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EVENTS OF THE WEEK.

The Dominion elections have resulted in the return, by a reduced majority, of Sir John Macdonald and his party for another term to power. The contest had happily not introduced into it the issues which, unfortunately, were made factors of the late elections in this Province.

The influence of the Holy Father throughout the present European crisis has been exerted on behalf of peace. The German elections, on which the peace of Europe hung, have resulted in favour of Prince Bismarck. With a majority of Septennists in the Reichstag, war, if not avoided, is at least postponed.

The suggestion thrown out by Mr. Chamberlain that all conditions in dispute between the Liberals and Unionists might be satisfied by adopting for Ireland an imitation of the Constitution of Canada has only served to make manifest the insincerity of his previous professions. Mr. Haldane, M.P., the standing counsel, we believe, for this Province, in England, in a letter to the *Times*, questions almost every one of Mr. Chamberlain's analogies. The result he arrives at is, that the only one of Mr. Chamberlain's statements that is not wholly inaccurate is "the comparatively unimportant suggestion of an analogy for the separate treatment of provinces;" and he concludes that whatever policy is adopted with regard to Ireland, "those who frame it will need a courage of their opinions greater than that possessed either by the present Government or by Mr. Chamberlain."

LETTER

FROM HIS GRACE THE ARCHBISHOP OF TORONTO.

St. MICHAEL'S PALACE, Toronto, 29th Dec., 1886.

GENTLEMEN,—

I have singular pleasure indeed in saying God-speed to your intended journal, THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY REVIEW. The Church, contradicted on all sides as her Divine Founder was, hails with peculiar pleasure the assistance of her lay children in dispelling ignorance and prejudice. They can do this nobly by public journalism, and as the press now appears to be an universal instructor for either good or evil, and since it is frequently used for evil in disseminating false doctrines and attributing them to the Catholic Church, your journal will do a very great service to Truth and Religion by its publication.

Wishing you all success and many blessings on your enterprise,

I am, faithfully yours,

† JOHN JOSEPH LYNCH,
Archbishop of Toronto.

In the House of Commons on Monday, the leader of the Government, Mr. W. H. Smith, moved the introduction of the new rules for procedure, by means of which the Speaker is intended to be invested with absolute authority in debate. The proposals of the Government were resisted by Mr. Gladstone, Sir Wm. Harcourt and Mr. Parnell, on the ground that they would tend to produce unnecessary irritation without facilitating, to any extent, the conduct of public business.

In the case of the Government against Messrs. Dillon and O'Brien, the Court has refused to grant the application of the prosecution for an order requiring the defendants to be present during the trial. Archbishop Walsh has subscribed \$50 to the fund for the defence, as a protest against the insult to many members of his flock by the packing of the jury chosen to try the defendants.

Cardinals Gibbons and Taschereau, who are now in Rome, are expected to formulate their opinions on many matters of American interest. The Holy Father, in audience with them, spoke of the Baltimore Council as an honor to America and the whole Church. The Church enjoys, he said, in America, the fullest measure of civic freedom.

Cardinal Manning has issued a pastoral on the relief of the poor of London, in which he states that he has been instrumental during the past few years in sending 500 children to Canada, all of whom were received into comfortable homes. Good reports have been received of these children, and in every case their prospects are bright.