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Important Announcement.

In our issue of January 7 we shall make an important announcement, which, we hope, all our young readers will carefully study.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR to all our readers.

If night editors always avoided slung 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.

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 officer:

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.

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 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.

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.

It may be noted that since these lines were written Sawtell has been sentenced to be hanged on the first Tuesday in 1891.

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 attributes to the Federal Government—and rejoicing over the triumph of agriculture

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 squabbles in the ranks of the so-called Liberal party.

Certain ill-informed papers in the United States are indulging in much erroneous criticism of the recent letter of Cardinal Lavigerie, in which he approves of the present Republic existing in France.

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old world and the new are well worthy of 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.

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 fellow-countryman, Mr. J. J. Curran, M.P., Q.C., with a slight mark of public esteem.

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 which his retirement from public life will be announced.

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Let the American administration, which holds office in the teeth of the recent want of confidence vote on the part of the public, abandon their absurd contentions, cease to make a grave interna-

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.

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE OF THE TRUE WITNESS.]

QUEBEC, Dec. 30.—The Legislature has ceased its labors after a week's winding-up. 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 Lieut.-Governor-in-Council.

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 authorize the province 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.

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

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

THE HOUSE PROLOGUED.

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

Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council: Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

In bringing your legislative labors to a 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.

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.

In taking leave of you I pray for the prosperity of the province, for the happiness of each one of you and for that of your families.

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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 until she arrived at the gates of the institution, when she asked to be assisted inside. She then became unconscious, and remained so until she expired.

Halifax Express Suffers. 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.

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Mr. Thomas McGuire, of Allumette Island, died at the residence of his son, Mr. James F. McGuire, of Sheen, on Friday, the 19th December instant. The deceased gentleman was born near the town of Ballygowan, County Tyrone, Ireland, in June 1808.

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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.

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.

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.

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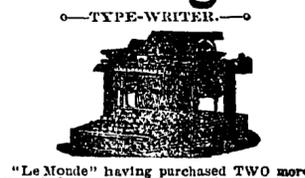
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