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NOTES.

It was officially announced on Monday that as a result of the visit of Lord Salisbury to the Queen at Windsor Castle on Sunday the Conservative Government will meet Parliament on August 4.

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If Mr. Gladstone gets assurance of financial arrangements sufficient for an early renewal of the election struggle the Home Rule Bill will be introduced without delay.

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The Parnellites have suffered greatly in their battle with the Anti-Parnellites, as they were sure to do. But they have not been annihilated, and they have left their mark in the enemy's visage.—*Mail*.

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The half-handful of anti-Catholic cranks of the Madill-Jambo variety who vex the country are tolerated with ingrowing ideas. One of them is that if they constitute the entire Protestant community of Canada.

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The Manitoba elections take place on the 23rd. The nominations were made last Saturday. This is the first fairly pitched battle for the rights of the Church and for the privileges of the French people in that Province. The Greenway Government, which is again seeking the suffrages of the people, are pledged against Separate Schools and the French language, and are determined that even though the Privy Council uphold the judgment of the Supreme Court of Canada (setting aside their legislation against Separate Schools as *ultra vires*) they will make the Separate School law as unworkable as possible. They are hand and glove with the extremists whose object in life is to make everything west of the Ottawa "English and Protestant."

The new British House will have 167 members pledged to direct veto and Sunday closing—the strongest temperance party Parliament has ever seen.

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Says the *Mail*:—"We are optimists enough to hope that we have yet among us some Protestant politicians who would decline to take a political retainer from the Roman Catholic priest—"hood." We are pessimists enough to believe that the *Mail* has not yet touched bottom in its rancor and hatred of Catholic things.

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The secretary of the Newfoundland Relief Board writes:—"Public gratitude to the Canadian people for their prompt assistance is warmly and universally expressed. The effect cannot fail to be closer relations hereafter." What was to be expected, precisely. Charity begins at home and when it goes abroad takes home with it and makes brothers everywhere.

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Regarding the coming crisis in the British Parliament a month must elapse before the actual business of the House begins. The swearing in of members takes a fortnight. Then the election of Speaker and of the chairman of committees proceeds, involving possibly a debate, and next comes the discussion of amendment to the address in reply to speech from the throne. If this is followed by a change of Government, Gladstone may take a fortnight to form a ministry, a number of members which may require re-election. The Liberals thus calculate that it will be October before the new Government can be called upon to present to Parliament its programme.

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The *Mail* has held up Quebec as a "horrible example" of bigotry and oppression, which the English people might expect to see duplicated in Ireland if Home Rule were granted. Mr. Tarte in *Le Canadien* (reproduced elsewhere) shows that in Quebec the Catholics, though everywhere in overwhelming majority, have been not fair alone but unspeakably generous to their Protestant population, as well in the matter of schools as in that of representation in both Houses. He takes occasion to lay bare the real motive of the present agitation in Manitoba. It is that by closing the Separate Schools and ostracising the French tongue they may discourage French immigration and make Manitoba a Protestant reserve.

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The disaster which has befallen St. John's, Newfoundland, has touched the springs of public charity all over the country. Montreal gives \$30,000, Toronto city \$4000, the Toronto Board of Trade fund amounts to \$10,000, the *World* fund to \$800, and the Province of Ontario gives \$5000. The total amount raised in Ontario up to Monday night was \$24,000. Rev. Father Ryan, himself a Newfoundlander, and presently at St. Michael's Palace, has been publicly thanked by the Relief Committee (St. John's) for his exertions in their behalf. England has given \$40,000. Very Rev. Father Rooney, V.G., has directed that a collection be taken up on next Sunday in all the Catholic churches of the city for the Relief fund.