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MONTEAL, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1873. ECCLESIASTICAL CALENDAR. OCTOBER—1873. Friday, 17—St. Hedwig, V. Saturday, 18—St. Luke, Ev. Sunday, 19—Twentieth after Pentecost.

NEWS OF THE WEEK. M. Thiers, it is said, will come forward as Chief of the Left side of the Assembly, and will try to outflank the Royalists by a motion for conferring on Marshal MacMahon a three years' tenure of office as President.

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