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## TOPICS OF AN OLD-TIMER

The Irish Question Again - Some More to feed the English, tillage makes Land Act-Difficulties Put in the Is On.

The appearance of Prof. Goldwin Smith's book on the Irish question, and the recent declarations of prominent British party leaders for and against Home Rule, make a discussion of Irish affairs at this juncture seasonable. Notwithstanding all that has been said and written of them, they are not yet fully understood, not even by so well read a man as Prof. Smith himself, for he fails to put many things in their proper light, although his intentions may be good.

The Irish demand is for Home Rule

or the constitutional right to govern themselves. To deprive them of this right is an act of tyranny. It is the oppression of a minority by a majority. The spirit of the age, the facts of history, the greatest tragedy of the human race since the deluge, the dispersion of a stalwart race over the world, makes this clear. The unton of Ireland with England is a union of the lamb with the wolf, the lamb inside the wolf. This unhappy condition of a portion of the human race will have to be agitated, exposed and called to correction until the crack of doom if necessary. Like the ill-usage and oppression of the Jews, it commands a constant cry of grief and appeal to humanity. Nature has made Ireland a beautiful country, but man has desolated it. The Irish are a worthy people and taking them all-in-all, they form a splendid race of men and women. Why should they not be allowed to do their own behests for their own behoof? Because they are disorderly, because they are ignorant, because they hate us, say the small, narrow, miserable, ungenerous English econsts, from whom Goldwin man as he sometimes shows Irish, say men like Lord Roseberry, dish, ern themselves, not withstanding the misfortune to be Mr. Burke's comtact that they assist at governing the panion at the time, and Burke was world. "They govern every country the only man that a spite was held but their own," was the declaration against. It is news that the soof a distinguished American; and called "Invincibles" were Irish-Amthey have a better right to govern ericans. Mr. Smith ought to be bettheir own country than any other ter informed than that people, be they English, Scotch or

frish nation, has impoverished what the natural apticudes of the country is left of the people, has degraded and to satisfy themselves whether them, has made fugitives of their it was capable of supporting the best and strongest, and yet men like population which disastrous events Roseberry in England and Smith in and sinister influences had accumu-Canada, declare that this accursed lated upon it." condition must be maintained! This lish tinkers' talk. Why O'Connell me is obtuseness with a vengeance. There that objection long before Parnell. It are great Englishmen, there have has been proved by statistics over been great Englishmen, and there will and over again that Ireland, if she be great Englishmen, but the Eng- had had fair play, could support dou-lish mind towards the wrongs of Ire- ble the population she possessed at tand is so obtuse that were the Lord the time of the famine. It is vain for Ireland, but Lord Roseberry says of Heaven and Earth to come down to endeavor to impress people who he will have none of it, and Lord from His throne of light and write write like this. on tablets of gold with characters of means, I suppose, is: Could Ireland fire, that Ireland should have home support so large a population when rule, they would not believe in the England had taken all her advantages justice of the command.

Great Britain and Ireland are not so great nor so imposing, nor their own free parliament. natural interests so diverse, that they must have a political cancer eating into their vitals. They certainly should live a harmonious existence. They are necessary to each other's existence in more ways than one. Mr. Smith's wonderful conception of this fact is that England has

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TORONTO, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1905 coal in her bowels and Ireland grass on her back! This is an argument against tillage and the cultivation of 'the philo progenitive potato," Mr. Smith once described that useful Irish edible. Grass makes bullocks Out—Grass versus Tillage—A Desence of the Potato-The Manchester ter about the Irish; the bullocks are Martyrs-English Tinker Talk-The preferable, and that is the Smithsonian philosophy!

Way of its Administration—In Fifty how comes it that it has given sus-If the potato be so poor a food Years Ireland's Population Dimin- tenance to so stalwart a race of peoished by One-Half, and Her Taxation ple? The Irish and their descendants Doubled - Another Home Rule Battle most athletes in the world. They certainly are in the United States, in Canada and in England. I do not admire the potato as an exclusive article of diet, but it evidently has its merits, or so brave, so strong and so energetic, not to say comely, a race, would have thriven upon it. Mr. Smith, in his earlier days, used argue that over-population was the cause of Ireland's misery, and that the potato was to blame for it. The population since then has been reduced by one-half, but the misery still exists and famines are frequent. It is only English tinkers' talk. how, the land system and the forcing of the Irish peasantry to live on starvation fare is the reason for this Surely Mr. Smith knows it. Then why does he endeavor to conceal the consequences. If the Irish were not a superior race free from the taints that make other races weak and scrofulous, they would all be dead and buried long ago, because of English

I want to take Mr. Smith to task for what he says in his book about the Manchester affair of years abo. He says "a policeman escorting Fenian prisoners had been murdered at Manchester." Mr. Smith, before charging murder, should be aware that the death of the policeman referred to was an accident. The shot that killed Sergeant Brett was fired to break a lock not to murder a man. Three brave men, however, were hanged for it, and some of the best authorities on English law have declared that hanging judicial murder, and that is the reason why Allan, Larkin and O'Brien are looked upon as martyrs to liberty by the Irish people and their execution is annually celebrated.

