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Important Announcement.

In our issue of January 7 we shall make an important announcecompetition for valuable prizes we are about to offer to the children of the Catholic schools. Full par. ticulars will be given. Look out for that number.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR to all our readers.

Ir night editors always avoided slangy vulgarity the Empire and Mail would not have both fallen into the error of stating that Parnell's candidate in Kilkenny was "snowed under," meaning that he had been defeated.

L'ELECTEUR has hardly added to its laurels by charging the Government with responsibility for the accident at St. Joseph de Levis. Its signal failure to make political capital out of the lamentable tragedy at Quebec when a frost slide of rock killed several people is not yet forgotten. Trifling thus with solemn subjects is unworthy of a leading journal.

United Canada, alluding to the new Commander-in-chief of the militia who, by the way, seems to be winning golden opinions, says of that othicer:

Col. Herbert, who came to Canada a few weeks ago to take command of the Dominion Militia, is able, it is claimed, to trace his lineage in direct.line, back to a sister of William the Conqueror. But there is something charmful-if we coin a term-in the case of a gentleman like Col. Herbert who can point backwards from one ancestor to another for 800 years in unbroken vein. and who is at the same time so affable. courteous and easy of approach, as the gallant Colonel is said to be. Is this not an infallible sign that the coin is not Lavigerie is to be regarded as having in spurious?

THERE is naturally a good deal of indignation excited in France by the proposition to erect a statue of Garibaldi. The suggestion has caused much record hunting and it now turns out that instead of deserving a statue that arch revolutionary adventurer ought to have been shot, so far as his feats during the. Franco-Prussian war were concerned. The official report "on the operations of the Eastern Army" in the Prussian War Office shows that according to the evidence of General Bourbaki, one of the few Generals in the French army that the Germans respected for his ability, and of other officers, Garibaldi was one of the causes of the destruction of the Eastern army in France, either by his incapacity or treachery. It is true that in the hour of her affliction a good many self-seeking adventurers gained military offices of rank in the French service. But of all the pernicious shame the Italian revolutionary mountebank was evidently the worst.

THE Boston Pilot pays a high compliment to the administration of justice in Canada as compared with the United States. Having first referred to the Eyraud trial in France, it says:

"Birchall, who decoyed and slew his countryman, near Niagara Falls, Canada, was given a quick but impartial trial, sentenced to death and promptly hanged. Sawtell, of Boston, accused of masons were not slow to avail themfratricide, has able lawyers, who are trying hard to prove that if he did murder his brother, the crime was not committed in New Hampshire, where he is on trial. but in Maine, where the death penalty | concerned. has been abolished. The Judge addresses him as "Mr. Sawtell," and asks him, "How do you do?" The prisoner caresses the daughter of his dead brother during recess, and is generally regarded as a sort of hero. On the whole we are compelled to say that our Canadian friends manage this sort of thing better than it is managed either in France or

the United States. It may be noted that since these lines were written Sawtell has been sentenced to be hanged on the first Taesday in 1892! 'Twixt then and now the vagaries of American jurisprudence will doubtless have been fully invoked.

L'ELECTEUR in its issue of the 26th states that its time has been so much occupied in grieving over the Intercolonial railway accident—which it attri-

in the province as evidenced in the distribution of Col. Rhodes' "Crowns and Palms," that it has had no time to pay attention to another pressing subject, viz., the squabblings in the ranks of the so-styled Liberal party. The one faction of Mr. Mercier's supporters deplores his "liberalism" and the tendency to cultivate it; the other, the free and easy masonic ring as represented by La Patrie. chuckles over the very evident fact, and expresses the opinion that the vagaries of the provincial administration tend to bring about a truly "liberal government." What a "truly liberal governbe few in this province understand. The condition of Italy and France socially morally and intellectually is not widely known in Canada. The "true liberalism" comes to the rescue. We are gravely told that the government of the province is "not liberal." The venerable chestnut as to its being "national" is rolled ment, which, we hope, all our young readers will carefully study. It will relate to a remarkable open it should be called Opportunist. Opportunism, tempered with recklessness, has been conspicuously exhibited in provingovernment which is plunging the province neck deep in debt and breeding ation shortly to be instituted. How will the public like this nationalism?

