

THE TRUE WITNESS

IS PRINTED AND PUBLISHED BY The Post Printing & Publishing Co. AT THEIR OFFICES: 761 CRAIG ST., Montreal, Canada.

Subscription per annum \$1.50 of paid strictly in advance \$1.00

TO ADVERTISERS. A limited number of advertisements of approved character will be inserted in THE TRUE WITNESS...

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS. Subscribers in the country should always give the name of their Post Office. Those who remove should give the name of the old as well as the new Post Office.

The Post Printing & Publishing Co. MONTREAL, CANADA.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27, 1884.

CATHOLIC CALENDAR.

THURSDAY, 28. St. John and Paul Martyrs. FRIDAY, 29. The Octave of St. John Baptist. SATURDAY, 30. St. Ignace, Bishop and Martyr. BIRTHDAYS OF THE HOLY FATHERS...

The family and aristocratic grandees of Europe who flock to Monaco during the summer season are dropping off rapidly.

Recent statistics give a startling view of the decline of farming in England and Wales. There were 25,934, or ten per cent., fewer farmers in 1881 than in 1871, and eighteen per cent. more farmers' bailiffs.

The Queen and Gladstone are said to be constantly quarrelling about trides, which is said to be the old lady's way of avenging her impotence to direct the old man's policy.

The statement of the Dominion Post-Office Savings Bank for the month of May shows the amount of deposits to have been \$525,199, while the sum withdrawn was \$922,329.

THE MOST REV. DR. BUTLER, Bishop of Limerick, has come out straight and unequivocally for the Irish National party.

The Herald says: "Our American friends may now be met on our principal streets. We welcome all such visitors. They are an important factor in the revenue of our hotel-keepers, retail men and cabmen."

Mr. JOHN ENNIS, an immigrant agent, in a letter to Mr. Van Horne, says, "I have never yet seen in the New Zealand, Australia or United States press anything at all approaching the virulence which has been exhibited against immigration by the press of Canada."

A NUMBER of stalwart Scotchmen paid a visit to Dublin the other day in their picturesque national costume. Their first experience of British hospitality on the shores of Erin was far from agreeable.

district, the city of Dublin. They thought it an outrage to treat subjects of the Queen in that fashion, but they were thus enabled to realize the difference between liberty in Ireland and in their own more favored part of the Empire.

The following are some figures from the report of the Registrar-General, showing the marriage, birth, death, pauper and emigration rate in Ireland during the past year.

The Guelph hides itself in the fact that "in railroad extension Canada's progress has been remarkable. In 1881 there was a total in working order of 7,535 miles and since then 2,410 miles had been added."

For momentary hypocrisies of the United States bank president, who is the object of so much social and legal attention in Quebec, is entitled to a substantial consolation.

The workmen of this country, considering the present state of business, are justified in remonstrating against the importation of impetuous immigrants to the older provinces.

A CORRESPONDENT sends us the following clipping from an evening contemporary and asks us to indicate the point of the "joke":

The Philadelphia Times says:—"Monsieur Capel has at length secured a distinguished convert. Some disappointment has been expressed hitherto that the labors of this eminent prelate had not brought forth as abundant fruit among the rich and great of the United States as had been anticipated."

If our contemporary intended a joke by the above, it is too thick to see through, and what we can't see through we can't point out to others.

OWING to the appointment of Mr. W. J. Spicer to the position of manager of the Chicago and Grand Trunk Railroad in place of Mr. Calloway, who has gone over to the Union Pacific, there will be, we are given to understand, a general change and promotion of the Grand Trunk Railway employes in the various departments.

tion, and this explains why Irish Catholics fill several of the most prominent and responsible positions in the Canadian Pacific.

With Mr. Tilden definitely out of the Presidential race, and with the Democracy unwilling to select a standard-bearer from a doubtful State like Ohio or Indiana, the probable chances for the Democratic nomination at Chicago next month narrow down to either some popular and able Democrat of New York, or to Senator Thomas Francis Bayard, of Delaware.

