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ONTARIO JOURNALISM A' SPEC-TACLE.

Last week the True Witness devoted some space to the hysterics of the Toronto News over the alleged critical condition of elementary edu cation in the Northwest Territories, threatened, as they would make out by a conspiracy between the Canadian hierarchy and the Laurier Government, and praying for aid and salvation to Protestant Ontario Later issues of The News, The Tele gram and other Ontario papers, which have reached us this week, are still more fertile in politico-religious sensations. The assembly of a large number of the hierarchy and clergy at Three Rivers to honor the Blessed Virgin in the feast of the Rosary and crown her statue at Cap de la Madeleine has been paraded, with all the accessories of a first class sensation, as part and parcel of the conspiracy between the Bishops and the Government. From its "own corres pondent" at Three Rivers, The News publishes a column despatch starting out in this fashion:

"An ecclesiastical conference is in progress here, which may be fraught with grave consequences to the people of Canada. The Roman Catholic prelates of the country have gathered to re-establish the Federal Council which was so powerful in days gone by, and to place themselves on record as opposed to the granting of autonomy to the Northwest Territories unless a provision is inserted in the new constitution providing the establishment of Separate Schools in the province or provinces to be

This bold invention is followed by a list of the church dignitaries sup posed to be present, though the names of some who were not there are given. Then the revelations are continued in the following style:

"The proceedings of the conference are, of course, a profound secret, but it would surprise no one if its deliberations were to be followed by the publication of a joint ecumenical letter to the Roman Catholics of Ca nada with reference to certain issues which are, or which may become of political importance The day is past when the Roman Catholic hierarchy took an active part in elections. Their influence is still powerful, however, and a hint passed to the cures of the various parishes, especially in the Province on November 3rd. Should it be not to oppose the Laurier candidates even secretly, as in 1 il conclusion will be irresistible that some agreement has been made with the Government by which Separate be forced upon Schools shall Territories. Should, on the other they can get better terms from the but in other centres also. French Canada is proud-and justly so-of ing divorces for other causes. * * Sir Wilfrid Laurier, but in many cases, the Church is more powerful than pride of race.

"The result of the deliberations here of the prelates will be worth authority."

If the newspaper publishers of Toronto were simply ignorant they would hardly be "worth watching." and honored the Catholic Church for to many Episcopalians.

the influence which special devotio to her, as in the Rosary, has ever exerted upon Christian virtue and civilization. Toronto editors might pe pitied for not knowing all this; but pity is hardly the feeling that will be inspired by the performances of political liars who regard neithe the position of the Catholic hierarchy nor the intelligence of their own rea ders when they make an occasion of Catholic devotion serve such a turn as the extracts above show. papers should be ashamed of themselves; and they would be if their editors knew any better. Whatever religious prejudice survives in Cana da may be scored up against the ignorance and indecency of papers like The Toronto News.

EVIL ROOTED IN DISOBEDIENCE

The Episcopal Church in the United States has been wrestling with the questions of unity and divorce and has made so strange a jumble of them that at the end of the conven tion one , was hardly recognizable from the other. Bishop Doane, of Albany, delivered himself of thoughts on unity and said that though he regarded recognition papal supremacy as impossible, h thought that the Protestant Episco pal Church might readily recognize the primacy of the Bishop of Rome because of the antiquity of the Roman See "It is the common and careless habit of census makers and newspaper men," he said, "to divide he Christianity of America unde two headings, Catholics and Protes tants. It is inaccurate, insufficient and incorrect in its distributive terms."

The Bishop has a vague plan ecuring the form of recognition h favors. The Episcopalians will not allow themselves to swallow doctrine of obedience to the Pope but, whilst adhering to disobedience may insist upon a spirit of compre hensiveness "which is the synonym of Catholicity." "We are to think and teach and work and pray and live in the spirit of conciliation which is not compromise," says the Bishop.

The Bishop's plan is strange and unworkable and his spirit is not the spirit of conciliation with which dis obedience is sadly out of harmony.

