt, and that they are clinging to course shalt have sailt, and that they are clinging to Course shalt, and that they are clinging to Course shalt, and that they are clinging to Course shalt, and that they are clinging to Course shalt and the can had been course shalt and the can had course of the course shalt and the course of a speech, and the course of the course shalt are course of the public shalt and the course of a speech, and the course of the public shall be course of the course of the public shall be a support to the course shalt be coursed as High Cock, in the can, by the course of the course of the course of the course of the public shall be course of the course of the public shall be course of the course of the course of the It is the reck on which the Ministers have split, and that they are clinging to still. Well, that is one "suppose," and it is one that is discussed in L'Alecteur this evening But let us take another "suppose," and let us appose that the House doer meet, what then? Why, in my opinion, what will happen will be the state of the suppose o Mardonald votes for "No Heme Rule for

But you may say that this is not Quebec politics, about which, perhaps, you expect me to write exclusively. Well, you must allow me a margin, and, after all, it is as much Quebec politics as anything else. But to come home I can tell you that

LIEUTENANT-COVERNOR MASSON i, by all accounts, now determined to follow

the constitutional practice to the letter. Men

whom I believe are in the inside track say that

the Lieut. Governor will not deviate from the

strict path of duty for any " combination." If Ross is defeated, Mercier-and only Mercier -must be called, say the friends of the Lieutenant Governor. That Ress will be defeated no one now doubts. The insolvency of the Conservative M.P.P. for Nicolet, Mr. Borais, may mean a vote less for the Government. There is not, as you are aware, any qualification required for an M.P.P., but insolvents cannot, according to law, sit in the House. The law has not been very strictly adhered to in the past, but in view of the existing state of parties the law may now be enforced. I believe that the usual course is to refer these matters to the "Committee on Elections and Privileges." If Mr. Darais takes his scat this committee will take up his case and enquire into it. Of course the committee will have a majority of members favorable to the Government. In that was, if Mr. Mercier is in power, Mr. Donie will be at his morey, and if insolvency is proved, the offen ling wember will beliable to a heavy fine for every time he sat or voted in the House. That is, I believe, the law of the case, And that Mr. Mercier will be in pewer this day three weeks, no one in O whee doubts. I know from high political score s that the Nationalist ranks are unbroken many of the members of the party have re-sisted overtures and temptations; that they have remained true to their friends, to themselves, and to the people who elected them. Ordered Jac. S.-Sir John A. Macdonald will ot, I believe, hold another session of the present Parliament. And the chief reason I have for saying this is that he is afraid of the Hon. Mr. Mercier. Sir Johnknows rhat on e in power, Mr. Mercier will, after some little time, be able to expose political rescalities which have perhaps, never toon surpressed in the history of constitutional government. Leave him six months in power, just time enough to inves-tigat, the North Shore Railway business, and the course of "administration" under Chaphan and Moussonn, and if he does not bring to light a wholesale system of corruption, peculation and fraud, the like of which constitution ally governed countries are not familiar with then the public will be agreeably disappointed, that is all. And Sir John knows that the expostires must of sheer necessity redeated to his discredit. He cannot hoodscink the public by that art of ruling which he once called "the art of humbugging," as easily as he probably tancies. The public new knows that the government of Quebec has all along, under Conservative schministration, been nothing but a political new bine used to keep them in power nt Ottaws. And they know, or certainly be-lieve, that the depleted to accept and the ruineus spoken emphatically, and they have said lieve that the depleted to accey and the ruineus that "Sir John must go." It certainly outs 1 which the province is said ed have, in agreet measure, come into existence terms the wished it. But let Mercur get at the backs and then he k out for squalls. That is one reven why Sir John will bring on the general elections, and that is one reason too why the friends of the government tremble at the idea of Mercier coming into power. Most of the Conservative politiciars admit that they will be beaten on the 27th, but publicly they still dely the holitical lightning. In Concrete the Cor. An and L'Economient levels the flag flying yet, and they boldly usineate that

BLRCIER WITH NOT BE PRESIDE. The latter paper said lest night that they could assume their briends that they were absolutely cortain that the present flavormment would be sustained in power. But their private talk does not agree with their journalistic bambast. To their friends they shake their heads and say "we shall see." Their is no swagger in their language when speaking to these who know so much, if not more, then themselves, and all these "certainties" are morely made for the purp ses all away. They will tell you that he did not if cheering the dropping spirits of the hangers mean it no more than he meant "I was never on. And you must remember that when the inside an Orange ledge in my life. I grant Liberals deserted Joly the Similion was different that the number of renegates is small, but sent. Then Ser John had just been elected to yet there are still a few of them left; and do I power again, and the prominent Liberals saw ive years of opposition below: them if they sup-ported the administration of the Hen. Mr. Joly. And you must remember, too, that Mr. Jely had only a mojerity of cose, while Mr. Mencier is sure of a majority of five or perhaps seven. You must, too, bear in mind the fact that far John may go down before the sterm that is now sweeping over the country, and that he cannot, in any case, hold the elections before the Covernment of Dr. R. hais defeated, unless, indeed, the actition is small the Pass political issues and be the best of friezds, but | the constition is again strained and lin. Ross

THE TEMISCOUNTA ELECTION.

I forget how much it cost Mr. Deschauss, the Fory, to defeat Mr. Pelletier, the Nationaliss, in Temiscounta. I know it was something enormous. The money of the Provincial as well as the Dominion Government was poid or used

GLADSTONE NOT CHANGED.

LONDON, Jan. 9 .- Mr. Giadate ne personally donics that he is prepared to modify the Home Rule bill. Mr. Gladstone, in a telegram to a Liberal meeting yesterday, said: the country and his party demand it he will probably reconsider his determination.

Beef, Iron and Wine