MANY Presbyterians and Methodists are beginning to see the folly and the ludicrousness of the attempts made by their churches to "evangelize" the French Canadian people in the Province of Quebec.

From present appearances it seems not improbable that Governor Cleveland, of New York, will receive the Democratic nomination for the presidency, and ex-Senator McDonald, of Indiana, for vice-president.

THE LATEST LANDLORD SCHEME. The last proposal to add to British law for the special benefit of Ireland was in the shape of another Land bill, which its promoter, Secretary Trevelyan, assured the House would "positively be the last."

THE British Board of Trade returns show that the total number of people who left Great Britain and Ireland during the month of May was 48,270, of whom 35,385 went to the United States, only 8,017 to Canada and the rest to Australia or South America.

OWING to the necessity of sending the TRUE WITNESS to press somewhat earlier than usual this week, we are unable to give any account of the grand semi-centennial celebration of St. Jean Baptiste, which is now in progress in Montreal.

population. This result is attributed to the improved state of the tenantry and of agricultural affairs generally, and also to the warning cry of the Episcopate and the national leaders against emigration.

An American citizen named Joyce was arrested on the arrival of the steamer "Illinois" at Queenstown the other day. The detectives discovered in his luggage a peculiar brass tube which they declared to be an infernal machine of a novel and ingenious pattern.

QUEBEC'S IGNORANCE. The Hon. Mr. Blake in a speech at Knowlton on Friday, gave a very remarkable picture of the distressing ignorance which prevails in this province.

This is very mortifying and shows that one-fifth of our population cannot write and one-sixth cannot read. It is for this reason that art, science and literature have languished in this province, and few outside of those who supply man's first wants are able to make a livelihood in ministering to his higher intellectual needs.

During the session of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, held in Toronto last week, Archbishop Lynch found it necessary to address an open letter to that body, to protest against the utterances of some of the divines respecting the doctrines and practices of the Catholic Church.

unexpected opposition, the bill was withdrawn. One of the Irish members described it as a scheme "to establish for the benefit of the foreign Imperialism a sort of truce of thirty-five to forty years, during which the Irish ratiopayers are to be tied neck and heels to the chariot wheels of the British treasury."

THE POPULAR VOTE AND THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE.

In view of the approaching Presidential contest in the neighboring Republic, it will be found interesting to note a comparison of the actual division of States and votes between the two parties in the last elections.

Quebec, Ontario. Non-readers 16 3/4 Non-writers 20 1/2 This is very mortifying and shows that one-fifth of our population cannot write and one-sixth cannot read.

CHARGING CATHOLICS WITH IDOLATRY.

During the session of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, held in Toronto last week, Archbishop Lynch found it necessary to address an open letter to that body, to protest against the utterances of some of the divines respecting the doctrines and practices of the Catholic Church.

addresses, to wit, talking about what he does not understand and "slandering"—that is his word—slandering his fellow-men, to wit, the heathen, who he says know no better.

The Witness must, indeed, be lamentably ignorant of the value or meaning of terms, to pretend that there is little or no distinction between "veneration" and "adoration."

We wouldn't put it past the Witness to say "they did." In the mean time we would beg to inform our pious readers that it is losing its time and wind in trying to persuade any decent or intelligent portion of this community that "Catholics are idolaters."

CRIME IN OFFICIAL CIRCLES.

MR. WILLIAM O'BRIEN, M.P., editor of United Ireland, the organ of the National League, has succeeded in making life utterly miserable for two or three prominent Castle officials, by exposing their villainy and criminal practices, which stand unsurpassed in the annals of human iniquity and depravity.

Our new serial, "LOVE AND MONEY," commenced in this week's issue, is an interesting and instructive work of fiction.

OWING to the necessity of sending the TRUE WITNESS to press somewhat earlier than usual this week, we are unable to give any account of the grand semi-centennial celebration of St. Jean Baptiste, which is now in progress in Montreal.