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London, Tuesday, April 29.

An Ottawa correspondent telegraphs that hundreds of electors who were entitled to be on the voters' lists in Ottawa went to the polls on Saturday, and were told by the returning officers that they were not or the list. It is again made evident, as it was made evident in London some time ago, that the Dominion voters' lists are not only expensive and unnecessary-the municipal lists being far more complete—but are

AFTER all the talk about Mr. Meredith's London speech, who would have thought that it was not an original production, but the product of a country doctor? So we are told by the Walkerton Telescope, which announces that Dr. Tennant, of Lucknow claims the paternity of the oration. This is a bad blow, but it still leaves the Opposition leader in undisputed possession of one great effort—"The Facts for the Irish Electors," issued as a feeler in the 1883 campaign, and withdrawn when it was

FRIDAY next is Arbor Day in the public chools of Ontario. No happier or more useful custom has ever been established. Hon. G. W. Ross, the Minister of Education, in his last annual report, says the day has become one of the most interesting days in the year. In 1885, 38,940, in 1886, 34, 087, in 1887, 28,057, in 1888, 25,714 trees were planted, and last year about a similar number were put down. In a very few years every rural section in the Province ill have its pleasant, shady bower where the pupils can find shelter from the scorching sun during the summer months, and where their taste for the beautiful in nature will find the same gratification.

OTTAWA city, in which an election to fill a vacancy was held on Saturday, has always been a Tory stronghold in Do-minion contests, and with that party in power in a bye-election the prospects of defeating its nominee could not be regarded as brilliant. Yet, if we were to take the Tory method of figuring out the returns in contests where three candidates ran, we should say that though Mr. Mackintosh carried the seat by a majority of 886, the Government was really defeated. The combined vote polled not say that Mr. Meredith had "edited" by the Liberal and Equal Rights candidate, both against the Government, was 2,848, whereas the Tory candidate only polled 2,463—there being thus a clear majority against the Administration. In like manner the Tories figured out a defeat for the Ontario Government in the West Lambton contest. How do they like the Liberal corn to be measured by their half bushel?

THE DEVICE OF THE ENEMY.

It is a noticeable fact of the present camwhere the Equal Rights movement is supposed to have made some progress, and where a candidate running as a straight Conservative would have no chance of election, the plan is to put up some man of reliable Conservative antecedents as an Equal Rights nominee and quietly accept him as candidate of the Conservative party. John Carnegie, a stiff-necked Tory of the old Bourbon school is in this way standing as an Equal Rights man in West Peterborough, and Alex. Shaw, another hardshell Tory, is standing in Center Bruce. This is part of the organized plan of Mr. Meredith and his political friends, as is clearly proved by a circular letter recently sent out to prominent electors in the Province by Secretary Boswell, of Toronto, with the view of entrapping them. Here is an

the view of entrapping them. Here is an extract from the precious circular:

The mode of accomplishing this is to run independent candidates in about 30 ridings in which Mr. Meredith's party cannot win, thus securing say haif that number of seats from Mr. Mowat's side, and so secure the balance of power between the two parties, and be able to dictate terms to them. By not opposing Mr. Meredith in the ridings that he can carry, we can get a solid Conservative vote, and our platform will bring us enough ultra-Protestants to win the election. By the position of the protection of the p

men like Carnegie and Shaw are being put into the field under pretense of being independents to try and steal enough Reform constituencies to get a majority in the Legislature for Mr. Meredith. For men who islature for Mr. Meredith. For men who profess to be moved by lofty regard for Protestant Christianity this is one of the most contemptible dodges in political annals, and we believe the people of Ontario will resent it as such. How ministers of the gospel cas allew themselves to become parties to such evil deamong the Irish Catholics, or words to that among the Irish Catholics, or words to that Ontario will resent it as such. How with the solution of the gospel cas allow themselves to become parties to such evil devices, as a few seem to have become, just as others allowed themselves to be misled in the said sheet after reading the proof. He said approvinger, and said, 'It would do,' or something similar to that. "I am, too, the author of the circular ontaining the following letter and questions the anti-Scripture selections crusade of 1828, we cannot pretend to understand. But the object is palpable enough; it is to drive out of office an upright and honorable Christian of office an upright and honorable Christian. Be good enough to answer the questions and

statesman, whose private and public life is without a stain, and secure his place for a man who has so far resorted to every im aginative scheme in vain to get a Conserva

How does it happen that in such strong Tory constituencies as East Durham, Cardwell, Carleton, Leeds, East and West Hastings, South Norfolk, North Perth or South Grey no independent candidate is offering? How is it, indeed, that in no constituency represented by a supporter of Mr. Meredith is there any Equal Rights or independent nominee in the field?

