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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 1. Circumcision. THURSDAY, JAN. 2. Octave of St. Stephen.

FRIDAY, JAN. 3. Octave of St. John. SATURDAY, JAN. 4. Octave of Holy Innocents.

SUNDAY, JAN. 5. Octave of St. Thomas of Canterbury.

MONDAY, JAN. 6. Epiphany. TUESDAY, JAN. 7. St. Oed. WEDNESDAY, JAN. 8. St. Albert.

The New Year.

By a glance at the title page of the TRUE WITNESS this week our readers will notice that we begin with this issue a New Year.

Queen's Council.

Our readers will be pleased to learn that amongst the recent appointments to the honor of Queen's Counsel by the Dominion Government are Mr. P. J. Coyle and Mr. Hackett.

A Wonderful (?) Discovery.

Our enlightened (!) local contemporary with the literary title and the boasted subscription list has just found out that the Catholic clergy of Montreal are in favor of high license and dishes up this intelligence to its readers with a display heading.

of by this bigoted sheet to tender to the socially acquired subscriptions of the Catholics of Montreal.

The Deadly Wires.

We are pleased to see that the determined action taken by the civic authorities of New York to do away with overhead wires, (only, however, after several lives were sacrificed) has had a salutary effect on the Montreal City Council.

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of these claims had been yielded before the time of the cession of Alaska; and while it is true that the determination of the question whether Behring Sea was an inland water subject to the jurisdiction of Russia, or a part of the Pacific Ocean, had not been definitely settled, it is notorious that the dominion of Russia was not acknowledged under international law.

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add to what I have said, except to say that the principle on which they, in my judgment, rest is that their organization and support depend solely upon the voluntary action of the Roman Catholic citizen, and that the state has in their case no jurisdiction, or supposed to affect the citizens, and not to the hierarchy, the management and control of them.

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MEREDITH ENRAGED.

He Replies to Archbishop Cleary to Justify His Recent Utterances—Dragging Up Old and Repeatedly Refuted Charges Against the Archbishop.

LONDON, Ont., December 27.—Mr. W. R. Meredith has made public the following letter written in reply to the one recently given to the press by Archbishop Cleary:—

LONDON, Ont., December 27, 1889. My Lord Archbishop:—

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st inst., but only to bid you a superficial reading of it would be difficult in the mass of exhortation, instruction and feverish admonition which it contains, and which reaches its climax when you stay for a moment the torrent of your eloquent invective to drop a sympathetic barb at the thought of the injury I have done to my country, to recognize the fact that I am the son of the same soil as you, the descendant of the same ancestral stock, the native of the same soil, the citizen of the same land, the member of the same community.

THE CHURCH OF THE CROSS.

The Jesuit's church has always been the favorite of all the Roman Catholic churches of the city among our Protestant population, and that gathered there at midnight a large congregation, which included many dissenters from the doctrines of the Catholic Church.

ST. PATRICK'S.

The music was particularly fine at midnight mass at St. Patrick's. The choir did full justice to Faucounier's brilliant and tasty music.

ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH.

As is usual on Christmas eve, this church was so crowded that numbers of people were unable to obtain admission. The music was undoubtedly an attraction to many strangers, as the choir has deservedly gained a high reputation under the able direction of Mr. A. P. McGuirk.

Mr. Murphy Elected.

The election to fill the vacancy in Quebec West took place on Monday and created intense excitement in the Ancient Capital. As we go to press information reaches us that Mr. Owen Murphy, the Government candidate, has been elected by a majority of between two and three hundred.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC.

The Feast of the Nativity Celebrated by Beautiful Services

Large and Devout Congregations Attend the Midnight Masses—The Musical Portions of the Ceremonies.

Christmas eve was ushered in by a welcome snow storm, this year, but the weather did not prevent the Catholics of Montreal from gathering in their thousands at the different churches at midnight to inaugurate the celebration of the nativity of Our Divine Redeemer by solemn and devout masses.

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BRAZIL'S EX-EMPERESS DEAD.

Exited from Her Country Her Last Words are for Brazil.

OPORTO, December 20.—Theresa Christina Maria, the ex-Empress of Brazil, and sister of Francis I, late King of Naples, died here to-day of heart disease. She was visiting the city with her husband, Dom Pedro, and had not been very well for the past month, or since Dom Pedro was deposed from the throne of Brazil and his family driven to Portugal. The dead ex-Empress was married to Dom Pedro in 1843, leaves two daughters, one of whom is the Princess Isabella, wife of the Comte d'Eu, and whose intrigues is ascribed by many to the responsibility for the recent overthrow of the Brazilian monarchy.

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