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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Our readers will have noted that THE TRUE WITNESS has recently made several strides forward in the always moving procession of journalism. A new and transmitted in connection with the recostly outfit of type has enabled us to present one of the most handsome and readable of papers. New machinery and general adjuncts of a publishing office enables us to issue the paper promptly and perfectly.

An increased staff of the best political and social writers has thrown renewed life into our columns and generally added to the attractiveness of the paper.

It is not the intention of the proprietors of the paper to rest here. The improvements made are but the first steps we propose to take in order to make Tite TRUE WITNESS the foremost Catholic paper in the Dominion. We intend to leave no effort unmade to so improve the paper that every Catholic family will feel it a necessity in their domestic

It will be seen elsewhere that an important departure has been taken in this respect, and our prize competition will make THE TRUE WITNESS a favorite with the younger members of the community.

We shall cause every city and town of importance to be visited and the points of interest to Catholic readers duly enlarged upon and illustrated. In order to do justice to our constituents in this respect we shall issue supplements as may be required, thus much increasing the volume and value of the matter presented week by week.

olic weekly family paper, healthy in moral tone and such as can be read with interest and mental profit.

But in order to accomplish all the improvements we contemplate a large outlay of money is necessary, and we have to announce that we are, therefore, compelled to increase the subscription rates of THE TRUE WITNESS from the present inadequate price to \$2.50 in the city and \$2 to country subscribers, who will find in the increased efficiency and attractiveness of the paper more than compen- and a foreign power are in the balance. sation for the enhanced price.

To advertisers this change will be of great advantage, as the number will be limited, and thus present to an immense number of readers, scattered over the entire Dominion, a permanent notice of the various articles advertised.

The change in price will not affect those whose subscriptions have been paid, but renewals of present subscriptions will henceforward be at the new

Subscriptions must be paid in advance.

According to a London paper Mr. Blaine has suggested that a commission proceed to Alaska and report on the condition of the fisheries, and the same journal expresses the hope that the offer will be accepted. But probably it will not. The absurd position assumed in the matter by the American administration is not likely to be considered as worthy of serious attention by any civilized country and if it be true that such a commission has been proposed then it is simply an indication that Mr. Blaine desires to wriggle out of a tight corner into which he has forced himself for

reasonably be doubted if the diplomatic representatives of civilized nations will, either in arbitration or commission, yield to such outrageous suggestions. Lord Salisbury is as actute statesman well acquainted with traditional and actual intricacies of diplomacy and if he has solemnly offered the United States a ubmission of certain points at issue in connection with the Behrings Sea dispute to arbitration, then it may reasonably be expected the American "Statesman" will avoid such a submission like a pestilence. It would be too much of a foregone conclusion. The United States have not thus far taken their place among the nations conduct of their agents in the negotiation of treaties and so forth has proved in local dialect "a caution" which will be duly noted in any future dealings. In this respect the suspicions of the gentlemen present at the South American Conference openly expressed no doubt taught Mr. Blaine, and his kind, a lesson.

ONE of the functions of that most valuable publication the Canadian Gazette, published in London, seems to be to correct the false statements sent per cable by the "liars on space." In a recent issue it calls attention to some falsities cent visit of Mr. Foster to the West Indies. That visit seems to have much annoyed the enemics of Canada and they seem to have put in motion every piece of machinery at their disposal to belittle and lower it in public estimation, and by misrepresentation as to its true ends endeavor to prevent its full fruition. Thus

"Telegrams which have come from Canada this week suggest that the mission to the West Indies of the Hon, deorge E. Foster, Dominion Minister of Finance, has in view the entry of the British West Indies into the Canadian Dominion, while it is suggested that the moment is also regarded by the Canadian authorities as a favorable one for a strenuous effort to Indice Newfoundland to join the Dominion, and to round off the British North American Confederation. We have the highest authority for stating that these suggestions are purely imaginary. Mr. Foster's mission to the West Indies relates solely to the extension of Canada's trade relations with that part of the Empire. No proposals for the entry of the British West Indies into the Dominion have been under consideration for some time past, and when they were under discussion it will be remembered that they emanated not from Canada, but from the West Indies themselves." "Telegrams which have come from Canada