Simply because the movement is a Tory plot to beat Mr. Mowat. It is the business of the electors to stamp out such knavish conspiracies, whether masquerading under the cloak of "Equal Rights" or "Educational Reform" party, and we feel assured that when the voice of Ontario is heard it will be a righteous condemnation of the faction now seeking to create religious strife under the leadership of Mr. Meredith.

INDEPENDENT PRAISE.

Some opponents of the Mowat Govern-ment, pretending to be zealous for the promotion of temperance, never lose an op-portunity to belittle the aid which the Onario Administration has afforded to legitimate temperance effort. Such men cannot go to the leaders in the temperance movement-the unselfish workers for the pre vention of intemperance-for comfort. The principal temperance perodicals warmly praise the Administration, and even the Dominion Alliance, over which presides Hon. A. Vidal, of Sarnia, thus refers to of Ontario, and seeking to stir up a rerecent legislation by the Ontario Govern-ment, in response to representations made to it:

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A number of needed amendments were urgently pressed upon the attention of our Provincial Government, and at the recent sessions. The control of the con

The Dunkin Act and the Scott Act were Dominion measures, and the Dominion Government refused to provide means for carrying out their provisions. It is well to bear this in mind when professional Tory temperance men start out to berate the On-

A PRECIOUS LEADER.

tario Administration.

The Hamilton Spectator, which a few nonths ago was calling for the removal of Mr. Meredith as "a leader who does not lead," is now so well whipped into the traces that it is prepared to go any length in defending his reputation as a politician and a political leader. A few days ago it said: "The London ADVERTISER reprints the old lie about Mr. Meredith having, in 1883, edited a pamphlet entitled "Facts for Irish Electors," in which ground was taken favorable to the separate schools." The ADVERTISER did such a pamphlet; but it did say that such a sheet was prepared by a gentleman then in the employ of the Tory party, that he re-ceived his salary through the Tory organizer, that Sir John Macdonald and Mr. Meredith were each handed proofs of the sheet, that each made suggestions as to the alterations necessary to make the appeal more complete, and that each gave special orders that it should be very largely circulated among the Irish Catholics. Now we propose to convince the Spectator of the

forward your reply without delay to H. H. Smith, Esq., Peterboro.
Yours faithfully, ———

QUESTIONS.

1. About how many Catholic electors are there in your riding?

2. About how many of them voted for the Conservative candidate the last election?

3. About how many voted for the Reformer?

4. About how many were there who did not rote at all?

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5. Who are the Catholic elergymen in the riding?
6. How did they vote?
7. Did they take an active part in the contest,
and if so, how?
8. What reasons, if any, do the Catholic electors give for supporting Mr. Mowat?
9. Have you any suggestions to make as to
the best means of putting the Conservative
cause fairly before the Catholic electors?
10. Give the names of a few of the most influential Catholics in your riding.
11. Send a complete list of the Catholic electors in your riding, with names and addresses.
12. Oblige by returning this list at once, and
the reply to question eleven, as soon as possible.

in reply to question eleven, as soon as possible.

13. Name of riding.

"THSSE QUESTIONS were also SUBMITTED TO MR. MEREDITH and approved by him. It was, to the best of my recollection, on his suggestion that the answers were directed to be sent to H. H. Smith, of Peterboro, although said circulars were malled by me from Toronto. My salary was regularly paid by Mr. Smith during this time, and for several months while I was canvassing and addressing meetings of the Irish Catholic electors of Ontario.

"And I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the act passed in the hirty-seventh year of Her Majosty's reign, entitled "An act for the suppression of voluntary and extra judicial oaths."

"Solemnity affirmed before)

wideful oaths."

Solemnly affirmed before
me at Montreal, on this
fourth day of December,
A.D. 1886. W. A. WEIR,
A. Commissioner in Queber
for receiving adidavits for
Ontario.

181 St. James street,
Montreal.

The Mr. Maredith who former in this st.

The Mr. Meredith who figures in this affidavit is the same Mr. Meredith who is now making a bid for the Protestant vote ligious war in the country by attacks upon Roman Catholic bishops and priests and the Roman Catholic separate schools. We have in previous articles given extracts from "Facts for the Irish Electors" to show the nature of that violent screed against the Reformers of Ontario and against their honored leader. Mr. Mowat The sole object of Mr. Meredith at that time was to win over to his own side the "solid vote" of a Church, and having failed of his purpose he is now ready to go to the other extreme and outdo the Orangen the violence of his opposition to the Roman Catholic Church and all its institutions. Did he possess the native good sense and level head of Mr. Mowat he never would be found pursuing such tactics, and we can tell him that so long as he seeks by chicanery to succeed as a political leader he cannot hope to win the confidence of the electors of On-tario. Protestants are not less likely than Catholics to be misled by his artifices, and instead of bewailing the "solid vote" of Rich Crystal Candelabra, Catholics against him, as he now does, the chances are that when the elections are over he will have cause to bewail the "soli vote" of Protestants against him also. The way of the transgressor is hard, but it is

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

An article on the "Opening of the Base ball Season of 1890" accompanied by 28 portraits of leading players, and other illustrations, will form the supplement to Harper's Weekly, to be published April 30.