The divorce question was threshed out to a conclusion not less confus ing than the one drawn by Bishop Doane on the subject of unity. A ommittee of the convention had agreed to the submission of a re formed canon declaring that "No minister, knowingly, after due quiry, shall solemnize the marriage of any person who has a divorced husband or wife still living, if such husband or wife has been put away

for any cause arising after marriage. After many days of debate the anon fell through and the topic dropped, against the obstacle disobedience again, as The New York Sun plainly states when it asks:

"Will the Episcopal Church, by forbidding its clergy to solemnize the remarriage of any divorced person during the life of the divorced mat put a social ban on divorce which will be an effectual deterrent from it? The conduct of Episcopalians in getting divorced and remarried in of Quebec, would undoubtedly have defiance of the present canon does sweeping political effect at the polls not suggest such a result. Will the which has not frowned on told that the bishops have decided those rebels, but has taken them back to its embrace, be less tolerant of violations of a stricter canon? This question suggests what seems to be the fact, that social sentiment rather with the principle of English-speakthan ecclesiastical law regulates this matter, with the run of Protestants, at least. The existing canon of the hand, the hierarchy consider that Episcopal Church which recognizes divorce for only one cause and al-Conservative leaders, the effect may lows remarriage only of the innocent be surprising, not only in Quebec, party has not prevented many Episcopalians from marrying after secur-The sum and substance of it all is that the Church can enforce its law only on the consciences of those who firmly believe in its full and divine

Here is the root of the trouble once more. The spirit of Protestantism is disobedience. Bishop Doane concedes it when he talks of unity In that case they might be pitied for the convention finds it out to its not knowing how great Protestant complete confusion when it attempts

THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING CA-THOLICS IN THE CABINET.

The following article, which ap seared in the Catholic Register, of Toronto, is worthy of the widest cir culation, inasmuch as it emphasizes a condition of things with which Ca nadian Catholics are jealously con-

Mr. Charles R. Devlin, M.P.,

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Cabinet of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. In Ontario there are two elements that conspire in befogging this most in portant matter. These are the hos tility of the opposition press, and the indifference of the government organs, towards the very principle of such representation. The electors of the Dominion. however will not let their interests in it minish on account of any ill-treat ment to which the topic may be subjected in the party press. the very persistence with which unfair and unfriendly rumors have een circulated of late should for a plain response; and that response, prompted, as it is, by the inelligence and sympathy of Catholic electors without distinction of party must be that Hon, Charles Fitzpat rick and Hon. Senator Scott are re presentatives of whom all Englishthey have realized the highest standard of Catholic representation any government of the day on thi continent or in Great Britain: and until they themselves have made som sign indicating a desire for retire ment, the Catholic electors of Cana da need not take too seriously discussion in party organs of Catho lic representation in the Cabinet of

Senator Scott has a career longer and as honorable as any of the mer who have figured in the high places of Canadian public life since Confede ration. In all that time he ha been a staunchly loyal Canadian and a devoutly loval Catholic, Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick has risen, naturally, to a commanding position in the Federal Government because he is the most eminent member of the cause he has shown a capacity for administration and hard work which friends and opponents on the floor of the House of Commons ungrudgingly concede to him. There is no nember of the government who by word and example has done more than ne to elevate Canadian ideals and discourage racial and religious misunderstandings.

The idea that either of these gen lemen must have made up his mind to retire from politics because Mr. A B. Aylesworth has been taken into the Cabinet does not strike us at all. The tasks of legislation and admin istration are increasing in all na The Imperial Cabinet has been greatly enlarged in recent years and President Roosevelt, addicted as he is to the strenuous life, has admitted this same strain to be imper atively felt in the United States. The President's most recent appointment by the way, is of an Irish Catholic the Hon. Robert J. Wynne.

It would be strange in Canada with its marvellous strides of gress and the impending erection of new provincial and territorial regions, that the machinery of government should not keep pace with the the closing week of the campaign exigencies of development. This, indeed, is only as it should be, a thing project. Mr. Blair resigned from that Canadians, whether Liberals or Conservatives, can rejoice in. It like the general plan of the new day. shows no possible point of contact ing Catholic representation in the Cabinet which Sir Wilfrid Laurier has had nothing but fortunate experience of since he became Premier, and which principle the Catholic electors of Canada feel quite confident is not now in the way of change.