The italies are not in the original, but they show the undercurrent of evil which has been sent abroad in this as in other matters. Since his return Mr Foster has said the same thing. The Gazette also asserts that "as for pressure being brought to bear upon Newfoundland by the British or the Canadian Government to induce her to join hands with Canada, the idea is one which has its origin solely in the minds of imaginative newspaper correspondents." Newspapers, so-called, have much to answer for but this is a little hard on some quarters. Responsibility must settle down and find its level bility must settle down and find its level ably be doubted whether such a political in the island, then Canada would do ling of the world, then it is that demor proposed? With the whole Liberal Con-We intend to make a high class Cath. well to avoid any connection with it. cracy assists men to lead a godlike life. servative party and the Mackenzie Reand factious spirit and do not lead the Commenting on them Father Hecker Reciprocity advocated until this hour, place in Montreal for some time broke deep rooted love for their country or European politics, as advocated by Cath-doctrine backing out from its support street, near Victoria square. The buildhistoric traditions existing ir the ranks olies, has heretofore been Conservative; and seriously doubting that anyone in ing, which is a four-story one, was occuter swallowed a dragon's egg, in the shape a progressive force. Its distinctive ac- mess of pottage and look to Washington of the Bonaparte race, while obtaining a tion is not that good may be kept good, for that paltry reward are likely to suevery small geographical addition, and but that all men and all things may be ceed. Some of those who are not willing chastisement at the hands of an adventurer. Canada had better fight shy of Newfoundland as long as treaty rights three hundred years or more; not Con- was due not so much to his own merits

The Church and Democracy.

Cardinal Manning, in a recently pubished letter, writes:-"Hitherto we have been strangled by exaggerated individualism. The coming century will show that human society is something greater and nobler than anything purely | polity is to make men freer and more inindividual. Politicians and economists of the modern school have had their day. The twentieth century will be altogether for the people, for laws that will ensure a capally advanced. The Democracy of sound strangely in the face of the follow-Owens' Printing Co., \$1,000; Hughes & common prosperity under a Christian France or of the South American religious testimony from one of their own Stephenson, plumbers, \$4,000. The Trans regime." This deliverance by the great publics is quite different from that en-, bishops in writing of the Indian policy or out upon the world from the immortal lized nations. But whatever the past the treatment meted out to the red men vantages of the Rock of Ages, the succession of St. Peter observes the change cracy may be, we can rejoice with that is coming over society. He sees | Bishop Kane that the Church in coming | whither the nations are tending and time will secure the rights and the freeraises his inspired voice to direct them dom of religion, not by treating with

in the right path. over two years ago by Bishop Kane, of and affections of the people. With him, Richmond, Virginia, the providential too, we may heartily welcome the future mission of Leo XIII. was eloquently in which she shall no more have to deal described. It was shown that the with Casar, but with the people, who, in Papacy, in the person of the present the main, and always when in their Pontiff, is engaged in infusing a Christian | senses, know that she is their best friend, element into the movement of the and that her interests are their own. It local party proposes. After the remark- nations of the world towards more de- will not then be union of Church and able state paper recently published, in mocratic institutions. That as Pius IX. State, but union of Church and People. which Mr. Blaine seems to assume that found it necessary to act mainly as a re | This is the line on which the Church is a Russian "Ukase" or an English "declar-straint upon that movement, because it advancing, and Leo XIII holds the torch

enemies of religion, so the present Pope can safely act upon it in a different spirit. "To Leo XIII.," said the lecturer, "God has assigned the task of at least inaugurating this adjustment of the Church to the new circumstances of the world, and Providence had admirably fitted him for so delicate and important a mission. With the clear and practised eye of a philosopher, a theologian, and a statesman, he had scanned the life of the world, had noted the throbbing of its pulse, had watched the ways of Providence, and he knew that those ways, though often obscure to us, were always right." The Pope has of the earth in a certain sense, and the himself already impressed upon the world. "that the Church is not wedded to any dynasty, or to any particular. species of social organization; that she does not consider any form of government as necessarily hostile or injurious to her: that she has no fear of any result which the Providence of God and the due development of nations may bring

> It is not necessary to remind Catholic readers that every age of the Church has its own characteristic form of expression. The late Father Hecker dwelt upon this feature of Church history in a luminous paper many years ago. There is something about the sanctity of each age labric that has been so laboriously conpeculiar to itself. Each type and form of sanctity differed from the others. Each class of men did in their day what their age required. Each class was true to its time, its wants, its promises, and rueful countenance in South Victoria therefore had its peculiar charm and beauty. It is a monstrous tyranny of of the ex-premier gives the coup de grace opinion to arraign the past, judge and to the hopes of the Wimanites. The ardent patriots, yet in a short time it is condemn it, by the standards of the pre- effect of Mr. Mackenzie's speech may be well known they sold their country for sent; and we resist it with no less energy | judged from an article in Saturday's issue than the spirit that would mould the of the Daily Witness. That journal has antiquated forms of bygone ages,

