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It is gratifying to learn that a good class of immigrants are arriving this spring. If the steamship proprietors were compelled to take care of the passengers they bring out, very few would find their way to this country.

WORKMEN throughout the older provinces are of opinion that encouraging immigration is not desirable. Wages are not so high, and it is hardly in human nature to ask the laborer to share his half loaf.

The Institute of Deaf Mutes at the Mile End want to utilize their farm at Terrebonne. If the Government assists them, they intend to give their afflicted patients a moral and intellectual education adapted to their condition.

If there is any depth of depravity and wickedness not yet reached in this world, it is quite safe to assume that the divorce courts will sound it before many years. A divorce case, now on trial in Long Island City, across the line, is remarkable as furnishing the disgusting spectacle of a more boy being questioned and cross-questioned as his mother's short comings, and a young girl being subjected to the same infamous ordeal with reference to her father's conduct towards women other than his wife.

On the first page of this issue will be found our special correspondence from Michael Davitt. We would call the special attention of our readers to this letter, as it contains a frank and open explanation of the relations between the Irish leader and the father of the Land League. Davitt undertakes therein to correct certain impressions that are flying about, which are calculated to lead to wrong conclusions and to injure the National League by rumors of divisions, when no such divisions exist or are likely to exist.

The following is another illustration of how unreliable the news, furnished by the cable correspondents, is regarding Irish affairs.

LONDON, May 9th.—The Pope has summoned one hundred and fifty of the Irish prelates to Rome next October. It is understood that they will then receive personal instructions as to the attitude to be maintained by the church toward England.

Mr. Gladstone's style of dealing with the land lord claim of compensation is as amusing as it is to many convincing. He tells a good story of a gentleman travelling in Scotland with a young son of nobility. The latter complained of the invidious doctrines which were being preached all over the country.

The intelligence received last week that the State of Florida had gone down in mid-October after being in collision with another

vessel completely knocks the bottom out of the dynamite theory concerning which so much twaddle has been indulged in by the British press for several weeks past. We have been told that the people of London were completely scared over the loss of the steamer, and that Americans were invited to Lynch Bossa, who, by the way, has been credited with the loss of every vessel for the past year or two.

It has often been asserted that in matters connected with the political affairs of Ireland, English "justice" in seeking the conviction of alleged offenders, looks rather to the end than to the means. As long as its intended victim is hanged or sent to prison, everything is well with this special kind of "justice." It seems hard to contend that such is the case, but such contentions are, nevertheless, borne out by constantly recurring facts.

Women who, deliberately and in the full possession of their senses, consent to be matrimonially tied to known drunkards receive very little sympathy from judges in the State of Iowa, and less comfort from the laws of that commonwealth. The Supreme Court has just refused to grant a divorce to a wife, who had got over her infatuation, in a case of this kind.

The railroads in Great Britain do considerable killing during a year. The return for 1883, issued by the Board of Trade, of the number of persons killed and injured in the course of public traffic for the past twelve months shows the following results:—From accidents to trains, rolling stock, etc., eleven passengers and eleven servants of companies were killed, and 662 passengers and 87 employees were injured.

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who engage in it, but which for the most part does not add anything to the real wealth or well-being of the world—why should the Treasury of the United States be drawn upon to repair the disastrous effects of his unfortunate speculations?

It has come to pass that even the London Times is disgusted with the noble lords of England, and has uttered a threat against the hereditary legislators. The House of Commons had passed a bill to prohibit the brutal pastime of shooting pigeons. The Lords rejected the bill as it would interfere with their sport.

The Church Times, a high toned religious organ in England, makes some very severe comments on themorganatic marriage of the Duke of Hesse, who was to marry another of the Queen's daughters, Princess Beatrice, if the bill permitting marriage with a deceased wife's sister ever passed the House of Lords.

The debate on Sir Michael Hicks-Beach's vote of censure on Gladstone's Government was commenced on Monday. This vote is asked for on account of the policy pursued in the Sudan. Sir Michael contended that the course of the Government was not calculated to promote the success of Gordon's mission, and his personal safety had been endangered by Ministerial negligence.