> CERTAIN ill-informed papers in the United States are indulging in much erroneous criticism of the recent letter of Cardinal Lavigerie, in which he approvesof the present Republic existing in France. These critics seem to suppose that the letter is an endorsement by the Vatican — that Cardinal Lavigerie is not the Vatican they do not seem to understand-of the principles of Republicanism. But the Church knows neither Monarchy nor Democracy, and will never at prove of one or the other as a system in itself. Neither can be complete without the spiritual and consequent dominant direction of the Holy Sec. Without it no form of political government can long be anything else than a system of social disorder and licentiousness. Church and State are inextricably woven together and the latter without the influence of the former cannot long remain in order, harmony, honesty, and, it may be added, social decency. As long as a Republic is Catholic and Christian, its peculiar form of administration has nothing to do with the highest ecclesiastical authorities. But, that Cardinal any way endorsed the idea of Republican government, as interpreted by spreadcagle orators in the United States, is a serious misconception of his purpose. More than this it would appear that there is reason for believing that the present Republican government in France is not orite so liberal in its dealings with the Catholic Church as to justify Cardinal Lavigeric's expressions of confidence. Mr. de Blowitz tells a rather dismal story in the Times of one Gustave Black recently expelled from Cambray, It seems that this unfortunate man established a paper on a Catholic basis which opposed the latitudinarian teachings of the secularized schools of France. The masonic bodies, and what masonic bodies are need not be told here—the recent encyclical of the Holy Father has cast some light on that subject-immediately commenced their evil machinations. They applied to the Minister of Public Instruction, with the result that Black was summarily ordered to quit France. He declined and was conducted to the frontier by gendarmes. This was the reward of a man who was born in France, served in her armies, fought against the Germans and was generally an accepted and loyal citizen. But the enemies of his Catholic paper discovered that his grandfather went to France with the allied armies in 1815, and on his settling there left by a technical omission his descendants foreigners for all time. The selves of this nor the minister to aid them. But the circumstance is hard-

The Pope.

ly encouraging so far as Catholicism is

The latest news from Rome gives the consoling assurance that the health of His Holiness Pope Leo XIII. is all that could be desired in a venerable prelate of his advanced age. His physician pronounces his constitution robust and that he is free from all physical infirmity. Thus all the idle speculation as to the succession of the chair of Peter goes for naught. Indeed, the Pope, far from being at death's door, as so frequently announced by newspaper paragraphists, is now engaged upon a work of more than ordinary magnitude. He will issue early in the approaching year an Encyclical dealing with the burning question of Socialism. The relations of capi-

the attention of the august Head of the Church. In the teachings of Christianity alone can the remedy be found for the deep-seated evils that afflict modern society. Shallow theorists have done a great deal to shake the social fabric and sow distrust amongst the various classes of society. The grasping spirit of the age has given a handle to social tinkers and enabled them to promulgate and propagate their subversive theories. A pronouncement from His Holiness dealing with the whole issue will have the effect of awakening all classes to a sense ment" from La Patrie's standpoint would of their respective duties. Protestants as well as Catholics will look forward with eagerness for the promised Encyclical, and all will accept with reverence the atterances of the Father of the faithwhich prevails in those countries is cer- ful, for it must be admitted that the tainly not worthy of imitation, and it signs of the times are threatening and will be an evil day for Canada when it that if widespread disaster is to be takes root here. L'Electeur, however, averted a prompt return to the fundamental principles of justice is imperative.

Mr. Curran, M.P.

Elsewhere in our columns we give an

account of a most pleasing, appropriate and happily conceived event. On a former occasion we stated that a movement was on foot to present our eminent cial affairs during the last five years. A fellow-countryman, Mr. J. J. Curran, M.P., Q.C., with a slight mark of public esteem. We are now pleased to be able racial prejudices can scarcely be justly to record the fact that this has been termed national. Government papers done. The graceful address read by Mr. have also hinted at a system of direch tax- McLennan, though brief, very lucidly told the why and wherefore of the presentation; and no one, be he of whatsoever creed or nationality he may, will deny the assertion that never was presentation more deserved or public man more fitly honored. There is no one more useful or distinguished in his public career, or more generally respected by all classes of the community, than the member for Montreal Centre. A Rupert in debate and the warfare of politics; a Bayard in his personal character and private relations, Mr. Curran is one of whom his fellow-citizens may well be proud, and, had the opportunity been afforded, we feel confident that there are many far outside his locality and constituency who would gladly have contributed their offerings on the present occasion. But the testimonial offered by his own city and constituency at the Board of Trade of the chief commercial city of the Dominion is a significant sign and conclusive proof of the general esteem in which Mr. Curran is held. In his reply, so fuil of grace, so apt and felicitous, Mr. Curran too modestly hinted at his long services to the Conservative party and, we think prematurely, to the time when he must cease to bear a part in the fray in which he has borne so much of the brunt and burden. We feel assured that we do but echo the sentiments of every member of the community when we say-long may that day be averted. Of him it may truly be said in the words recorded on the monument of one many centuries passed away:

Such lovers of the commonwealth Too few there be.

