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## EVENTS OF THE WEEK.

A despatch from Rome to the *London Chronicle* says Rev. Dr. McGlynn, of New York, has again informed the Vatican that he refuses to come to Rome.

During the past week 2,678 emigrants left Queenstown for America. The total for April is 11,854, against 6,656 for April last year.

The Pope has sent a telegram to Emperor William and Prince Bismarck thanking them for their support of the new Prussian Ecclesiastical bill. The despatch adds that his Holiness desires the prosperity of Germany and the Catholic Church.

The Vatican has notified France that General Boulanger's military law, which refuses exemption from military service to youth or men studying for the priesthood, is an infringement of the concordat, and has demanded its withdrawal.

Cardinal Rampollo has been appointed Papal Secretary of State; Mgr. Agliardi, Secretary of Extraordinary Ecclesiastical Affairs; Mgr. Rotelli, Papal Nuncio at Paris; Mgr. Galimberti, Nuncio at Vienna; Mgr. Pietro, Nuncio at Madrid, and Mgr. Scilla, Nuncio at Munich.

The Pope has received a letter from Emperor William in which the Emperor thanks the Pope for his wise and conciliatory co-operation in settling the Ecclesiastical Bill, and expresses the hope that the present religious peace will never be disturbed.

The venerable Father Dowd, pastor of St. Patrick's, Montreal, disapproves strongly, it is said, of the purpose of Mr. O'Brien's visit to this country. The *Star* represents him as

having said in an interview that the visit "will simply result in ill feeling among the various classes of which Canada is composed."

The progress of the Crimes Bill through the Committees of the House of Commons has been hastened by frequent applications of cloture. On Tuesday night the attention of the House was drawn to an article in the *Times* charging Mr. Dillon with wilful and deliberate falsehood in a Parliamentary speech, the article constituting, it was moved, a breach of privilege. Mr. Dillon was willing, he said, to meet the printers of the *Times* at the bar of the House, and, on Government suggesting an adjournment, desired the question to be settled at once. The charges could be proven to be calumnies, and he objected to delay. The persecution of the Irish party had reached a point, Mr. Sexton said, which could no longer be endured, and the Irish members desired an enquiry by means of a select committee of the House. The motion to adjourn, which was carried by a majority of 99, was opposed by Mr. Gladstone and Sir Wm. Harcourt, who claimed that the motion of Mr. Lewis was made with the connivance of the Government, which resorted to an adjournment, denying to the Irish members the opportunity of meeting the accusations of unprincipled newspapers who pursued towards them a policy of "moral assassination."

The Jesuit bill came up for consideration in the Quebec Assembly on Friday last, Mr. Mercier, the Premier, and introducer of the measure, speaking in its support. He eulogized the Jesuits, claiming that they were the pioneers of civilization in Canada. There was no opposition to the bill, he said, the only petition against it coming from the Ministerial Association of Montreal, a body which he failed to see was interested in the matter at all. Vicar General Hamil, representing Cardinal Taschereau, said that the principle of the bill was not objected to, but that all the Cardinal and other bishops asked in connection with the case was that it should be postponed, pending a reference to Rome.

Rev. Father Vignon, Superior of the Order, said that he was gratified to hear what had fallen from the Grand Vicar, and admitted that the Cardinal and other members of the episcopacy desired a postponement of the measure. He said, however, that since the Archbishops of Ottawa and Montreal and the Bishop of Three Rivers did not join in the request for delay, he and his colleagues would be satisfied to have their bill amended so as to provide that it should only apply to those three dioceses.

The motion of Mr. Casgrain, of Quebec, that action should be suspended until another session, was opposed by Mr. Mercier in a vigorous speech. He could not consent, he said, to do an injustice to, or slight, a deserving religious order by refusing to them the privileges granted to other religious bodies. The question he claimed to be a civil, not a religious, one, and the Jesuits, he argued, were the last who should be refused such rights in a country which they had watered with their blood as the pioneers of Christianity and civilization. On the House dividing, the bill was carried by a majority of 18. The bill was supported by half the Protestant members, ex-Crown Lands Commissioner Lynch remarking that he failed, as a Protestant, to see anything alarming in its character, or why a section of the public should wish to deny the Jesuit Fathers the civil rights granted to every one else.