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CATHOLIC CALENDAR. DECEMBER. THURSDAY, 11.—St. Damasus, Pope and Confessor. FRIDAY, 12.—Of the Octave. Fast. SATURDAY, 13.—St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr. SUNDAY, 14.—Third Sunday in Advent. Epist. Phil. iv. 4-7; Gosp. John i. 19-28. Consp. Br. Brondelet, Vancouver, 1870. MONDAY, 15.—Octave of the Immaculate Conception. TUESDAY, 16.—St. Eusebius, Bishop and Martyr. WEDNESDAY, 17.—Ember Day. Fast.

TO SUBSCRIBERS IN ARREARS. All those indebted for subscriptions, and who have already received accounts, are specially requested to send their remittances without delay.

The colonies of the Irish Catholic Colonization Association, established in Nebraska and Minnesota, are in a flourishing condition with increased moral and religious advantages.

Of the 34,000 newspapers of the world, nearly 32,000 are published in Europe and North America, leaving a little over 2,000 for all the other continents.

A cable despatch says it is reported that Mr. Gladstone has offered to the Marquis of Ripon, the retiring Governor-General of India, the position of Viceroy of Ireland, to succeed Earl Spencer, who is said to be desirous of withdrawing from a disagreeable and onerous position.

The Irish National party calculate on returning at least eighty-five members to the House of Commons when the Franchise and Redistribution bills go into effect.

The day after the alleged attempt to blow up the house of Mr. Hussey, the notorious Kerry land agent, the cable announced that the gentleman "was agent for Lord Lansdowne, and that immediately on hearing of the affair, His Excellency called his sympathy and congratulations on the wonderful escape of Mr. Hussey and family."

The Irish-American element is already very strong in the Congress of the United States. At the late general elections they seem to have added to their strength and have secured their full share of the political honor

this year. The following is a pretty accurate list of Congressmen elected from the Irish-American portion of the population: P. Dunn, Arkansas; C. E. Mitchell, Connecticut; W. H. Orin, Texas; Charles Dougherty, Florida; N. J. Hammond, Georgia; John C. Black and James McCartney, Illinois; Robert Lowry, Indiana; J. H. Murphy, Iowa; Thomas Ryan, Kansas; J. B. McCreary, Kentucky; S. R. Martin and A. B. Irwin, Louisiana; S. E. McCormac, Maryland; Patrick A. Collins, Massachusetts; James T. O'Donnell and J. E. Fitzgerald, Michigan; J. B. Gillilan, Minnesota; A. M. Dockery, John J. O'Neill, M. L. Clardy, W. Dawson, Mississippi; William McAdoo, New Jersey; Peter P. Mahoney, Felix Campbell, and A. Dowdney, New York.

The Belgian Radicals have clamored in vain for a change in the very moderate education law passed last session by the Conservative majority. Their riotous proceedings and dire threats have not succeeded in intimidating the Ministry, who have declared that they would on no account comply with the unreasonable demands of the anti-Catholic extremists.

IRELAND'S representation on the New York bench is surprisingly large. Three of the Supreme Court Judges—Donahue, Brady and Barrett, are of that nationality. Judge Barrett, who is one of the most esteemed judges in the State, was born in Ireland and has been in New York since his boyhood.

The total popular vote of the United States cast during the late Presidential election has been figured up and has been found to fall considerably short of what was expected.

Table with 2 columns: Candidate, Votes. Cleveland: 4,809,636; Blaine: 4,822,468; St. John: 147,621; Butler: 139,286.

These figures show that the successful candidate failed to carry the country by a clear majority. Cleveland had 109,858 votes less than a bare half of the total vote, and only defeated Blaine by the small plurality of 67,191 out of nearly ten million votes.

Table with 3 columns: Year, Total, Increase. 1880: 4,419,025; 1884: 4,809,636; Increase: 389,611.

The number of immigrants who settled in the Province of Ontario during the past year, excluding the present month of December, has been less than in either of the two preceding years.

far too large a proportion. There are enough Canadians in the country to fill all the positions of clerks and mechanics that offer without competition from outside.

We publish elsewhere a letter from a respected correspondent, requesting that a list be opened in the columns of this paper for the purpose of receiving subscriptions to the National Fund now being raised in England and Ireland for the family of the late A. M. Sullivan.

A CASE that is of great importance to the Press has been brought into the American courts. The Boston Globe published the other day what purported to be a confession of a mysterious murder which occurred in 1872.

JUDGE BLONGETT, of the Superior Court, has rendered his decision in the case of the two newspaper reporters of the Boston Globe who were arrested on a charge of contempt of court in refusing to disclose to the grand jury the source of certain information regarding a mysterious murder which occurred some years ago.

SHAKING THE EXPENSES AND DUTIES OF WAR.

Perhaps the most unwarranted and silly things uttered by the Canadian Premier during his sojourn in England, was the following passage in his Imperial Federation speech at the London meeting.

This is about the purest buncombe and floundering Sir John was ever guilty of. There would have been no harm done if the Premier had satisfied himself with going security for the sympathies of the people or of the Legislature in case England became engaged in a foreign war.

country, enter into a foreign war and that the whole policy is opposed to an aggressive war. This may be correct in one sense, but not in another.

THE MARITIME PROVINCES AND ANNEXATION.

THERE is a growing evidence that the feeling in the Lower Provinces towards confederation is far from kindly. It is constantly becoming more manifest that a very large and influential section of the people as well as of the press are dissatisfied with the working of the confederation and with the results that have flowed from the union.

These remarks were followed by an amendment to the resolution, declaring that as no official opinion had been made either on the questions of annexation or dismemberment of the Dominion, a vote on this or any other political question was out of place.

These arguments convinced the Board of Trade to the extent of making it throw out the resolution, declaring against annexation, by a vote of two to one. To complete the turning of the tables the Board adopted the following resolution, which is highly significant and which should not fail to attract the serious attention of the authorities at Ottawa.

THE ORANGE TROUBLES IN NEW-FOUNDLAND.

The intolerance and brutality of Orangemen have been pretty effectively curbed during the past few years, both at home and abroad. In the United States they have settled down to the peaceful way of life, in Canada they give infinitely less trouble than they used to in Ulster, Ireland.

In these few brief lines we have a faithful and complete description of the whole object, aims and purposes of the Orange organization in its barbarous mood.

Orangemen will always continue insolent and brutal until they are made to feel that the law is impartial, or that tactics similar to their own are used to suppress them.

That is very edifying language for an Attorney-General to hold. It is prima facie evidence of his incompetency and unfitness to fill the position which he holds.

GROWTH OF DIFFERENT CHURCHES IN THE UNITED STATES.

From a religious standpoint the Plenary Council at Baltimore, which is about to conclude its labors, is the most important assemblage of Church dignitaries that has ever been held on this side of the Atlantic.

Since 1860 the total has grown from 15,000,000, which is an increase of 75 per cent., keeping pace exactly with the increase in population.

The Episcopalians show a fair increase in number, yet one relatively below the average. Their percentage of gain is 33 1/2 per cent. in twenty-five years, bringing up the total from 900,000 to 1,200,000.

But the most surprising feature of this statistical table is the immense growth of the Catholic Church. In 1860, the Catholic Church numbered in the United States only 3,175,000, or one-tenth of the entire population.

In 708 universities, seminaries, colleges and academies the higher education of the youth of both sexes is carried forward by learned and accomplished professors.

DAKOTA vs. MANITOBA.

Notwithstanding the five or six hundred thousand European immigrants and native Canadians that started, during the past decade, to make Manitoba their home, there are to-day less than 100,000 souls all told in the Prairie Province.