Mr. Curran's services are too valuable for the country to lose as yet, and every one interested in retaining the best and ablest men in the public arena will hope that the day may be long delayed on community as it was during the time which his retirement from public life will be announced.

The Behrings Sea Dispute.

If there be any truth in the statement that Messrs. Harrison, Blaine & Co., are keeping the dispute over the Behrings sea difficulty in suspense so that it may be used as an electoral cry in 1892, then it is a further proof that the standard of American statesmanship is not much above the level of the tactics of ward politicions. But having so used it we are informed a back down is ultimately inevitable on the part of the American Government from the utterly untenable position they have assumed in the matter. The organs of public opinion apologizing for the United States Government have in certain cases hinted at war. One says: "Congress in coming to a decision

will be governed largely by the ability of the country to defend its ports against bombardment by British ironclads. If we are not ready for war we must get ready for it at once." But of this contingency there is little danger and none know it better than the Americans themselves. As the Chicago Herald remarks:

"Does not every intelligent man know that before we could have plans ready for ships bombardment would begun if it be resolved not to consent to arbitration as a last resort? Can huge and complicated machines of naval warfare be constructed in a day and a night? And hold word, and with them her noble how many would be required to protect deeds and religious nobility of charour coasts against the fleets that England actor will ever find a warm and loving can dispatch to our seaboard in a week? One day of terror would depopulate all the cities on the Atlantic, the gulf and Pacific. Canada would be upon us along the frontier and the British possessions in the far Northwest would be only too glad of a chance to resent, as they could with entire safety, many insults and annoyances."

Let the American administration, which holds office in the teeth of the recent want of confidence vote on the part butes to the Federal Government—and tal and labor and the many-sided aspects of the public, abandon their absurd con-

old world and the new are well worthy of tional question a stake in a local political gamble and treat the subject with becoming dignity and regard to law and there need be no difficulty. On the other hand the matter, being one of an international character, may embroil the United States in an international dispute which they may find ipleasant in its

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

[Special Correspondence of The True Witness,]

QUEBEC, Dec. 30.—The Legislature has ceased its labors, after a week's windingup. One of the principal events of the week has been the discussion of the ship Laborers' charter, which has been threatened, but which still exists, a compromise having been arrived at, all future by-laws of the society having to be approved by the Licut.-Governor-in-

The new license bill, amending the fees and costs, was read a third time without amendment.

The slaughter of the innocents went on apace, and a number of orders were struck off the list.

A bill to establish a national breeding stud was passed.

The chief business of the week, however, was the bill to anthorize the pro-

vince to borrow \$10,000,000. A bill to empower the Lieutenant-Governor to call on railway companies to show how they fulfilled their obligations, and to decide whether they should hold their charters, was protested against as infringing on the rights of the Legislature. Mr. Mercier said circumstances demanded the change. The bill was carried on division, 43 to 22.

A bill to enable the provincial debt to be consolidated was also passed.

On the proposed mining tax a discussion ensued, Mr. Ponpore moving an amendment; the motion was, however,

> THE HOUSE PROROGUED. (By Telegram.)

The Lieut-Governor this afternoon (Tuesday) prorogued the House with the usual slate. He delivered the following speech :

Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly: In bringing your legislative labors to

close, I have to congratulate and to thank you. To congratulate you upon the courtesy and dignity which have marked your deliberations; to thank you for the liberality with which you have voted new appropriations for promoting the construction of railways, and for the advancement of agricultural interests in this province. The loan which you have authorized will enable the province to meet present obligations and secure the substantial benefits of great progress. Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

I thank you for the moneys you have

voted for the requirements of the public service and I will see that these moneys are expended with all due economy. Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative

Council: Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

In taking leave of you I pray for the prosperity of the province, for the happiyour families.

AT REST.

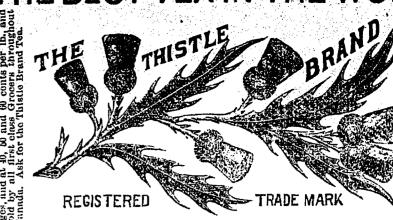
Mother Superior St. Bernard Passer Away After a Brief Illness.