The May Forum is a splendid number. It contains "Republican Promise and Performance," by ex-Speaker Carlisle, who writes a reply to Senator Dawes' "Review of the Present United States Administration:" "Canada Through English Eyes," by Prof. Goldwin Smith, which is a criticism of Sir Charles Dilke's book on "Problems of Greater Britain;" "The Sufficiency of the New Amendments;" by Gen. Roger A. Pryor, which is an answer to Judge Tourgee's argument that the negro might be disfranchised in spite of the post bellum amendments to the constitution; "Literary Criticism," by Archdeacon F. W. Farrar, a review of notable mistakes that have been made by critics about great pieces of literature; "The Coinage of Silver," by Frederick A. Sawyer, formerly assistant secretary of the treasury, who argues for a single gold standard; "Bible Instruction in Colleges," by the Rev. Benjamin W. Bacon, a statement of the scientific method of studying religious literature as it has recently been begun at Yale; "Jury Verdicts by Majority Vete" by Simmund Zeisler, of the Chicago The May Forum is a splendid number. It lated among the Irish Catholics. Now we propose to convince the Spectator of the truth of these several statements, and the evidence will doubless be of interest to amy others as well as to our Hamilton contemporary. The writer of the sheet was Mr. M. W. Kirwan, commonly known as Captain Kirwan, and on the 4th day of December, 1886, he made the following as findavit respecting it:

"I, the undersigned, M. W. Kitwan, of the City of Quebec, and presently in the City of Quebec, and presently in the City of Mintreal, relemning affirm as follows:

"When in the City of Toronto, in the year 1882. I was shown a letter from Sir John Macdonald, Frime Minister of Canada, addressed during the desirability of securing my services as a writer of campaign literature for the Conservative partly thirding the approaching Online of the Conservative partly thirding the approaching on the liths Catholics of Ontario.

"When it was prepared by H. H. Smith, of Peterboro, the organizer of the Conservative partly thirding the approaching on the liths Catholics of Ontario.

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Detroit wants \$2,000 for Higgs Louis wants him.

Pitcher Hodson, late of the Hahas been engaged by Washington.

Rooney Sweeney, the Tecumseh has arrived, and his hand is abo enough to catch. The Pittsburg National League (
leased two of their players uncond
on Monday, Bradenburg, catcher, ar
cliffe, fielder.

The Players' League Club, of P will reduce the price of admission games from 50 cents to 25 cents, cents extra for grand stand seats, duction will go into effect at once. The National League has made at front, deciding to open the series Tuesday (to-day) instead of day, thus avoiding a conflict very Players' League, Secretary Bruthe Players' League, said the schedule would stand no matter very league, did League, did

old League did.

The Toronto club have signed Joman who will report there in a dar He is an ex-Leaguer and ex-Asplayer. In 1888 he was with the Foutfield. His batting average for I was .230, and he had 15 stolen bar played first base in 25 games, ha average of .975, and the outfield in shaving and average of .977. Last essayed to pitch, and did fairly wfew games. He will be asked to the team.

THE WHEEL.

A road race is to be held May 5 old League did.

THE WHEEL.

A road race is to be held May the auspices of the Forest City Club. There are to be three ra medal, which is given by Mr Irvine, and the winner of the number of points will gain tehampionship. The first race Lucan, the finish to be at the CVictoria Park here. As the concave Lucan at 6:10 the finish will be the concave Lucan at 6:10 the finish will be the concave Lucan at 6:10 the finish will be the concave Lucan at 6:10 the finish will be the concave Lucan at 6:10 the finish will be the concave Lucan at 6:10 the finish will be the concave Lucan at 6:10 the finish will be the concave Lucan at 6:10 the finish will be the concave Lucan at 6:10 the finish will be the concave Lucan at 6:10 the finish will be the concave Lucan at 6:10 the finish will be the concave Lucan at 6:10 the finish will be the concave Lucan at 6:10 the finish will be the concave Lucan at 6:10 the finish will be the concave Lucan at 6:10 the finish will be the concave finish will be the concave finish will be the concave finish to be at the concave finish will be the finish to be at the concave finish will be the finis leave Lucan at 6:10 the finish wil Jeave Lucan at 5:10 the Innish wi.
about 7:30. The following are ent
the race: Messrs. J. A. Tune
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E. Thorne, W. E. Saunders,
Knowles, R. B. Brebner, Theo.
and R. M. Burns.

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