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It will be readily observed that wherever there are 100 Catholic children in a school district, of school age, that Catholics will necessarily be an overwhelming majority and independent of the settlement; and therefore the "settlement" would not secure one teacher more than the Commissioners "propose" as implied in clause 2 of the "Propositions." The Greenway-Laurier settlement requires for a Catholic teacher in villages twenty-five Catholic children of average attendance. There is no means of obtaining, at least from the report of '96 and '97, statistics for villages in Ontario, for these are included in rural schools. But I shall give to the "settlement," full justice and will adopt their proportion between average attendance and children of school age, as found in towns and cities in the Province of Ontario. The proportion is 2.25. Multiply then the twenty-five of average as required by the "settlement" by 2.25 and the result is sixty children of school age. The Commissioners, on the other hand, required only 25 children of school age to have a Catholic teacher and a Catholic school. The "settlement" for towns requires 40 children of average attendance; the Commissioners, 25 children of school age. Multiply again, 40 of average by 2.25, and the result will be 90 Catholic children. In towns you must have 90 of school age and the Commissioners 25 of school age to secure a Catholic teacher. For cities the "settlement" requires 65 Catholic children of school age, the Commissioners 50 children of school age, to secure a Catholic teacher. I wonder whether with these contrasts before him the Premier will now venture to ask: What was (a) the difference between the proposals of the Commissioners and his settlement? I shall in my next letter continue the contrast, for more salient points of difference than even those referred to await consideration. I think that the impartial reader will consider the comparison between the "settlement" and Desjardins' Dickey-Smith "proposition" as a comparison between the lordly oak and a withered briar bush. I am criticizing and not constructing the settlement, for the acceptance or non-acceptance of a question pertaining to religion depends on our ecclesiastical superiors. In matters purely political you and I

are entirely free to agree or disagree. I earnestly appeal to the Hon Premier for the sake of his countrymen and their lawful rights not to allow this settlement to be placed in the statute books of Manitoba. I do not like the Premier's classical allusion to the "Cyprian Rock," when he declares in response to the terms of his political opponents: "Nor does it frighten me." It is a portentous and fatal spot, for the last historical man who stood there had been found guilty of treason to his country, and rather than face the sentence pronounced on him, cast himself headlong from its dizzy height. This ought not to be, Hon Premier, your chosen position, though taunted by your opponents. Be frightened to stand on that fatal rock. Descend, I pray you, from the Capitoline, and listen to the weak and plaintive voice of your oppressed and downtrodden kinsmen, the strong and more imperative voice of your Church, whom you say you love and revere, and the voice of the Constitution of your country, which you have promised, and even sworn, to uphold. All beseech you to descend from that ill-fortuned rock to the peace of Thermopylae, and like the valiant Leonidas of old, stand or fall, as the case may be, in defending the rights of your countrymen. It is not yet the eleventh hour; and if you select the latter position rather than the former, you shall be acclaimed by all sincere Catholics and liberal-minded Protestants, irrespective of party, as a hero in the presence of difficulties and a Goliath in the defense of the bulwarks of our Constitution.

H. S. MARION, P. P.
DOUGLAS, Ont.

LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

REV. DR. MORRISON is suffering from an attack of La Grippe.

FIREMAN ORMAN, of this City, who was badly scalded at St. John, is dead.

By an explosion on the steamer Taymouth Castle, at St. John, New Brunswick, a few days ago, several men were terribly scalded. Among the injured was Joseph Orman of this city.

SENATOR McDONALD, and A. C. McDonald M. P. crossed at the Cape on Monday, en route to Ottawa. Senators Ferguson and Proves, and Messrs. Hackett, Yee, and Martin M. P., left here Monday night to cross on Tuesday; but there was no crossing from this side on that day.

The Montreal express train, bound east, went off the rails at Beau Ridge, near Campbellton, N. B., on the 19th inst., and the engine, baggage car and second-class car went down the embankment. John Cameron, the driver, and Oliver Glesker, fireman, were bruised, but not seriously.

In consequence of the Tenant League lecture, and the public temperance meeting arranged for the same evening, Mr. Ross, after due consideration has decided to still further postpone his lecture, until the following Tuesday, April 6th. So please bear in mind that the Tenant League lecture will positively take place on that date in the Market Hall.

The taking of evidence in the King's County election trial closed on Thursday afternoon last, and the court adjourned. After the stenographer has prepared the evidence, the argument of counsel will be heard in this city, and the court will meet at Georgetown on June 18th, to give judgment. Between sixty and seventy witnesses were examined, it will consequently take some time for the stenographer to extend his notes.

On Saturday last Capt. Dominic McDonald, of Souris, received a telegram informing him of the death of his brother Benes in Boston. Deceased had been employed pile driving and while at work fell from the staging, dying shortly after. He had been in the United States a little over a year. His wife and seven children who reside at the old homestead, Grand River, Lot 58, have the sympathy of the community in their sad and sudden bereavement. His remains accompanied by his brother Hyson, will be brought to the Island for interment.

As a great many of our readers are, doubtless, aware a pugilistic encounter known, we believe, in the language of sport, as a "glugging match," took place at Capers, New Brunswick, on the 17th inst., between Corbett and Fitzgibbon. We regard this manner of physical exercise as very unbecoming in its tendencies, and consequently are not disposed to give any lengthened details of the performance. As an item of news, however, it may be stated that Fitzgibbon won the fight in the fourteenth round, knocking his rival out by a tremendous blow near the heart. Fitzgibbon is now, champion boxer of the world.