It is prior to, rather than after, a general election that governments are remodelled. Public men who incline to retirement prefer to avoid the labors of a general election. Mr. Fitzpatrick, we observe, is doing two men's share of the campaign work.

This lower world must be travers poets as well as scientists have paid to reform its divorce law. It is all the sea, with head above the billows, devout tribute to the Mother of God very sad and must be discouraging eye and arms toward the shore. Abbe Roux,

IRISH CATHOLICS IN THE RE-PUBLIC.

Across the border the principle o Catholic representation in the high places of government has never been gnized as it is in the Dominion The Irish Catholics who sat in th Cabinet Councils of the Presidents of the United States have been few though from the birth of the Repub lic down to the present day Irish Ca President Roosevelt in his new Post master-General has selected an Irish Catholic, Hon. Robert J. Wynne whose appointment has given great satisfaction to the Irish throughout the United States. Postmaster General Wynne succeeds Attorney General McKenna in the proud distinction of being acknowledged as the representative of many millions of the American people.

POLITICAL FANATICS.

That the French-Canadian people, with open arms, do not march to the embrace of every Conservative outside this Province who disowns at. There is quite enough being said in Ontario still to warrant consider able reserve. One of the Liberal can didates has to meet a fanatic who talks of drowning French Canada a one great cold dip; whilst at the Baptist convention a large, and supposed to be educated, body of min sters and teachers have heard 'Reverend' Mr. Kennedy assail distinguished French-Cana dian" who visited Toronto last week meaning Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and with insulting phrase and un-Christian speech, call upon the Baptist convention "to face the question whether Canada must be French or Anglo-Saxon. The church must do its duty in Christianizing the French.

While language like this goes unreproved by a single voice or organ of public opinion in Ontario, the people for whose delectation it is uttered have a great deal to learn before they begin to know what Canadian sentiment is.

RUSSO-JAPANESE WAR.

The bloodiest onslaught of huma nistory marked the latest reported stage of the Russo-Japanese war When the Russians, turning back from Mukden, advanced against their neretofore victorious foes, were witnessed compared with which the annals of warfare are pale indeed. The losses of the two armies amount to 100,000. The fight was a draw after ten days of continuous assault and counter assault. A temporary lull was reported on Thurs day, but all signs point to an in mediate resumption of operations for decisive victory to one side or the

MR. BLAIR'S RESIGNATION.

Hon. A. G. Blair has resigned the chairmanship of the Railway Commission, and if his New Brunswick organ correctly states his intentions, he will go upon the stump during against the Grand Trunk Pacific the Government because he did not

stinental line, though he adarried out upon ideas of his own. He accepted from the Govern the chairmanship of the Railway Commission, which has enhanced his enutation as a railway authority, and this reputation, so gained, nay now forge into a weapon ise against the Government in ast stage of the election

Mr. Blair very frankly says he consulting his personal interests in all he does. He held the chairman ship at \$10,000 a year until he had ecured some other employment that will bring him more. But he adjure the public to believe that his opposition to the G.T.P. is in their interest. This is not so apparent under all the circumstances as seems to think.

Hon. M. F. Hackett is the Conservative candidate for Stanstead.

Hon. John Costigan is the straight Liberal candidate for Victoria, N.B.

Mr. Edward Halley has retired from the field as an independent Liberal in St. Lawrence division.

Rev. Father Lacombe, in his hernitage at Pincher Creek, will write his memories of 54 years on

In St. John City, Dr. Daniel, the Conservative candidate, is opposed by Mr. Richard O'Brien, the Liberal standard bearer.

In St. John city and county Dr. | Stockton, the Conservative, has Hon H. A. McKeown in the field against him as the Liberal candidate.

Mr. M. J. Morrison, LL.B., partner of the late M J Quinn, K.C., is in the field for St. Ann's district of Montreal, in opposition to Ald. Dan Gallery.