In writing of the "Invincibles" who himself, takes his temper. Coercion assassinated Cavendish and Burke in acts, crimes acts and other acts of the Phoenix Park, Dublin, Mr. Smith repression, are their only remedies styles them "a club of frenzied Irish for the government of a people they in the United States." Bad as the that are terribly wronged. "In the to infection with Mr. Co. dish, against whom they had no the mock Liberal, are unable to gov- grudge, but that gentleman had the

"Neither Parnell nor any of his party," remarks Mr. Smith, "seem to The Union has depopulated the have cared to study dispassionately This is more Eng-What Mr. Smith and opportunities from her. It was it. made clear over and over again that vilized world on her side. The lead- Canadian Oil Co., in connection with That group of islands constituting Ireland could not be made to prosper without her political rights and her

Mr. Smith lauds "the steadfastness and power of this journal" (the London Times) in rallying the adherents of the union against Mr. Gladstone's Home Rule Bill. If Mr. Smith had any regard whatever for Irish sentiment he would not quote the London Times' steadfastness for anything, for it was always an inveterate foe of the Irish people and their cause. He must remember well the time when its columns used to bristle with the words at the end of "want" advertisements, "no Irish need apply."

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It is true that since the failure of Editor Catholic Register:

Sir Antony Macdonnell. to carry that good intention into ef-

During the past fifty years the population of Ireland has been reduced one-half, but the taxation has been missed are among the leading Catho-French stage are played here one afmore than it was ten years ago. The High School and Separate School they did not dare to put on a few glected, and it is perhaps from the glected, and it is perhaps from social and moral point of view the social and moral point of view the Liberals who were reappointed. I can without fear, without scruple and government. Ireland seems to be as and can give you further particulars sad education of the people has been Czar of Russia.

What the course of the successors of the present government may be remains to be seen. The Liberal lead-er, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, has already declared for Home Rule Roseberry is a Liberal too. course the whole Unionist party is opposed to it. Ireland, however, has a nearly united party to battle for She has the sympathy of the cring colonies of the empire have passed resolutions in favor of it, and perhaps the King himself may be an adherent of the cause. God grant that the question may be finally settled at last and favorably.

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Mr. Gladstone's Flome Rule measure there has been important legislation. Register 1 am pleased to say that tions. This, in fact, has been such in parliament for the improvement lits editorials and articles on the as to cause us profound sadness. If tulations of the condition of the farming population and the Domanian most allowed, we bless God for all that lation by creating a peasant proprie of Ontario and the Dominion meet ellevates the soul, deepens our faith tory, and buying out the landlords with my full approval. Catholics ne-How this legislation is thriving has ver got their full measure of justice virtue, how then can we be otherwise even under the late government, but than deeply grieved at that which morals are trampled underfoot; and a man useless to look for any at all, which is for the young a real school whose Home Rule sympathies were Orange and Protestant ascendancy of sin. We therefore cannot lose grief and surprise. perfectly well known, was appointed seem to predominate in face of the Under Secretary in Dublin Castle fact that we are supposed to have mission to fulfil in your midst, and pastoral warning came too late, but that one day we will have in this is a sad excuse indeed for but the Land Act was introduced and two Catholic representatives in the that one day we will have to account was passed—an Act under which an Ontario Cabinet to grard the inter-enormous sum of money was lent ests of Catholics. Tree object of this our personal acts, but for your souls by the Treasury for the purpose of letter is to inform you how those which are in our keeping. It is by the Treasury for the purpose of letter is to inform you now those settling the Irish land question—and interests are being looked after in the therefore in the accomplishment of about a year Wyndham was en-1 Catholic County of Glengarry. In the the duty of pastor and father that gaged on ignorant and clumsy and in- recent appointment of magistrates we raise our voice and signal the competent efforts at conciliation; and and J. Ps. There were 66 magisdanger which threatens our society. then, all of a sudden, without any trates appointed by the government reason whatever, another change after all the old J.Ps. had been dishowever, go far enough. The evil is reason whatever, another A. Mac- missed in the County of Glengarry. already amongst us, and is exercising Donnell was publicly censured by him Out of this number 16 are Catholic serious ravages. Simply warning our Donnell was publicly censured by home sequences of this number to are Catholic serious ravages. Simply warning our in the House of Commons, because he and 50 Protestant, but this is not people against the ravages is not all had taken Vyndham seriously; be-i the worst feature. The 16 names con-that is required; it is the leaguing cause he had ventured to put into a tain only one name of the old list of concrete form all the loose and ig- Catholic J.Ps., while in nearly every notant talk about conciliation which case the old Liberal Protestant mandal and control of the combat the evil that is required; it is the leaguing together of all the fathers and mothers are the combat the evil that the signal of the combat that the signal of the combat the evil that the signal of the combat the evil that the signal of the combat the evil that the signal of the combat the combat the combat the evil that the signal of the combat had been indulged in by Wyndham and gistrates have been reappointed, and tuation demands. It is proclaimed had been indulged in by wyndram the states and the states and states are states and states and states and states are states are stat a number of other Pagitsh search thirds of the population Catholic. In temperance is our great enemy, but Sir Anthony MacDonnell was county of the County of Stormont and Cornthe theatre is also an enemy, but ed; regulations were issued from the country of Stormont and Corn-lin Castle nullifying to a large ex-wall matters are still worse. The tent all the valuable provisions of Government has cancelled the com-our doctrines and Christian traditent all the valuable provisions of Government has cancelled the com-the Land Act which had been passed, phissions of all the J.Ps. and ap-and coercion was once again set on pointed 93, 9 or 10 at most of those foot in Ireland. They were prepared being Catholic, and not one Catholic at that moment to make what at last being reappointed, while, as in Glen-cause the theatre never ceases to at that moment to make and a large garry, Protestant Liberals were replace before the eyes of their frequentvery case. The ers scenes of passion and criminal case of the town of Cornwall is a ty- love. pical illustration, there being under