teristics of the present age, and to these and now it repudiates the whole pro-Intelligence and liberty are the charac-Leo XIII. addresses himself. But that gramme and plainly states: Leo XIII. addresses himself. But that intelligence and that liberty, to reach its highest perfection, must be entirely edicated to God. As Father Hecker as against Great Britain." dedicated to God. As Father Hecker said :- "The ideal of Catholicity is the With characteristic inconsistency our pays the homage of his entire intelli- to say:

the evils that afflict Europe. But such at war, is the commercial unit. somer or later. As to the annexation of exils are not the deepest, not the com-Newfoundland to Canada it may reason- monest, that humanity suffers from prepared to propose what Mr. Wiman Democracy by itself does not make a does, is to presume on the ignorance, we event is desirable. If the rabid tone of man godlike; and to be godlike is the might say, imbecility, of the people of greed of office, and English gold. certain party organs published in New- great, one radical, need, of mankind, this country. What else has Mr. Laurier foundland is a true reflection of opinion When democracy is the providential rule or Mr. Charlton or Sir Richard Cartwright These organs indicate a very frivolous | Such are the teachings of Bishop Keane. | formers united against the Unrestricted of the community. M. Guizot once it will now, doubtless, only gradually be- this country will urge it upon the electrapied by a number of separate firms. pointed out in connection with the ab- come progressive without being destructrate, there seems but little hope that fire started in the premises of Waters thus paid for territorial lust by years of made constantly better; it is elevation, to give the Premier of the Dominion been mainly Conservative for the last sagacity have contended that his success in the political and social order is to pro- own political funeral. duce this same sense of elevation in the natural man and in the citizen. Therefore the normal effect of religion on civil; telligent citizens with a form of govern- never tired of praising their country, its ment to suit such conditions.

Catholic Englishman is in keeping with joyed in Canada and the United States, the United States Government. The the hynopsis already given to the world Notwithstanding this, it is nevertheless following is a sample of the criticism of of the Pope's forth-coming encyclical on perfectly true that free institutions will the prelate on the peculiar methods or the social questions of the day. Looking make their way everywhere among civi- his fellow-countrymen as conpared with errors or present immaturity of Demos by backward and benighted Canadians : changing administrations or govern-In a remarkably able becture delivered ments, but by her hold on the convictions

week made the important announcement to his constituents, that at the close of the present parliament they must choose health no longer permitted him to discharge the duties incumbent upon him. from its humble beginning to its culmina- very great improvement for all contion in the premiership, his fall, hastened | cerned. by the treachery of supposed friends, the innouncement of his intention to quit public life, all have their lessons, the last not the least important. In taking his leave he profited by the opportunity briefly, but with unequivocal tone, to declare his views upon the fiscal policy of the Dominion. It was not to be expected that he would endorse the policy of his successful rival Sir John A. Macfad, unrestricted reciprocity with the vantage can be accorded to the United granting to Ireland any concessions States, in which the Mother Country is not to participate. In a word, the whole structed by Sir Richard and Mr. Laurier is dashed to pieces, in so far as the believers in the Mackenzie gospel are concerned. The rout of the knight of the was bad enough, but the pronouncement advocate of the joint scheme of Sir Richard and his colleague of New York,

union of religion with intelligence and contemporary, indirectly relying upon offers a perfect worship to God when he with wretchedly bad memories, goes on

servative altogether, but dominantly so, as to the blunders of his opponents. It takes man as it finds him, low or high, to score another victory at the forthcomof religion upon its human environment opponents make the preparation for their

Strong Testimony.

The people of the United States are institutions, its purposes, its spirit of But all races and all nations are not sustice. Their vain-glorious utterances

by backward and benighted Canadians;

"Pledges, solemnly made, have been shamelessly violated. The ladian has had no redress
but war. In these wars ten white men wete
killed to one Indian, and the Indians who were
killed have cost the Government \$1-0,000 each.
Then came a new treaty, more violated faith,
another war until we have no, a hundred mile
between the Adamtie and Phelice whitch has
not been the scene of an Indian massacre. All
this while Canada has had no Indian wars.
Our Government has expended for the Indians
a hundred dollars to their one. They recognise,
as we do, that the Indian has a possestory
right to the soil. They purchase this right, as
we do, by treaty; but their treatles are made
with the Indian subjects of Her Malesty. They
set apart a permanent reservation for them;
they seldom remove Indians; they select agents
of high character who receive their appointments for life; they make fewer promises, but
they infill them; they give the Indians Christian missions, which have the hearty support
of Christian people, and all their efforts are
toward self-help and civilization."

