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WEDNESDAY,....DECEMBER 16, 1891

WE are glad, and have no doubt that all our readers will be equally glad, to note the announcement that Michael Davitt insends to contest the seat for Waterford in the House of Commons. Whatever leader he may serve under, we may be assured that the cause of Ireland, and her independence, will never want an enthusiastic champion and a sincere and devoted advocate in Parliament as long as he has a voice to raise on her behalf. His absence from the legislature has been most regretable. but there is little doubt that he will now once more add the weight and influence of his presence at St. Stephens. Under all the circumstances his election seems

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. Without doubt, Mr. Meredith's action in connection with matters relating to the Catholic Church has been most ill-timed. He cannot disavow his former speeches and letters, for they are engraved in letters of brass. gerate is, virtually, to tell a falsehood-He stands committed to views and It is very much to be regretted that the theories which must cause him to be dis- people who are responsible for the destrusted by the Catholics of Ontario and | patch of " news," so-called, from Canada make the idea of his admission to the to the United States do not give this government most distasteful to them.

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 atmostphere. The illness of one of the Commissioners has delayed the presentation of the report on the Baie de Chaleurs affair, and prevalence of smallpox in Canada, for apparently the fate of the Ministry seems | the purpose of preventing the introducto hang upon its tenor. Meantime, the United States. The collector of customs slowly on, and, to all appearance, the case for the prosecution is a weak and inconclusive one. The French press is lashing doing just as well without it, and that, if we were not told there was no government, no one would know it. Perhaps the country could profitably dispense with much of the government it enjoys and derive the benefit of the money the paraphernalia of a multitude of legislative bodies annually absorbs.

Before this issue reaches our readers the Commissioners' report will probably be in the hands of the Lieut. Governor. Referring to it a correspondent, who is usually well informed on local governmental matters, says the result of the report is looked on as a foregone conclusion, that looked on as a foregone conclusion, that atre." Ozanam, after a struggle with the state of subjection to which His to parents it belongs by virtue of natural Mr. Mercier's dismissal is certain, and himself and duty to his parent, was told Holiness has been brought; he considers that Mr. DeBoucherville will be called. by the famous author that he would him a menace to Italian unity still. He

"It is said Mr. DeBoucherville, who will take Public Works portfolio himself, will have the following as his colleagues -Messrs. Beaubien, Agriculture: Casgrain, Attorney General; Hall, Crown Lands, Robertson, Treasurer; Nantel,

A CERTAIN class of illiterate controver-

stamp- do not admit replies to the falsehoods they give ourrency to upon Catho lic subjects. Ready as they ever are to publish the libel, the justification is rare by printed, and when it is we frequently see it in a distorted form. To correct this species of fraud, the society is devotedly bending its best efforts.

THE H or. Mr. Mowat has published a twelve col umn letter to the press, in which he review's the reviewers of his recent letter writt'en with reference to the "annexation meeting of Mr. Solomon White at W oodstock. Some have interpreted that l'etter as a censure upon the Liberal party, but the writer takes a great deal of troubles to emphatically repudiate may such intention. He strongly depreeates any idea of annexation, but at the same time he sampports the Liberal party and its theories as to what it terms " unrestricted recipre city." He also is strong in his declaration as to the unfriendliness of the Americans and re alls the incident which occurred at Albany when he was refused the compliment of a scat on the floor, because of his position as a British official, and not one of the senators had the spirit o repudiate the insult. It is true that the State Legislature of New York is not composed of men whose opinions are strictly representative or worth much. Lat the incident was may be, we are of the epinion that so far as questions of trade are concerned his views are not sound, for it is clear that unrestricted reciprocity between Canada and the United States would only put in operation the moral of the brass and earthen pot floating side by side down the river. Canada cannot cope with the manufactures of sixty millions, already overproduced, any more than she can hope to compete in the same market. Her lest opportunity is to be patient, develope and take advantage of these fields of commerce which steamers and railways are opening up.