This feast of St. Joseph was celebrated in the Convent of that name in St. Patrick's Church, in that city. It embraces upwards of forty pages and its artistic features are of a high order. It is beautifully illustrated, containing engravings of St. Patrick's Cross, the Maritimes Province in written by Rev. Dr. Campbell of Halifax. The work is a splendid specimen of the printer's art, and sells for twenty-five cents.

The celebration of St. Patrick's Day, in this city, was brought to a close, as already intimated, by a dramatic performance in the Opera House. The drama, "Eileen Oge," representative of Irish character and scenery, was enacted by local talent, in the presence of a large audience. The acting of the amateurs was, on the whole, highly creditable. Vincent's orchestra furnished choice music for the acts. At Emerald, the day was celebrated under the auspices of the Benevolent Irish Society, in their hall, by a musical, literary and dramatic entertainment. An excellent address on St. Patrick, by Rev. Mr. Fullerton, of Charlottetown, formed an important feature of the entertainment. There was a very large audience in attendance. As Georgetown the religious feature of the day's celebration consisted of a solemn High Mass and a sermon by Rev. Father McKay, of Morell. It was intended to bring the celebration to a close by a lecture in the Court House, by Judge D. O'M. Reddin; but owing to the storm the lecture was postponed for one week. At Summerside and Egmont Bay, entertainments were held, in the evening, under the auspices of the C. M. B. A. Branches at these respective places. Celebrations were also held in other parts of the Island, and in some places intended entertainments were postponed on account of the storm.

LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

SENATOR ABERNETHY was in the city yesterday and left for the Cape last night en route to Ottawa.

The Nova Scotia Legislature has been dissolved. The general Provincial election will be held on April 30th.

The Stanley reached Georgetown from Pictou about six o'clock yesterday afternoon. A special brought the passengers to this city, arriving about nine o'clock.

We would call the attention of our readers to the advertisement of James Paton & Co., in this issue. They offer rare bargains in carpets, oil cloths, lace curtains, &c.

MARRIAGES are reported to prevail to such an extent in some portions of Eastern King's county, that it has been found necessary to close several schools. On Saturday last, Ronald McDonald (Rutland) the father of a large family succumbed to the disease.

A LONDON despatch of the 23rd says that the Greek Government, realizing the gravity of the situation, is sincerely seeking a solution of the present troubles. It anxiously awaits efforts towards a compromise being made by the Powers friendly to it, and is doing everything to check the troops and prevent an outbreak on the frontier.

J. H. BALDERSO, secretary of the Railway and Canal Department, Ottawa, has been superannuated. Mr. Balderso is only 38 years of age and is in perfect health. John Hall, secretary, L. Ferrier, assistant secretary, E. A. Pines, accountant, of the Interior Department, and J. M. Gordon, Inspector of Agencies, are to be superannuated.

OTTAWA advises of the 23rd say: Although the Ministers are reluctant on the point, there is little doubt about the Government's having entered into a provisional agreement with W. Peterson, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, by which an opportunity is given the firm represented by those gentlemen to organize a Fast Atlantic Steamship Service for Canada.

REV. DANIEL MORRISON, of St. Andrews, brother of Rev. Dr. Morrison, and Rev. William Daly, of Sturgeon, were ordained priests in Quebec, on the 18th inst. The new names were obtained for the archdiocese of St. Francois, and the latter for the archdiocese of Quebec. Rev. Father Daly is in the city on his way to his future field of labor. Rev. Father Morrison remains in Quebec a few weeks to prepare for degrees. Ad Mittoe Amos.

At the election for the House of Commons held in Bonaventure County, Quebec, on Wednesday last, Galtie the Grit candidate was returned with a majority being made by that obtained by the Grit member at the general election. The election seems to have been run almost exclusively on the question of extending the Bain de Chaleurs Railway to Gaspé, the Government speakers promising the immediate pushing forward of the work.

The "Forty Hours' Devotion" commenced in St. Dunstan's Cathedral this morning. The solemn Mass of Exposition was sung by Rev. R. B. McDonald, assisted by Rev. J. C. McMillan, D. D., of Cardigan Bridge. The subject of his discourse was "The Holy Bible: its Divine Inspiration," and his text was from the sixteenth verse of the third chapter of St. Paul's second Epistle to Timothy: "All Scripture divinely inspired is profitable." The sermon, which lasted three-quarters of an hour, was both in matter and manner, a masterpiece. It was eloquent, logical and convincing. The Rev. preacher first explained what was meant by inspiration, and pointed out the difference between inspiration and revelation, illustrating his meaning by examples. Divine inspiration, in the sense indicated, and as applied to the Scriptures was an impelling force directing the writer as to what he places on record. Thus the Prophets in the Old Testament and the Apostles and Evangelists in the New Testament were divinely inspired when writing the portions of the Bible bearing their names. He showed that the greatest Jewish historians bore testimony that every Jew firmly believed in the inspiration of the Old Testament. The Rev. preacher further pointed out that the strongest and most unanswerable proof of the divine inspiration was given by our Divine Lord Himself, while on earth, by quoting passages from the Old Testament to convince His followers of the divinity of His mission. Abundant proofs of the divine inspiration of the New Testament were adduced by the Rev. preacher, from the words of the Apostles themselves, and their disciples; from the writings of the Fathers of the Church, and especially from the decrees of the general Councils, from the first down to the Council of the Vatican, held within our own memory. By being faithful to the divinely inspired words of the Bible during life, we might hope to hear at the last day the consoling sentence: "Blessed are they who hear the word of God and keep it."

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Dec. 30, 1896—6 mo.

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