Traffic in Live Stock.

The Fad Doomed.

sioners have gone to Quebec. Mr. Plimsoll has attended the inectings regularly and was subjected to some harsh criticism veteran ex-Premier of the Dominion, last on the part of shipping agents and others. The result of the investigation indicates the necessity of some changes in the transit of cattle, which will doubtless be accomplished in all new steamers built another representative, as his failing for the purpose. Some present committed the error of assailing Mr. Plimsoll, but that gentleman has stated: "I am very glad to believe that the investiga-Mr. Mackenzie has left the impress of his tion in Montreal, which began in somentellect upon our country. His career what of a stormy manner, will result in

The Home Rule Embroglio.

To the Editor of The TRUE WITNESS: Sir.—All sincere lovers of Ireland much regret the strife that now prevails among the Home Rule party. question may be naturally asked, what has created it, or who is to be blamed for the sad spectacle that now exists? The answer can be easily found by any one conversant with the history of Irish polities in the past, as well as the present donald, but his utterances have sounded | time. The cause then, as well as now, is the death knell of Sir Richard Cartwright's simply owing to English influence among Irish parties. They promise concessions to Ireland and offer offices of emolument United States. The old man is anxious to the leaders of a national movement, for free trade relations, but he wishes it provided they support them; and having to be distinctly understood that no ad- once secured them, they are slow in

worth having.

To prove this it is only necessary to refer to the great O'Connell's parliamentary career. Was he not for a great part of schools of the Dominion other than of his life deluded by Whig promises of those in Universities and finishing justice to Ireland which never came? It s well known the secession of the Young Ireland party occurred on account of this, as they protested against leading repealers selling their country for office. After O'Connell came the famous Brass Band," Messrs, Keogh, Sadher & Co. They pretended to be the most office-all the result of English influence

And coming now to the present conminds and hearts of the present into the been the most consistent and persistent | tention among the Home Rulers, what caused it? The same influence already mentioned. It appears that Gladstone objected to the chosen leader of the Irish people (Parnell), although he had proved himself during the long period of sixteen years to have been most skilful and nighly successful. He should be at once thrown aside, at the beck of the English leader, without consulting the Irish people; their wishes appearing to be only of minor kind and not worthy of conunion of religion with intelligence and contemporary, indirectly relying upon sideration—the pretext being that his words, liberty in all their completeness. Man the belief that its readers are afflicted name appeared in the divorce court on a Each trumped-up charge made up by his enemies, and on doubtful evidence. It may therefore be safely contended that, if Gladstone acted honestly, he also acted prematurely; that he had no right to assume the functions of judge in the and address, and an endorsement by the case, and that he should have left the teacher certifying that the story is in the matter to the Irish people to decide, as handwriting of the pupil. the leader of the Irish people does not represent an English constituency but an Irish one. And as Parnell has proved timself to be an able and successful leader, and has also the rare quality of being incorruptible, the Irish people have good reason to support him, as the policy he contends for, by being indepetent judges, who will award the prises, pendent of all English parties, is the The names of these judges will be an only sure and reliable one, as it clearly nounced later on. means Ireland first-a solenu duty which every Irish member should observe, but which has been too often neglected, owing to English influence, the

Ottawa, Dec. 22nd, 1890.

A Great Montreal Fire.

One of the largest fires that has taken reader to suppose that there is any very observed that the dominant trait of with the journa's that preached the out shortly after six o'clock on Monday night in a large stone building on Craig sorbtion of Corsica by France that the lattice. Religion in its essential nature is those who would seil their country for a and spread with great rapidity. Owing to the heavy snowstorm the firemen were delayed in getting to the fire, and when they arrived the whole building was in flames. The fire also spread to the ad-The chief function of Catholicity has credit for statesmanship or superior Stephenson, plumbers, and the True from those sent from been mainly Conservative for the last sagacity have contended that his success Witness, and did great damage. The ties in each province. building occupied by Water Bros. was fitted up with heavy presses, and shortly The proper state of things is that religion looks now as if the old chief was about through the floor with a tremendous after the arrival of the firemen these fell crash. The walls followed and the buildand elevates him clways. The influence ing general elections by letting his stupid ing was soon a mass of ruins. The build-of solicion upon its human environment components make the propagation for their ing was owned by Mr. R. B. Angus, of the Bank of Montreal, and was valued at about \$40,000. The adjoining buildings were also badly damaged. The total loss is estimated at over \$100,000. The losses are as follows : Waters Bros. \$16,000; Benallack & Co., printers, \$7,-000; Southam & Cary, railroad printers \$17,000; J. G. Lunn & Co., \$5,000; I. D. Thurston & Co., boots and shoes, \$15,000; Chadwick, Liverpool & Co., \$5,000; E. Auld, mucilage manufacturer, \$2,000; WITNESS was also badly damaged by water. Most of the losses are covered by insurance.