That the suppression of a truth is the suggestion of a falschood is a well-known maxim. It is equally true that to exagtruth more consideration. The falsehoods the "fakers" commected with the American papers have been sending of late to their respective papers in relation to the smallpox outbreak in this Province. are now beginning to produce fruit. The following is officially aunounced ;-

Assistant-Secretary Nettleton has directed that a sanitary inspector be stationed at Rouse's Point, N.Y., during the tion and spread of that disease into the

gain no good by going to the theatre and tells us that "the new ecclesiastical law rents to give all their care and to neglect would lose much. Yet the French stage does not satisfy the Pope; but it may, no effort to repuise energetically all unwould lose much. Yet the French stage does not satisfy the Pope: but it may, has its dramas and its characters, drawn in time, develop most serious conseby the masters of its dramatic literature, quences for the King of Italy." The which would be instructive to any class ex-prime minister closes his article with of spectators. To-day, however, judg- the declaration that the Pope never con-Provincial Secretary, and La Bruere, President of Council. It is understood that the Legislature will be immediately dissolved, and that the general elections will take place in January.

In the advertisements in the siders himself free, except when he is master. The Catholic priest is represented as a voracious being, "whose explicit at thousand fold. And, it may be actions grow in exact proportion to the asked, what about Montreal? It would benefits he obtains." ing from the advertisements in the siders himself free, except when he is asked, what about Montreal? It would benefits he obtains." surely be an interesting public scene that | Amongst the crowned heads Signor would follow an offer of our city council Crispi seeks to spread terror by represialists, who have added an intensity of to take the children of the schools to the senting that "the apostleship of repubbigotry to their ignorance, have for too theatre once a month or even once a year. Illeanism, which began with Cardinal long been permitted to indulge in their At the same time it may reasonably be Lavigerie, who, as its pretentious chamscurrilous attacks on the Catholic asked, why-if a social revolution would pion, threatens all the States of Europe, Church, without sufficient refutation be the result of even a suggestion that is an enemy of terrible force, much ever reaching the public eye. Good and our children should be taken to see the more formidable because its effects are true writers there have always been demoralizing and disgraceful things not immediately perceptible." Signor ready to champion their faith, but de- which are announced by the so-called Crispi does not indicate the great movesultory correspondence in the secular theatres of the city—the parents of those ments, past or present, that are not or press is ineffective, and at the same time, children should complacently allow the have not been dangerous because their to a great extent, undesirable. The promoters to continue their evil work Catholic Truth Society is doing a great without hindrance. It is needless to say most movements, it will be conceded, trol of the Church of England, and songs. W. Street, 29 Bleury. Catholic Truth Society is doing a great | without hindrance. It is needless to say | most movements, it will be conceded, without hindrance work in the direction of providing anti- that the dead walls of the city and, to a have rather startled those who set them in which there are taught religious dotes to the intellectual poison so freely lamentable extent, the advertisements in motion. Europe is not without hope exercises prescribed by such church.

our readers choose to take the trouble to strong enough to defend herself against walk for a short time in front of any of all internal enemies; but the work of these establishments, and listen to the the Pope may result in crippling our loudly expressed opinions of the boys action, in the case of foreign aggresand girls of tender years on the "plays" sion"-all of which is rather incomprepresented within their walls they will hensible, since a few lines above he ment's solicitor in court this morning. obtain a better idea than we can give

DOMINION POLITICS.

would be changed in the Departments of Railways and Agriculture, whereupon the Citizen, published at Ottawa, and the Montreal Gazette. Loth staunch advocates of the administration, have deemed cates of the administration and by the social conscience of the absolute disintegrate and by the social conscience of the absolute disintegrate and by the social conscience of the absolute disintegrate and by the social conscience of the absolute disintegrate and by the social conscience of the absolute disintegrate and by the social conscience of the absolute disintegrate and by the social conscience of Brauch 41, on his elevation to the Gazette, it goes on to cay that the pro- | Sovereign Pontiff " his own again mises of Hen. Mr. Abbott were far more comprehensive. Then, referring to the speech of the Hon. Sir John Thomps on a at Ferth, where he stated that it was the iintention of the Premier to meet Parlia- along the line against that purely secular not without its moral. However sound ment with one of the strongest governs classof education which must result from Mr. Mowat's views on political ethics ments that Canada has ever seen, the the training of youth being left wholly Citizen points out that it would be idle to the State. The Protestants are beginto deny the absolute necessity of new bing to take up arms against it, as has to deny the absolute necessity of new blood, and a good leaf of it, in the new cabinet. The Gazelte writes very much in the same strain, and the articles of both papers are being reproduced far and wide by the organs of the Conservative party. It is whispered that the greatest of the world in the grant of the papers. The Gazelte necessary is a seen in Manitoba, Toronto, and several places in the United States, Common sense leads the observer to the inevitable constitution that so-called secular time well-deserved dignity of index of the Superior court, and that we feel assured that the greatest experions, which resulted in the superior court, and that we feel assured that the greatest experions, which resulted in the superior court, and that we feel assured that the greatest experions which resulted in the superior court, and that we feel assured that disaster to the State which provides it. in the same strain, and the articles of mon some leads the observer to the inevboth papers are being reproduced far litable conclusion that so-called secular; and wide by the organs of the Conservative party. It is whispered that the orethe cabinet may think on the subject. the Citizen has struck the proper note. New blood, and a good deal of it is needed. Will Mr. Abbott courageously face the ta k? That is the question.