One of the oldest nuns in the Dominion passed away at midnight on Saturday in the person of Mother Superior St. Ber-nard, nee Mignault, superior of the Con-gregation of Nuns. She entered the order 50 years ago, and has been superior-general several times. She had occupied all the more important position in the she was superior that the large building at Monklands was erected. She was in perfect health until Friday afternoon when, whilst she was driving in a sleigh, she was suddenly stricken with apoplexy. She retained consciousness nntil she arrived at the gates af the institution, when she asked to be assisted inside. She then became unconscious, and remained so until she expired. Mother St. Bernard had the honor accorded to few in religious life of having celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of her profession. During the celebration of the golden wedding services she was the recipient of congratulations from all parts of the Dominion and the United States. This universal expression of testimony was simply the well merited earthly reward to a devoted and self-sacrificing woman, who used her great talents in performing the heroic work of spreading the light of a Christian education among the female youth of this country, thereby exercising an influence in the formation of character that is beyond the power of estimation. Mother St. Bernard was esteemed and respected among the pupils and their families in an especial manner. Among the pupils she was widely known, because they felt the warmth of her motherly care and by the families of the practical and beautiful deeds which they knew evolved from her holy labors. None among our Catholic fellow-citizens will, perhaps, have greater cause for regret and sorrow in learning of the death of Mother St. Bernard than the Irish Catholics, because she ever evinced an affectionate regard for the work surrounding the missions where their children were educated. To the Irish Catholic female youth the name of Mother St. Bernard will be a house-

Mr. Thomas McGuire, of Allumette Island, died at the residence of his som deceased gentleman was born near the town of Bellagawiey, County Tyrone, Ireland, in June 1808. He was married reprinted for ourselves, just in. W. in Ireland, and came to Canada in the Street. year 1829, and resided for some time in Alexandria, Glengarry; thence he moved to Allumette Island, and was one of the | Lindsay's, 2270 St. Catherine street, for a earliest pioneers thereof. The deceased new Heintzman Upright Piano. Open rejoicing over the triumph of agriculture of the Social question now agitating the tentions, cease to make a grave internative was a brother of the late John McGuire, until 9 p.m.

memory.

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of St. Roch de l'Achigan, County of L'Assomption, and also of the late Mrs. McCabe, of St. Marthe, County Vaudruil, Quebec. His funeral took place on Monday, 22nd inst., to the Roman Catholic cemetery at Chapeau—the burial place of the family. The funeral cortege was large, evincing the high respect in which the deceased was held. Requiem High Mass was sung for the repose of his soul, by the Rev. Father Leduc, at Chapeau.

CONSULS IN TROUBLE.

The Washington Government Exercised Over the Action of their Canadian Representatives.

Washington, D.C., December 28.-Acting on information from the Treasury that irregularities were suspected in the consular authentication of Canadian goods imported into the United States during the past thirteen months, the Secretary of State recently determined on a thorough investigation of the United States consular service in Canada. He selected Dr. Sinclair, chief of the Con-sular bureau of the State department, for the purpose, and Special Agent Whitehead of our Treasury department was detailed to assist him. These gentle-men have just completed their investigation and are preparing their reports. While it is impossible to obtain official acknowledgment to that effect, it is understood extensive frauds were discovered in the shape of systematic undervaluation by consigners and in the collection of illegal fees by consular officers. The amount of money involved is said to be very large, but the exact sum cannot be ascertained. Secretary Windom and Assistant Secretary Spaulding, of the Treasury department, and Assistant Secretary. mry department, and Assistant Secretary James street, Wharton, of the State department, were questioned on the subject last night, but each declined to commit himself in adness of each one of you and for that of vance of the receipt of the official reports. Secretary Windom said that if the charges were proved the guilty would be punished if there was any power in law to do it. It is expected reports on the investigations will be submitted next

The Grand Trunk.

Sir Joseph Hickson has resigned the general management of the G.T.R., Mr. Seargeant succeeding him. There has been no proposal for a re-arrangement of the departments in the Grand Trunk railway service, it appears. The names suggested as Mr. Seargeant's successor. Messrs. Wainwright or Porteous, find no competitors, so far as rumor goes, but there is an idea that the position heretofore held by Mr. Seargeant as Traffic Manager will not be filled, other arrangements being made to suit the new General Manager's idea.

Halifax Express Sufferers.

QUEBEC, December 29.-The Intercolonial railway authorities are now removing to their homes all the remaining passengers who were injured in the late accident at St. Joseph de Levis, and who are all rapidly recovering. On Saturday Mr. Dobson, of Moncton, who had one of his legs broken, was removed on an invalid's cot to the Halifax express and carefully sent home to his friends. The Collin family, consisting of the husband, wife and four children, are all perfectly well again, and Mrs. Caouette, who was so badly injured that her life was despaired of, is no longer in danger.

Behring Sea.

New York, Dec. 30.—The Herald says that the President will probably send the Behring Sea correspondence to the Senate to-morrow. It remarks that the United States must now do one of two things-"recede from the doctrine of the sovereignty over seal life in Behring Sea or take the consequences of maintaining that position." The correspondence shows what the attitude of both governments is, and the Herald says that the position of the United States Government s a humiliating one which wili be very liflicult for partizan defenders to sustain. England wants the whole matter submitted to arbitration. The United States asks England to yield the chief points before the arbitration commences.

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