The Tracadle Lepers.

A correspondent of the Island Reporter. published at Sydney, C.B., charges Dr. Smith, superintendent of the lazaretto. with criminal negligence, and state well known victims of the malmly are still at arge near Englishtown. "All of these, except one," according to the Island Reporter's correspondent, "move about the neighborhood and come in contact with hose who are not affected. The affected also make and sell butter to merchants of Englishtown. These merchants, of given. course, buy the article and they, in turn, either use it themselves or sell it." In reply to this charge, Dr. Smith, in an unodicial letter to the department, says that thorough search has been made in the vicinity of Englishtown, with the result that that two srsons suffering from some cution of the best story in the same grade cution of the best story in the same grade cution of the best story in the same grade cution of the best story in the same grade cution of the best story in the same grade cution of the best story in the same grade. sult that two srsons suffering from some caticular disease were examined, but he did not believe there. did not believe them to be lepers. He teacher, says, however, that he has not legal. There lower to compel suspects to submit to able books. a Russian "Ukase" or an English "declarstaint upon that movement, because it advancing, and Leo XIII holds the torch of truth aloft to light the nations on their down is certainly a necessity but it may almost wholly under the guidance of the march to better and happier conditions.

The investigation into the shipping of live stock from Montreal has been in progress for some days and the commission and his patients' happiness by communication and his patients' happin

mitting them to the Lar In his last report he says In his last report he says like leprosy making headway, disappearing. In the early his organisatiution it contained twice the light learning of inmates. Here, as a learning of inmates. number of inmates. Here, as a segregation is stamping out discitation

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

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Young Folks.

The proprietors of THE TRUE WITTER AND CATHOLIC CHRONICLE have pleasure in announcing that it is their intention. in announcing that it is their intension, with the object of interesting the younger members of the Catholic community in literature, to offer for open competition a number of valuable prizes to the pupils. of the Catholic schools of the Don

schools.

The prizes will be given for the best original story on some subject relating to the religious, domestic or general hi-tory of Canada, early settlements, pienes efforts, mission work, etc. As as a practicable competitors must come themselves to incidents connected in their own locality, but this is not sho lutely compulsory.

Competitors need not confine them selves to the literal truth, but they may indulge in some romantic embellishment of their stories so long as they are based upon local, general or historical fact.

Rules for Competitors:

The stories must be submitted in the andwriting of the competitor.

They must not exceed two thousand

Each MS. must be enclosed in a blank sheet of paper of the same size as thaton which the story is written, half foolers size; endorsed with the title of the story; that of the writer; his or her school; county or city; teacher's name

Manuscripts must only be written on one side of the paper.

All Stories for competition must be mailed not later than May 1st. 1891. after which the competition closes.

The Stories will be submitted to com-

THE PRIZES.

The Prizes will be divided as follows:

- 1. City of Montreal
 - 2. Dominion Prize.
 - 3. Provincial Prize.
 - 4. County Prize.

5. School Prize.

MONTREAL CITY PRIZE.

The first prize will be given for the best story selected from those sent in from the schools in the city.

DOMINION PRIZE.

The second for the best story selected from those sent from the various cour-

PROVINCIAL PRIZE.

The third for the best story sent from the provinces generally. COUNTY PRIZE.

any of the schools generally.

The fourth for the best story from

SCHOOL PRIZE. The fifth for the best story from the schools generally.

These prizes will be as follows: -1. (CITY PRIZE)-An excellent Upright

2. (DOMINION)—A Gold Watch, name of winner and conditions under which it

was received, engraved. 3. (PROVINGIAL)—A handsome Silver

4. (COUNTY)—Three volumes History of Our Own Times (McCarthy). Ireland Past and Present. Life of Leo XII. 5. Cyclopedia of Literature.

SECOND PRIZE LIST.

Prizes will be given in accordance with the same classification for the second best stories, and a third class will also be

EXTRA PRIZES.

There will consist of a series of valu-

|Subscribers wlll be good enough to note further announcement in our column