ANOTHER CHAMPIONSHIP FOR CANADA. Canada is forging ahead in the matter of championships, and Canadian pluck and muscle tell every time.

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ERRINGTON MUST GO. The Nationalists have taken an effective step toward ousting Mr. George Errington from the representation of Longford County.

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with the unanimous force of his clergy, has helped to make Mr. Errington a political outlaw in the country. Mr. Thomas Quinn, a resident of London, a native of Longford, and a Nationalist of many years' standing, has been selected to fill the gap.

NATIONAL STATISTICS. The following statistics regarding the native and foreign born population of the capitals of the two chief provinces of the Dominion may be found interesting.

Native born..... 77,480 English..... 698 Irish..... 3,406 Scotch..... 329 American..... 247 Other nationalities..... 373 Total..... 82,533

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Native born..... 15,716 East York..... 1,627 West York..... 2,285 Total..... 19,628

FILE STORY OF AN OFFICIAL MURDER.

The English House of Commons has on many occasions been made to ring with the echoes of earnest and passionate protests against the barbarity and despotism practised by officials in Ireland, but the saddest tale of all is that which Mr. Leamy, the member for Waterford, has for some time past been endeavoring to force upon the unwilling ears of the Government and of the House.

out of season, Leamy forced or shamed Mr. Trevelyan, the Irish Chief Secretary, into action; and the death of poor Cummins is to be referred to a commission, which at the present moment is investigating prison treatment in Ireland. This is how humanity is outraged in Ireland by England's brutal officials. *Ex uno disce omnes.*

THE BUSINESS TAX DECLARED LEGAL.

When the Local Legislature passed an act in 1882 authorizing the Treasurer to impose a business tax upon incorporated bodies and companies, a fierce opposition was set up against it, and those affected by the act refused to comply with its provisions and to pay the amount of taxes which it was proposed to levy.

The whole object of the British North America Act was simply to sanction Federal Union and to define the powers of the Dominion Government, without prejudice to the Provinces, which maintained their sovereign powers and rights, giving up only such of these as they were willing to concede to the Federal Government.

As to the question of this business tax being a regulation of trade and commerce, which the Federal Government alone has authority to deal with, the court held that the tax offered no interference in that direction and did not encroach on federal rights.

THE GRAIN TRADE AND FREE CANALS.

Montreal, as a grain shipping port, is at present laboring under great difficulties and disadvantages. The whole grain trade is demoralized. Steamship owners, forwarders, dealers, can lay their hands on little or none of that product.

was a short one, and the result is that we have very little Canadian wheat or corn to ship. On the other hand, the grain from the West is carefully kept out of Canadian territory by means of cheap freight over American routes.

AMERICAN ROUTE. Wheat, per 60 lbs, Corn, per 56 lbs. Chicago to Buffalo..... 2 1/2 2 1/2 Buffalo to New York..... 3 1/2 3 1/2 Chicago to New York..... 6 1/2 5 1/2

CANADIAN ROUTE. Wheat, per 60 lbs, Corn, per 56 lbs. Chicago to Kingston..... 4 1/2 4 1/2 Kingston to Montreal..... 2 1/2 2 1/2 Chicago to Montreal..... 7 1/2 7

These figures demonstrate at a glance why the grain trade is falling back and disappearing in Montreal. No wheat that can be brought from Chicago to New York at 1 1/2 cents per bushel cheaper than over Canadian routes is going to come to Montreal especially when steamship rates are or would be made as low at one port as at the other.

IRISH NATIONAL LEAGUE.

The regular monthly meeting of the above association was held in St. Patrick's Hall, St. James street, on Sunday afternoon, the President, Mr. Donovan, in the chair. There was a fair attendance of the members present, and the usual routine of the monthly meetings transacted.

THE SISTERS OF THE GREY ROBE.

A band of humble devoted Grey Sisters—twelve in number—leaves our city on the 16th instant, for the North-West Missions. How imperfectly do the above lines convey to the reader the amount of human suffering these heroic servants of Jesus and Mary are about to encounter.