ITALY AND THE POPE.

The letter of ex-Prime Minister Crispiconcluded in the present number of the North American Review, is most disappointing. As a historical resume of important events, it is meagre in the last intrigue betray the desire to create suspicion where proof is not fertheoming acquisition of the requirements of coluca. Nolan gave great satisfaction. The a popury how are we to express the picion where proof is not fertheoming tion becomes rather a curse than a bless, election resulted as follows. J. 4. enormity of the outrage which he to sustain the position assumed by the writer. Crispi is very severe on Napoleon III.; he describes him as "the man of than good. The possessor becomes nothe dent; F. C. Lawlor, recording and corresthe 2nd of December, always a man of ing better than what has been not inaptly sponding secretary; John Hamilton. the 2nd of December, always a man of called "a clever devil," and in human sistant recording secretary W. A. dissimulation and faithlessness." The called "a clever devil," and in human sistant recording secretary: W. A. dissimulation and faithlessness." The form that is a creature, that may be in plans of Cavour to effect an understand- form that is a creature that may be iming between His Holiness and the count's a fined but at the same time avoided. It guard. Trustees for two years : J. For y. artimen action of Mr. Mercier, in consecuting certain journal-because of the large number of cases of standard prominent contractor, drags is and a prominent contractor, drags smallpex of a malignent type in the vicinity of Montreal and Quebec, where the two powers would have taken away the death rate is said to be alarmingly large.

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Hamilton, Onc. next September, 18-22, liquous accomplishes the act of a bar large.

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And all this is in consequence of sworld have been obliged, without any of benealt in the past, and these results how numbers 200 members and is the who has acted the part of a tempter. itself into a fury, and, as usual, threatening all sorts of dire consequences from the action of the Lieutenant-governor. Le the case. The idea of establishing a function of the Lieutenant-governor and the contract of the contract of the contract of the case. The idea of establishing a function of the Lieutenant-governor and the case of the contract of the case of the cas the action of the Lieutenant-governor. Le canadien tells its readers and the province that the latter is to-day "without a government": that "Her Majesty's government": that "Her Majesty's government cannot be carried on." The natural conclusion to be arrived at from this information is, that we seem to be doing just as well without it, and that,

A PUBLIC NUISANCE,

Health has shown the contrary to be troops," It is difficult in reciding the troops, "It is difficult in reciding that the product in reciding that the product in reciding that the product is difficult in reciding that the laster is dealth in the last in place of signor Crispit to find may just in the reciding that the base of the reciding that the base of the reciding that the product is difficult in reciding that the last in the reciding that the last that he has the reciding that the last that he has the recidences. The public Cathering that the last the la La Semaine Religieuse, in its threas gave these who were unfavorable to a selfain municipality in Paris has decided at the question anode and another product the question anode and the direct children of their children of the control of the maxims of an area of the maxi by we last week, tells its readers that a gave those who were unfavorable to a first elucation of their children accordcertain municipality in Paris has decided solution of the question sample scape to ding to these precepts, i.e., Christian, ed to take the students of the common defeat the projects of the negotiators. The family is the cradle of civil soschools, once a month, to the theatres in From the article it appears that Count ciety, and it is for the most part in the order that they may acquire a knowledge Cayour had the highest opinion of the tiny of states is prepared. These who of good manners and morals! The inci- diplomatic skill of Cardinal Antonelli, wish to tear society away from Christi-Commissioners' report will probably be in dent recalls a story told by Pere Lacor whom he described as one "who excels anity go to the very roots and endeavour

declares: "Fortunately for us Leo XIII. these "gaffs" are doing the community. the Holy Father without followers in the country is going to cripple the action of those who have robbed him of his territory, in case of foreign aggression, it is D. Macdonald.... The party organs are again beginning difficult to understand, even with the Dominion Cabinet. The Canadian weapons. To those who read the article O'Hart. Gazette, published in London, foresha- of the ex-prime minister carefully, it dowed the other day that the personnel will be manifest, that despite all the assumption of confidence in the future. The Appointment of Mr. Justice Doherty. Railways and Agriculture, whereupon there lurks in his breast grave suspicion it proper to speak in uzmistakable terms. amongst the people of the peninsula, he The Citizen is very emphatic. Referring is seriously apprehensive that events Court. to the amouncement in the Canadian may take such a turn as to give the

PUBLIC EDUCATION.