plea can be put forward for this ac- sons of virtue tion, as the Catholic magistrates dispolitics as numbers of the Protestant

I remain, dear sir, Yours Respectfully. E. O. CALLAGHAN.

N. B.-The population of Stormont and Cornwall is about one-half or more Catholic, while the town Cornwall is more than one-half Catholic. E. O. C.

Mr. M. J. O'Leary Mentioned

. The daily papers are mentioning the name of Mr. M. J. O'Leary of the the soon-to-be-appointed Board of License Commissioners. Mr. O'Leary is a young man of excellent standing, both in social and business circles, and the suggestion of his name as an appointee to the Board could not fail to give wide and unqualified satisfaction.

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ON THEATRES

addressed the following letter to his

For the last few years theatres have invaded, to use the expression, our city of Montreal, and in spite of our reiterated warning, in spite of the city press, notices in their favor have appeared from day to day, and, Mr. Gladstone's Home Rule measure! Dear Sit,—As a subscriber of the drawn to witness their representanow, under the present regime it is constitutes a danger to morals, and

Irish conditions and Irish affairs. So list the heads were cut off all the long as Irish questions are decided Catholic magistrates, while all the not here refer to theories, but rather flattering things for our people were said as well as for contain and settled by a parliament the over- Protestants were reappointed and the to practices. We take the theatre said as well as for certain persons up of men who are not Irish and has replaced by Equal Righters and n here in Monorear, the mose whom of the most bigoted type frequent the theorem by close connection with Irish Orangemen of the most bigoted type frequent the theorem by close connection with Irish Orangemen of the most bigoted type frequent the theorem by close whom the which is not as a present to notice the connection with Irish Orangemen of the most bigoted type frequent the theorem by close whom the which is not the which is not the connection with Irish Orangemen of the most bigoted type frequent the theorem by close whom the which is not the connection with Irish Orangemen of the most bigoted type frequent the theorem by close whom the connection with Irish Orangemen of the most bigoted type frequent the theorem by close whom the connection with Irish Orangemen of the most bigoted type frequent the theorem by close whom the connection with Irish Orangemen of the most bigoted type frequent the theorem by the connection with Irish Orangemen of the most bigoted type frequent the theorem by the connection with Irish Orangemen of the most bigoted type frequent the theorem by the connection with Irish Orangemen of the most bigoted type frequent the theorem by the connection with Irish Orangemen of the most bigoted type frequent the connection with Irish Orangemen of the most bigoted type frequent the connection with Irish Orangemen of the most bigoted type frequent the connection with Irish Orangemen of the most bigoted type frequent the connection with Irish Orangemen of the most bigoted type frequent the connection with Irish Orangemen of the most bigoted type frequent the connection with Irish Orangemen of the most bigoted type frequent the connection with Irish Orangemen of the most bigoted type frequent the connection with Irish Orangemen of the most bigoted type frequent the connection with Irish Orangemen of the most bigoted type frequent the connection with Irish Orangemen of the most bigoted type frequent the connection with Irish Oran ing no close connection with Irish Orangemen of the most bigoted type frequent the theatres be sincere and plot which was immoral, but how problems, so long these mistakes will Only one Catholic appears on the new let them say if they ever left these many protesting articles were writlist for the fown of Cornwall and he plays better men and better women, ten, and how much displeasure was will not qualify. I do not know what or if these plays have inspired les-

