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His Mother-in-Law.

The Marquis of Lorne must be brave, for he is, it is said, the first man who ever swore allegiance to his mother-in-law! Our friends across the border and in Canada, who delight in satirizing our Governor-General, should not forget the heroic feat with which he...

The Zulu War.

While all eyes are turned towards Afghanistan, the people may forget that the British troops have another little war on hand in Zululand. Nor is the war at the Cape progressing as satisfactorily as it might be desired.

Bankers.

If a report, which has appeared in the Spirit of the Times is true, Hanlan has not been fairly treated by the club that bears his name. The report simply charges the club with having used Hanlan, and it also insinuates that Hanlan became a pliable instrument in the hands of the members.

The Loan.

Sir John A. Macdonald is happy—Mr. Tilley has hoisted his loan, contractors rejoice and the Reformers appear to be somewhat sorry. But what do Reformers care? All they want is to embarrass the Government.

honor is due. At the same time sound criticism is good for all, but it should be criticism, and not chagrin. Fair discussion is always desirable, but discussion becomes obnoxious when it exhibits a feeling of spite, and not a desire to find out what is best.

Education.

It is a significant fact that the non-Catholics of Victoria, Australia, who succeeded in forcing upon that colony the present system of education are beginning to repent. They are now joining the Catholics in a demand for a repeal of the act of parliament that commits the colony to secular education.

The Oath of Office.

The Toronto Mail writing of the oath of the Governor-General says that it is "an obsolete fiction," and the Ottawa Herald also continues it. "If it is an obsolete fiction why continue it?" This is a fair answer.

Lord Dufferin.

Lord Dufferin has been honored in Ireland because he was a successful Governor-General of Canada. He proved himself a statesman, and his countrymen pride in his administrative powers.

The Law of Copyright.

The American press is making much ado about the law of copyright. Canadian editions of American books are being constantly reproduced on this side of the line, and American authors are naturally annoyed at this wholesale piracy.

The Employment of Females.

In Europe and in the United States the employment of females in commercial and industrial occupations is encouraged by organized institutions. Respectable young women are taught trades, particularly those for which feminine taste is adapted.

that there are callings in life in which women excel men; and while we shrink from the advocacy of employing women in positions unbecoming their natural characteristics, yet we cannot but hope that a time is approaching when the employment of females will be more general.

Blake or Mackenzie.

Will the Hon. Alex. Mackenzie, like Urinh, learn to be "umble?" He was in office five years—the country had enough of him, and he was shelved. Now the question of "leadership" is being discussed, and the Reformers are in doubt as to which of the two—Mr. Blake or Mr. Mackenzie—the party could be happy with.

Backing Out.

Politics are dull; people are not committing murders; Sir John A. Macdonald is holding his tongue; Mr. Joly speaks unconsidered trifles; the excitement about Mr. O. J. Devlin's letter is already dying out, and were it not for the Marquis of Lorne and the Princess Louise the press would have to invent grievances in order to induce the public to read.

Irishmen in Canada.

The Toronto Telegram has a very sensible article—from an English point of view—on the Irishmen of Canada. The Telegram indulges in the usual platitudes about "union" and "peace," and all of which we cordially applaud.

Why is it?

How is it that the Orangemen, the "loyal" Orangemen, have not presented an address to the Governor-General? The Orange Association is "loyal"—supremely "loyal"—exists only, we are told, to perpetuate the alliance between Great Britain and Canada.

tagonism to Catholics, they shout their "loyalty" from Winnipeg to Montreal, and yet, strange to say, they have not attempted to do what Irish Catholics, Scotch Presbyterians, and every one else has done—make their respects to the Governor-General! This is too bad! There must be something wrong at headquarters or else of a surety we would have heard from the Orange Association of the Dominion before this.

Curiosities of Literature.

The Witness of Friday published two leading articles which may take rank with Disraeli's "Curiosities of Literature." In one of these articles our pious contemporary assured the public in tones of a two thousand dollar advertisement because it contained the words "it cures cancers."

Romanism.

It is a pity that men whose mission it is to advance the interest of Christianity can not bear to speak honestly of those who work their finer protestantism, who are gentlemen well, and refrain from using coarse language towards Catholics. They are responsible for the peace and good will of the community in which they live.

The Loyalty Question.

The London Times recently published a somewhat remarkable article on Canada. It was, in fact, an admission that Canadian loyalty was of the present, but that no one could guarantee that loyalty for one hour beyond a certain time.

The Volunteers.

What is wanted to make an efficient Volunteer Militia? This is a subject which is now supposed to be agitating the Militia Department in Ottawa, and it is easily answered. In the first place, we want paid adjutants for each battalion.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the TRUE WITNESS AND POST. Sir—Would you be kind enough through the columns of your valuable paper to inform the public that the M. F. Coilligan, arrested in Montreal on the 29th November for obtaining money under false pretences, is not the M. F. Coilligan, formerly of Quebec, now living in Toronto.

To the Editor of the TRUE WITNESS AND POST. Dear Sir—Some eighteen months ago there was organized in this town a club under the name and title of the Silvery Literary and Billiard Association, and although it met with a little difficulty in the line of getting a suitable place for the accommodation, I can say it is now in a flourishing condition.

The Small-Pox Hospital. Sir—Permit me a small space in your columns to make a few remarks on the above institution, the management of which has given rise to much comment in the city press. I had been a patient in that institution for some three or four weeks, and during convalescence had every facility of noting the management of the house and the attention given to both private and ward patients.

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To the Editor of the TRUE WITNESS AND POST. Sir—Permit me a small space in your columns to make a few remarks upon this subject, and to express what seems to me at least to be "A Backwoodsman's" object in taking such an interest in the subject of the "Destruction of the Forest."

He says that on the banks of the rivers L'Assomption, Lac Beauport, and other large streams, abundantly covered with fine pine timber, in times past, are now beginning to look quite naked. This is very true, but it is not to be wondered at when we take into consideration that lumberers have been continually working more or less, and at intervals on an extensive scale, along these rivers during the last forty-five years; and during that long period the country back here has been continually opening up and being settled along these streams.

I strongly suspect, Mr. Editor, that the fears of "A Backwoodsman," and the interest he takes in protecting "timber limits" from "trespassers," are prompted more by an expectation or a desire to get a job than by any interest he takes in the welfare of the country. I make these remarks because I feel certain that it is not to the interests of the Government, and it is injurious to backwoodsmen in general, to allow "A Backwoodsman" (who, by the way, had signed himself "A Disappointed Phoo-bunter," the appellation would not be inappropriate) to misrepresent this part of the country.