There seems to be an open revolt all

sent combination is not disposed to be and mental class and miral wreck to the remodelled, and that the Prime Minister subject who reserves it. Most frightful will have no easy task to earry out the statistics have meen published as to the programme she Minister of Justice indicated as being about to be put into execution. There are no two opinions in the country: whatever the majority of the country: whatever the majority of stages. What remains of the older elections the cabinet may think on the gubject, ments in the New England States are not. remodelled, and that the Prime Minister | subject who sweives it. Most frightful ments in the New England States are not in that moral state to-day which is calculated to either impress or encourage the admirers of the system. And the reason the parent branch in this city was held is obvious, and so plain that there need in the Branch hall, on Monday evening, is obvious, and so plain that there need in the branch han, on boundary evening. It is inst. and 125 members were present, in the absence of Presid at public school theory. Education has a Nugent, through sickness, first vices devolved to an electorial college, whose higher aim, and a higher end than merely | president Jensen presided. On the stage imparting a superficial knowledge of the were scated around the presiding officer qualities and guarantees required by arts and sciences. Without something Chanceller Quinn of Branch 41, Chancel for his part, with the eminent right and arts and sciences. Without something Chanceller Quinn of Branch 41, Chanceller Quinn of Branch 41, Chanceller Quinn of Branch 51; also, Dr. Guerin, grave responsibility of the sovereign. He is guilty of a fraud and ausurpation in truth, would be almost better in a scrutineer- were counting the votes, who, declaring himself duly qualified degree, whilst its dark hints at Jesuit state of mental darkness. Shorn of the higher moral elements of training, the tions. A duet by Bros. Hortor and Atl. or eligibles, and if he confirms his lie by tion becomes rather a curse than a bless, ; election resulted as follows. ing, and an agency for mischief rather densen, president; P. Kelly, 1st vices

surroundings of the home that the desright to educate their children to the ends which God has given them.

It is a strict obligation laid upon pajust violence done to them in this matter, so that they may guard their exclusive authority in the education of their children.

They must, however, imbue these with principles of Christian morality, and absolutely oppose their children frequent-ing schools where they are exposed to the fatal poison of implety.

When it is a question of good educa-

tion of youth, we have no right to fix a limit to the pains and labor that result, however great these may be.

Those Catholies of all nationalities who, at the expense of much money and more zeal, have erected schools for the education of their childen, are worthy of being proposed for the admiration of all.

Manitoban Schools, cipally that it is illegal to assess members

ment of utter demoralization and a and he says: "This gives me no trouble church of the province. The Chief Jusstanding menace to society. If any of for the future of our country, which is tice delivered the judgment of the full court, granting the application and quashing the city by-law. The Free Press editorial declares that this is a put up job on the part of the Government to delay the whole separate school question until after the elections, but this charge was emphatically denied by the Govern-

them of the evil to soul and body which has no followers in our country." How THE O'HART TESTIMONIAL FUND.

Hon, Edward Murphy...... \$25 00 A. Brogan.... 1.00

Subscriptions sent to this office, or to to feel uneasy at the delay experienced in aid of the "confessional and the pulpit," the Hon. Edward Murphy, will be duly making the promised changes in the which Signor Crispi points out are his acknowledged and and remitted to Mr.

C. M. B. A.

of Branch 41, on his elevation to the of branch 44, on his elevation to the dignity of Hon, Justice of the Superior voted themselves with the superior voted the superior vot O'Reilly, Branch 41, acted as secretary.

On motion of Grand Chancellor T. J. Finn, seconded by Chancellor J. A. U. Bandry, it was resolved:-

It was also resolved :-

It was likewise resolved:

Bumper Meeting of Branch 26 The annual election of officers of this several members favored the large meet, when he is not far qualified, ing with some time singing and recita, supportionally in the ranks of civiliance. ing with some time singing and recitapresident; W. J. Kerr, 2nd vice-presitreasurer; J. Lappin, marshal; T. Cullen.

