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The Quebec Telegraph is very angry with Mr. John Hearn, M.L.C., because he has stated in the Committee of Privileges at Ottawa that he would now place little credence on the statements of Mr. R. McGreevy.

The proceedings before the Public Accounts Committee this week have indicated a degree of recklessness and disorganization in the economy of the Civil Service which is creditable in the extreme.

FRANCE is probably calculating without her host in approaching Russia in connection with the threefold alliance. As against the combination it is manifest that Russia is helpless even in alliance with France.

THE behavior of certain persons, called to testify before the Senate Committee, as to the alleged frauds in connection with the Baie de Chaleurs Railway, is certainly exceedingly suspicious.

lendar to "get in." If the witnesses who have deflected in the matter of the Senate Committee on the Baie de Chaleurs railway do not attend, Parliament has power to compel them, and if it does not do so the public will possibly hold that assembly guilty of, to use the mildest terms, serious neglect of duty to their country, whose interests they are sworn to conserve.

It was not a bad idea for the Montreal City Council to pass, as it did, a resolution of congratulation on the occasion of the selection of the city of Chicago as the site for the World's Fair in honor of Columbus' discovery.

QUEBEC. If one of its newspapers is any indication, it has itself fallen into a fury if the opinion is expressed in Montreal that there is no immediate necessity for the construction of the proposed St. Lawrence bridge.

A MONSTROUS PROPOSITION.

Party government has its disadvantages, and one of these is the terrible rancour which at times it engenders.

fathering the bad thought. It is that the Premier of the Province has had a dispute with the Jesuit Fathers on account of an alleged commission which was to have been paid him on the amount obtained for the now famous settlement of the affairs of the Order.

DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

During the past week the legislators at Ottawa have not made much progress towards bringing their labors to a close.

The Tarte-McGreevy investigation is still in progress. Mr. McGreevy has declined to produce certain receipts and give evidence regarding the disposal of funds entrusted to him for election purposes.

A Bill before the Senate in the same Railway matter for the incorporation of the new company has been the occasion

of bringing to the surface some of the dark ways of the Local Government of the Province of Quebec. No one in Montreal is surprised at the disclosures that are being made, but they may cause some people to open their eyes in other parts of the Province.

THE LANGEVIN ENQUIRY.

The latest report from Ottawa is to the effect that Sir Hector Langevin resigned his portfolio preparatory to making a statement before the Committee of Privileges and Elections.

It is understood that Sir Hector Langevin has tendered his resignation as a Minister of the Crown, considering that it was his duty to Parliament, the Government and the Committee.

Sir Hector Langevin, it appears, has given a direct denial to the charges made in which he has been concerned.

"THE ROCK OF AGES."

During this nineteenth century the world has learned many things, and now, towards its close, it is beginning to unlearn some other things.

Expecting, perhaps hoping, that their researches would confirm the conclusions of those who condemned and denounced the Catholic Church, these sceptical students of history have pursued their investigations to a point where the divine symmetry of Catholicity must be admitted.

More Honors for Canadians.

Regional Curran, son of Rev. C. Curran, a protestant minister of Montreal, is now on a visit to his father previous to his going to India to take a position in the civil service.

Cornwall Canal Changes.

A proposal has been made to the Government which may materially alter the plans for the improvements of the Cornwall canal.

stench created by this new devil-worship, come cries of disgust and despair. For, under the specious name of liberty, might makes right, the strong trample on the weak.

To one who stands apart from the hideous strife and contemplates the solemn, majestic, changeless attitude of that Church throughout the ages, and reviews the dismal procession of human crime and folly pouring its noisome flood before its gates

But this country of humbugs, with its false fads of competition and capitalism, its tolerated system of sublimated selfishness, its so-called ignoble warfare of human atoms—the holy, serene, the unchangeable Church, can make no compromise.

Men are beginning to see and understand these things, and as a result are coming to regard the Catholic Church in a far more noble and reverent manner than they formerly did.

But over this miserable world drowned in sin, and the wretchedness of which sin is the parent, rises the bow of promise.

In the higher literature of the day the signs are increasing of a return to the simplicity, the unselfishness, of a former day.

National Finances.

The statement of revenue and expenditure for the month of July shows revenue of \$2,528,601 and expenditure of \$2,345,027.

Savings Banks Finances.

The return of the Montreal City and District Savings Bank for July shows liabilities of \$8,520,486 and assets of \$9,604,200.

THE FALL EXHIBITION. Special Facilities To be Offered By the Railways.

Information has been received from both the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific railways that special rates will be made for visitors to Montreal during the Exhibition.

Intending exhibitors should bear in mind that the date for sending in entry forms for exhibits of machinery, agricultural implements, manufactures and the industrial department generally closes Saturday, 15th instant.

Class IX, in the prize list issued by the exhibition company offers prizes for Canadian horses. This highly bred of horses was formerly known as the French-Canadian and is characterized by Arab head, long manes, good knee action, round quarters and general hardness of constitution.

A French Visitor.

The French Gunboat Bisson arrived in Montreal on Friday last and will remain about ten days. Her length is about 150 feet, breadth 24 feet and depth of hold 21 feet.

A Representative Man.

That grand old Catholic Sir Edward Kenny, in whose veins there never coursed a drop of bigoted blood, and who died quite recently at Halifax, left a will in which those items appear: To Mother Kenny of the Sacred Heart Convent of Marysville, in St. Louis, \$2,000, and to his three sons, who are priests—one a Benedictine and another a Jesuit—\$8,000 each.

Strange Expenditure.

Referring to the recent purchase of land for the construction of a new gaol, at Sault au Roccollet, LaMinerve says: "The brother of Count Mercier has just bought for the Government, at a cost of \$19,000, a farm at Sault au Roccollet, which was sold for \$7,000 a few years ago.

Oriental Visitors.

Capt. O'Hagan of the steamship Osmani has on board his boat two pretty little pets. They are gazelles from Persia, graceful and hardly the size of a greyhound.

Invaryably speak the truth even when you are aware of its being disagreeable.