The death has taken place at St. Anselme of Mr. Denis Allen, who had reached the patriarchal age of 94 He was a native of Wicklow County, and came here in 1820. He settled at St. Anselme and spent his long life there. His wife, aged 82, sur vives him.

Mgr. Bruchesi, Archbishop of Mon treal, is censured as a bigot by some London papers for having said that 'the Church of England is a purely national institution, no longer in communion with the Church of Christ." and that "the consecration of Anglican prelates is, in Catholic eyes, nothing more than a mere civil ceremony." It is not bigotry to speak the truth in words containing no personal offense to anybody.-New York Freeman's Journal.

ACCIDENT TO ABBE BOURASSA.

The Rev Abbe Bourassa pastor of St. Louis de France, met with serious accident on Monday. Work was being done in the choir loft and he went to see how it was progress ing. In coming down the ladder he half civilized! But the campaign of slipped and fell several feet, sustain ing severe injuries to his head. He is reported as being fairly well to-

THE FRIARS VINDICATED.

lar of St. Vincent Ferrer's Church,

"In the early stages of the war in the Philippines," it says, "the mns of the American press teemed with the most atrocious calumnies against the natives. They were reesented as an uncivilized. east semi-barbarous and immoral people, for whose future there was no hope as long as they remained under the influence of the Spanish Friars, whose efforts to civilize them resulted in total failure. Even the Friars emselves were included in charges of immorality, one of most infamous of which was circulawho disgraced epaulettes of a general in the United States Army.

"Under the influence of this nant dupes of the American press.

"Even ex-Governor Taft, who took an address delivered before a Pres-

"The subject of the Church in the of these islands. Going back to the beginning of Spanish occupation, we find the heroes of Christianity, the Spanish priests and Friars, leading the way. Before and with and after

" 'No one who knows the conditions as they have been will charge me with partiality to the Friars. Still. I will testify to the work and the usefulness of these men of God. The Dominicans established the University of St. Thomas in 1610, long before the establishment of Harvard, Yale, or any other American univer-It was charged that the Friars sity. obtained their lands unjustly. I did not find that there was truth in this allegation. That they were oppressive landlords was also charged. I could not find evidence to sustain this allegation.'

"With regard to the natives themelves, whom the Spanish Friars so signally failed to civilize, as we are told, Bishop Peyton, of the Episcopal Church, renders this remarkable testimony

" 'I found in all the towns a magnificent church. I attended Mass several times, and the churches were unfavorable circumstances on account of the military occupation. There are almost no seats in these churches, the services lasting from an hour to life have I observed more evident signs of deep devotion than those I witnessed there. Everybody left the church during the services, nor spoke to any one. There is no sectarian spirit there. All have been instructed in the creed, in prayer, in the ten ommandments and in the catechism. All have been baptized in infancy. I do not know that there exists in the world a people as pure, as moral and

testant Bishop concerning a people who were said to be not more slander triumphed. The Friars had to 'go,' and the man chiefly responsible for the iniquity has been re. warded with a cabinet portfolio."

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spiracy of slander, as we styled it at the time, the cry was raised: 'The Friars must go !'-originated by the societies which infest the islands, and reiterated by their ignorant or malig-But truth, though crushed to earth, will rise again,' and the truth about the Philippines is beginning to appear in the most unexpected quarters,

an important part in the warfare against the Friars, seems willing to do them partial if tardy justice, In byterian Assembly in Philadelphia ome time ago, the former Governor of the Philippines said :

Philippines covers the entire history the soldiers came these valiant men of God, carrying only the cross

made parishes. taught the catechism, taught useful things. Thus it is that we found ready to our hand more than six millions of Malays who are Chriscians, and who are receptive of our civilization

as devout as the Filipino people.

my mission a successful are inadequate to expres tude and thanks. Gentlemen, don't forget What others have don There is an object labor, unity, goodwill a rance in the St. John's tinence and Benefit Socie Catholic population of they have a body 1000 we in the Metropolis of C population of 46,000 I lics have in our temper only about 300.

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