P. Kehoer guard, H. Medice, Trustees, 2 years, P. Sneehan, P. B. Menard, W. have occurred during the present storm

Branch 50, C.M.B.A., Ottawa, held its annual elections on Saturday night, when the following were elected;—Chaplain, Very Rev. L. N. Campeau; chanceller, Campeau, Very Rev. J. A. Plantin, E. A. Laflamme, A. E. Lussier, L.A. Chevrier; representative to Grand council. Lasalle Gravelle: alternate, L. N. Casauit.

Very Wise.

It is understood that Count Mercier intends withdrawing his action for seditions 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 official-

New Soxos,-Our beautiful edition (better than the 40c edition) of the most famous song of the day, viz., "The Picture 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 time song "Christmas comes but once a year;" the very humorous comic song, "Since Maggie learnt toola run court at Winnipeg, an application was made by a member of the Church of England to quash the city by-law for levying taxes on the grant. songs "My mother's sweet Face" and "Peaceful Dreams," We have just received fresh supplies, all 10c each or 11c

dotes to the intellectual poison so freely distributed, and its efforts should be nobly sustained. Papers of the Witness as it is in general in Montreal is an ele-

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 pronun-ciamento this week on matters politiclamento this week on matters political, under the heading of "Some Fundamental Principles of Moral Science," in which it says: "God, the Author and Prowhich it says: "God, the Author and Pro-tector of social order, alone instituted public authority, and confides to sane men, chosen for that purpose, a portion of His power over their fellows, only for the pre-convention, and increase of the compreservation and increase of the common good. This consists in temporal welfare obtained so as not to compromise the supreme interests of future life. 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 restedness of those great men, who, for Court. President Nugent, Branch 26, good of their country. However, this occupied the chair, and Chancellor heroism is not a rigorous precept for the voted themselves without measure to the administrators of public affairs; they are permitted to receive, not the price of their services, which are generally too Bandry, it was resolved:—

That the members of the Catholic Mumal Benefit association of the city of Montreal desire to tender their sincere congratulations to Chancellor C. J. Doberty, on his elevation to the dignity of Honorable Justice of the Superior court, and feeling confident that he superior court, and feeling confident that he will always maintain his well-deserved reputation, they wish him long life and happines to his country, in his new sphere of usefulness to his country.

Excellent to be valued at the price of to the time and conscientious laber which they give up to advance the common weal, except in those cases where the law declares that functions are to be discharged gratuitously. The probity, aptitude and vigilance which are evacted excellent to be valued at the price of tude and vigilance which are exacted from whomsoever is charged with a tutorship, a private administration, must shine with more than ordinary brilliancy in the men to whom society confides its most precious interests, especially when they have solicited the suffrages of their fellow-citizens. If, then, by their

ACTS, CONNIVANCE, OR NEGLIGENCE, they cause a notable loss to the treasur or public domain, that commandment of noble and important attributes of sove-

reignty, 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 impartiality, prudence and disinterestedmembers are those who combine all the 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 become an article of trade; its sale, therefore, is essentially illicit and invalid, in spite of all the subterfuges imwe to say of the candidate or the agent matters, because its 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 ceno of the Decalogue, against which the maxims of ambition and capidity

A Fearful Wreck.

The most serious of all disasters that is the wreck of the British ship Enterkin, Captain Sinclair, which was bound from Hull for Brisbane. She was caught in the sterm while bound down the channel and de-pite every effort made tosave her she was driven upon the "Gallop," or sands off 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 sub-merged. The sailors drowned include George Walker, of Richmond, Va.; James Roach, of St. John's and William Linskell and W. Brooks, Canadians.

Election Notes. Mr. Metcalfe, M. L. A. in the Ontario

Legislature has been nominated as Corservative candidate in Kingston.

The elections of Messrs. Dyer (Conservative) M. P., in Brome, 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 unsealed member, was again unanimously chosen as the party candidate in the coming by e-election.

The North Lamirk 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 Queen's, 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 acts by agents.
In the matter of the West Huron protest Mr. M. C. Cameron (Liberal), has decided to resign his sent without process of trial and will contest it again at the ensuing election. His majority at the last election was 379.