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We are glad, and have no doubt that all our readers will be equally glad, to note the announcement that Michael Davitt intends to contest the seat for Waterford in the House of Commons.

The rumors concerning the admission of Mr. Meredith, the leader of the opposition in the Ontario Legislature, to the Cabinet, have never been confirmed, and if the opposition to his admission in the Catholic press and in leading Catholic circles will in any way influence the premier, the probabilities are that he will not grace the treasury benches for some time to come.

The unfortunate position of affairs continues in the province of Quebec, and the day on which the Legislature must meet draws nearer without any apparent clearing of the political atmosphere.

The illness of one of the Commissioners has delayed the presentation of the report on the Baie de Chaleurs affair, and apparently the fate of the Ministry seems to hang upon its tenor.

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stamp do not admit replies to the falsehoods they give currency to upon Catholic subjects. Ready as they ever are to publish the libel, the justification is rarely printed, and when it is we frequently see it in a distorted form.

THE Hon. Mr. Mowat has published a twelve-column letter to the press, in which he reviews the reviewers of his recent letter written with reference to the "annexation meeting" of Mr. Solomon White at Woodstock.

That the suppression of a truth is the suggestion of a falsehood is a well-known maxim. It is equally true that to exaggerate is, virtually, to tell a falsehood.

Assistant-Secretary Nettleton has directed that a sanitary inspector be stationed at Rouse's Point, N.Y., during the prevalence of smallpox in Canada, for the purpose of preventing the introduction and spread of that disease into the United States.

La Semaine Religieuse, in its Chronique last week, tells its readers that a certain municipality in Canada has decided to take the students of the common schools, once a month, to the theatres.

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ment of utter demoralization and a standing menace to society. If any of our readers choose to take the trouble to walk for a short time in front of any of these establishments, and listen to the loudly expressed opinions of the boys and girls of tender years on the "plays" presented within their walls they will obtain a better idea than we can give them of the evil to soul and body which these "galls" are doing the community.

DOMINION POLITICS.

The party organs are again beginning to feel uneasy at the delay experienced in making the promised changes in the Dominion Cabinet. The Canadian Gazette, published in London, foreshadowed the other day that the personnel would be changed in the Departments of Railways and Agriculture, whereupon the Citizen, published at Ottawa, and the Montreal Gazette, both staunch advocates of the administration, have deemed it proper to speak in unmistakable terms.

ITALY AND THE POPE.

The letter of ex-Prime Minister Crispi, concluded in the present number of the North American Review, is most disappointing. As a historical review of important events, it is meagre in the last degree, whilst its dark hints at Jesuit intrigue betray the desire to create suspicion where proof is not forthcoming.

It is a strict obligation laid upon parents to give all their care and to neglect no effort to repress energetically all unjust violence done to them in this matter, so that they may guard their exclusive authority in the education of their children.

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and he says: "This gives me no trouble for the future of our country, which is strong enough to defend herself against all internal enemies; but the work of the Pope may result in crippling our action, in the case of foreign aggression"—all of which is rather incomprehensible, since a few lines below he declares: "Fortunately for us Leo XIII. has no followers in our country."

PUBLIC EDUCATION.

There seems to be an open revolt all along the line against that purely secular class of education which must result from the training of youth being left wholly to the State.

We desire to exhibit especially the fathers of families to regulate the government of their households, and the first education of their children according to the precepts of Christianity.

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church of the province. The Chief Justice delivered the judgment of the full court, granting the application and quashing the city by-law.

THE O'HART TESTIMONIAL FUND.

Hon. Edward Murphy, \$25 00; A. Brogan, 1 00; D. Macdonald, 1 00. Subscriptions sent to this office, or to the Hon. Edward Murphy, will be duly acknowledged and remitted to Mr. O'Hart.

C. M. B. A.

The Appointment of Mr. Justice Doherty. The C.M.B.A. held a general meeting last Monday, at the hall of Branch 25, for the purpose of tendering their congratulations to C. J. Doherty, Chancellor of Branch 41, on his elevation to the dignity of Hon. Justice of the Superior Court.

It was also resolved: That the most grateful thanks of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association of the city of Montreal be tendered to Hon. C. J. Doherty, for his earnest exertions, which resulted in the appointment of Chancellor C. J. Doherty to the dignity of Hon. Justice of the Superior Court.

It was likewise resolved: That the members of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association of the city of Montreal do hereby express to the Honorable Minister of Justice, Sir John Thompson, their sincere appreciation of the honor conferred on our superior court, and that we feel assured that the appointment will tend to reflect honor on himself as well as on the Honorable Justice.

Hummer Meeting of Branch 26

The annual election of officers of this branch in the city was held in the Branch hall, on Monday evening, 14th inst., and 125 members were present. In the absence of President Nugent, through sickness, first vice-president Jenson presided.

Branch 26, C.M.B.A., Ottawa, held its annual election on Saturday night, when the following were elected: Chaplain, Very Rev. L. N. Campeau; Chancellor, J. J. Cassault; President, Honore Chateaubriand; 1st vice, Damase Tasse; 2nd vice, Fred. Lapointe; Treas., J. E. H. Lafreniere; Sec. Gen., Lasalle Gravelle; Ass't. Sec., D. Duhamel; Marshal, George Laflamme; Guard, Nap. Casault; Trustees, Very Rev. L. N. Campeau, Very Rev. J. A. Plante, E. A. Laflamme, A. E. Lussier, L. A. Chevrier; representative to Grand Council, Lasalle Gravelle; alternate, L. N. Casault.

