

this Province, and any attempt to get round or diminish the effect of that decision will be a disrespect of this Court, which you will be justified in repressing. It will also lead to a waste of your own time.

In these observations the Court has only looked at the question of Orange Association from a strictly legal point of view, but there are other considerations affecting this organization not unworthy your attention, not beyond the limits of your functions, considerations not unworthy your attention, although you may perhaps arrive at the conclusion that the evidence does not show it to be an illegal association. It tends to a breach of the peace, and not the less so, because the object of the members is not to commit an assault. Its latent mischief consists in this that it is provocative. It is the commemoration of the victory of one party over another in a civil war. Now it may be fairly asked if it is wise, if it is generous and noble to celebrate a triumph over one's fellow countrymen for an event which took place nearly two hundred years ago, and more than three thousand miles away. If it is wise, it is a species of wisdom unpractised by the great conquering nations of the world. Roman triumphs were celebrated not in Britain or in Gaul but at Rome, to gratify the victors, not to humiliate the vanquished, and when a Russian Prince visited the English arsenals the Crimean trophies were veiled. If Irishmen would take the place their many great and generous qualities fit them for among the progressive races of the world, they must make up their minds to abandon the pastime of nagging each other. Probably a false shame prevents either party giving up its pretensions, like school-boys engaged in a foolish quarrel, but the more manly will always be the first to cease to give offence. As an excuse for persistence it is sometimes said that if Orange processions are given up religious processions like that of the Fete Dieu should be abandoned also; but there is no parallel between the two. There is no harm in a procession properly conducted. It is of course possible that a procession might become so inconvenient as to necessitate the constant intervention of the police, just as is the case with ordinary traffic in the crowded thoroughfares of London, but such an interrup-

tion of the streets of Montreal is a theoretical difficulty at the present moment. To put a religious procession on the same footing as a procession to commemorate the 12th of July is simply to display intolerance, and surely those who almost ostentatiously insist on their Protestantism will hardly think it worth their while to throw overboard the doctrine of toleration when it is practically triumphant in the world. One might as well say that a funeral procession should be forbidden.

There is one other consideration which ought to have some weight with Orangemen, and it is that the Queen has discountenanced Orange demonstrations for exactly the reasons now put forth. Naturally the sovereign of Saxon, Norman and Celt can feel no delight in the perpetuation of differences of this sort, and no man truly loyal can feel otherwise than the Queen does on this matter. The present moment, when the daughter of Our Sovereign is about to take up her abode amongst us, in order to draw more closely together the ties of love and affection which unite us to the empire, would seem to be peculiarly appropriate for abandoning a distinction which, I am persuaded, marks no real difference in the sentiment of loyalty which animates the great mass of Her Majesty's subjects, whatever their creed may be.

GENERAL NOTES.

THE LORD CHANCELLOR.—Intelligence has been received by cable that the Lord Chancellor of England has been advanced a step in the Peerage, under the title of Earl Cairns and Viscount of Garmoyle.

RETIREMENT OF THE REGISTRAR-GENERAL.—The first and only Registrar-General of Great Britain, Major Graham, is about to retire. A noble man and meritorious is the gallant Major; and he will take with him from Somerset House honor more than falls to the lot of ordinary civil servants. To him is due the organization of the most perfect vital statistical system in the world; and the great census operations from 1841 to 1871, both inclusive, were under his able superintendence.

The death of Judge Keogh, whose mental derangement was recently noticed, has been announced. It took place at Bonu.