"Almost all of the pieces of the lics, holding high positions on the ter the other. Those pieces which Poards and well qualified for the posi- years ago, for fear of alarming our people, 'simple and timid,' as was vouch for the accuracy of these facts without the least modification. This gradually going on. Did not a certain actress, whose name we would not pronounce, repeat only a few months ago the ignoble scenes which is her custom to practise elsewhere? We know that more than one person was indignant, but why did those people who respect themselves go to exhibited with the seduction of genius, hear her? We have no need in this Catholic city of such fiterature, of such plays, imported from a centre where Christian marriage is mocked at and where morality and modesty are only vain words.

"Unfortunately too many pious families and too many leading citizens frequent these representations. Their place is not there. They allow themselves to be drawn into it like the rest, but they forget that they are giving a very sad example to people whom they should edify. We do not pretend that all the re presentations in our theatres are bad, but the bad ones are, alas, too numerous, and how many there are really reprehensible? It is true that becomes accustomed to sin, but this is certainly a lamentable symp-

During the present week one theare in particular will attract large crowds, and we deeply regret the programme that has been decided upon, for amongst the pieces there plays bad and condemnable. As for talent and genius in the execution

ARCHBISHOP BRUCHESI and interpretation of the play, this can only increase the danger. We beseech, therefore, our pious families still attached to duty and truth, to be on their guard, and to abstain from what will be to them an occa-As Pastor and Father his Grace Speaks sion for sin, and to prefer, instead, their household and the salvation of Against Certain Performances-Adtheir children's souls."

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tor imposed upon us. "In spite of all that has been said to the contrary we know that our words fell upon attentive ears. Many, the requests we have addressed to in fact, of the most distinguished citizens, in order to meet our wishes, sacrificed the tickets which they had already purchased, and such an act being a noble example to others we are happy to offer them our congra-

"A great many others unfortunately took no notice of our letter and went to hear plays in which we have to confess to-day that such

this is a sad excuse, indeed; for when the varning was given the plays had been encounced and, perhaps, the tickets were purchased, but the theatre was not open. If you were to learn, very dear brethren, that a medicine which had been sold to you as an excellent remedy was nothing more than a fatal poison, would you take the same even if it had been paid

"It has also been said that these plays were interpreted by an artist of incomparable merit, but does this fact render them less immoral or

"Oh, how little logic there is in some minds, and are not religious convictions very far from being deeprooted in certain sould?

We defy the most brilliant orators and the most celebrated actresses to come here to our city and ridicule our history or insult the honor of the Canadian name, for we know that they would receive hisses rather than applause.

'In a word, the patriotic sentiment of the country would rise in protest. fect their intentions were almost entirely nullified by their ignorance of Protestant magistrates, in the new hensible, and that it even exercises a list the heads were cut off all the moral effect upon the recoile. We do self, but in which some not of our national pride?

## INSULT THE CHURCH.

Likewise at the theatre no one should be permitted to attack country, or the memory of our departed statesmen. But in the present case it is the Church which is insulted. Her history is falsified and her blessed influence down through the ages is strangely ignored.

"The scenes offered to the spectators in the theatre are, after all, but scenes of criminal passion, of vengeance, of jealousy, of adultery, of murder, and of suicide. One must be indeed, scrupulous to be afraid or to fee from these scenes. The evil is and is this not sufficient reason for contemplating it and applauding the actor or actress who flaunts it before

"Believe us, very dear brethren, we would never have dreamed of warning you against plays that might be of a nature to provoke in your minds elevated thoughts or noble sentiments. To-day, however, we invite all sincere men, who saw the plays to which we refer, to tell us, with their hands on their hearts, if we were not within our perogatives, and if we were not quite in the right in speaking to you as we have done. It is Catholies to whom we are addressing these words. It is not their Archbishop, it is God whom they have offended, and can they think of it without remorse?

Enjoyment, very dear brotheen, is of short duration, but how hurviliating is the stain that is left in the

"There are journalists, whom we consider as friends, and in whom we have often noticed excelled disposi-

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