Very Wise.

It is understood that Count Mercier intends withdrawing his action for seditious libel. The reason for this is said to be that the Lieutenant-Governor refuses to allow his name to be used in any such connection, and that the action was entered without his knowledge of it officially.

New Songs.—Our beautiful edition (better than the 40c edition) of the most famous song of the day, viz., "The Prebute that is turned towards the Wall," by composer of "When the Pilot takes Command," "If the Waters could speak as they Flow," etc., at the same price, viz., 10c. Also, the fine song "Christmas comes but once a year," the very humorous comic song "Since Maggie learnt to Sing," by Jamieson; "McGee's Backyard," the famous Irish comic. The fine songs "My mother's sweet Face" and "Peaceful Dreams." We have just received fresh supplies, all 10c each or 11c mail.

For Christmas, buy Street's jig and reel book, containing 62 jigs and reel. Price, 25c. W. Street, 29 Bleury.

POLITICS

should be Purer Than They Are at Present.—A Condemnation of Corruption. La Semaine Religieuse, the organ of the Archbishop, is out with a pronouncement this week on matters political, under the heading of "Some Fundamental Principles of Moral Science," in which it says: "God, the Author and Protector of social order, also instituted public authority, and confides to same men, chosen for that purpose, a portion of His power over their fellows, only for the preservation and increase of the common good. This consists in temporal welfare obtained so as not to compromise the trustees of this holy authority, no matter to what degree they may be placed, must guide to this end all the essential acts of their public life, and they could not employ a single one of these to promote either their own personal interests, or those of another individual or group of individuals, without violating an indispensable law which God has promulgated by supernatural revelation, by the light of reason, and by the social conscience of all people."

they cause a notable loss to the treasury, or public domain, that commandment of God, by which a vulgar individual who appropriates to himself or deteriorates the property of others, is obliged to make restitution, reaches their conscience with all the more force, that their example is dangerous and the abuse of confidence all the more heinous. One of the most noble and important attributes of sovereignty is the right, or rather the duty, of choosing well the men who are invested with public authority in all its diverse branches and degrees; nowhere else are prudence and disinterestedness more absolutely necessary. In constitutional governments this duty is in part devolved to an electoral college, whose qualities and guarantees required by law, such each of these is associated, grave responsibility of the sovereign. He is guilty of a fraud and usurpation who, declaring himself duly qualified, when he is not, or who, by the use of trickery or guile, or if he confirms his lie by a perjury, how are we to express the enormity of the outrage which he inflicts on the sovereign veracity of God, by asking him to become an accomplice of his imposture? The electoral vote, having by its destination and nature no other end but the public good, cannot be other than an article of trade; its sale, therefore, is essentially illicit and invalid, in spite of all the subtleties imagined to mark it. If the elector who allows himself to be carried away by promises of selfish gain, by intoxicating influences, accomplishes the act of a baneful and dishonest man, what are we to say of the candidate or the agent who has perjured the part of a tempter. Surely, his guilt is not less; it is ordinarily greater. Human laws can and must condemn acts of extortion and peculation in political and municipal matters, because their impunity would expose the root and branches of the social hierarchy to be poisoned by what the public conscience so justly styles corruption. In this they are the faithful echo of the Decalogue, against which the maxims of ambition and cupidity can never prevail.

A Fearful Wreck.

The most serious of all disasters that have occurred during the present storm is the wreck of the British ship Enterkin, Captain Sinclair, which was bound from Hull for Brisbane. She was caught in the storm while bound down the channel and despite every effort made to save her she was driven upon the "Gallop" or sands of Ramsgate, Kent. Thirty lives were lost in this disaster, every person except an apprentice boy being drowned. Many of the drowned seamen were foreigners. The Enterkin is wholly submerged. The sailors drowned include George Walker, of Richmond, Va.; James Beach, of St. John's and William Linkell and W. Brooks, Canadians.

Election Notes.

Mr. Metcalfe, M. L. A., in the Ontario Legislature has been nominated as Conservative candidate in Kingston. The elections of Messrs. Dyer (Conservative) M. P., in Bromo, and Mr. Marshall (Con.), East Middlesex, have both been annulled.

The annual meeting of the Reform association was held at St. Mary's on Thursday. Mr. Trow, the lately unseated member, was again unanimously chosen as the party candidate in the coming bye-election. The North Lanark Reform convention met at Almonte on Thursday. D. G. McDonald refused the nomination and R. J. Dowdall, barrister of Almonte, has been selected in his stead as the Liberal candidate to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Jamieson's elevation to the bench. The Liberals of Quebec, N. S., have renominated Frank Forbes, the unseated member, as their candidate in the bye-election. The election of Mr. German (Liberal), Welland, and Mr. Fairbairn (Conservative), South Victoria, have both been voided for nets by agents. In the matter of the West Huron protest Mr. M. C. Cameron (Liberal), has decided to resign his seat without process of trial and will contest it again at the ensuing election. His majority at the last election was 379.