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recommended by the Archbishop of St.
Boniface, the Bishop of Ottawa, Hamilton,
Kingston, and Peterboro, and leading Catho-
lic Clergymen throughout the Dominion.

CALENDAR FOR JANUARY
1 Circumcision of our Lord. Holyday of Ob-
ligation.
2 Octave of St. Stephen.
3 Octave of St. John the Evangelist.
4 Octave of the Holy Innocents.
5 Vigil of the Epiphany. St. Telesphorus,
P. and M.

THE DUTY OF THE HOUR.
If political prophets are to be
believed, and any reliance placed on the
signs of the times, the people of Canada
are on the verge of the most exciting
political contest for twenty years.

Let us Catholics, especially, be charitably
one to the other, recognizing in our
fellows men, but especially those of our
own household of the faith, the rights we
claim for ourselves. In the coming contest,
into which evil minded men seek to im-
port the bitterness of a war of races and
of religions, a patriotic fairness, combined
with moderation, is demanded of all citi-
zens.

These are words of good counsel, and
though they will be seized upon and dis-
torted by the very men who have been
urging and proclaiming a war of races, as a
back set to their opponents, they are
words that all patriotic men should
take to heart.

THE MINORITIES IN QUEBEC AND
ONTARIO.
It is one of the significant facts of the
times that while the Protestant minority
of Quebec is decreasing, the Catholic
minority of Ontario is increasing in political
strength and influence.

LIBERALS
Messa, Fraser.....Brockville,
McCarthy.....South Grenville,
O'Keefe.....Toronto East,
Friel.....Ottawa.

CONSERVATIVES
Messrs. French.....South Renfrew,
Donovan.....South Perth,
Drecoitt,
T. D. Maguire,
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1886. The minority in our sister Pro-
vince is now represented by
Argenteuil.....Owens,
Beauce.....Lynch,
Compton.....Sawyer,
Huntington.....Cameron,
Mégantic.....Whyte,
Missisquoi.....Spencer,
Sherbrooke.....Robertson,
Stanstead.....Thornton,
Yamaska.....Wurtelle.

We cannot, we must confess, view this
rapid and certain effacement of the Eng-
lish element from the politics of our sister
Province with anything like pleasure.
The political extinction of the Protest-
ant minority of Lower Canada is certain
to be followed by dangerous agitations,
quarrels of race and religion, by bitter-
ness and heart-burnings that cannot
fail to weaken the Confederation and even
endanger its very existence.

BIGOTRY OVERWHELMED.
The triumph of the Hon. Hugh O'Brien,
who, at the last Boston municipal elec-
tions, was chosen Mayor of that city by
a majority of 8,590 over Mr. John M.
Clark, admittedly the strongest republican
in Boston, is a veritable triumph of
enlightened fair play over the darkest
prejudice.

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West Review deals in terms of righteous
emphasis and just indignation with a violent
and seditious appeal issued in placard
form to the citizens of Winnipeg on the
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This placard was couched in these terms:

WAR OF RACES.
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THE BRYSON EQUITY (strange misnomer)
indulges in a bitter personal attack on
the editor of this journal. We are
delighted to be selected for the abuse
of this priest and papist-hating little
organ. We have neither time nor inclina-
tion to bandy words with this dribbling
mouth piece of the Pontiac Orange gar-
rison, but we may say that we are not
hurt by the name it gives us of fire-
brand. Better and abler men have had
this appellation cast at them by the
creatures of faction and the hirelings of
the press. To us it is applied because
of our love for Canada and loyalty
to its institutions, we have denounced
Orangeism, with all its dangers and its
menaces; because we have, in season
and out of season, demanded equal
rights for all classes of the people;
because, especially, we have championed
the claims of the Irish Catholics to self-
government at home and to their
just share of patronage and repre-
sentation in this free land of Canada;
because, too, we have resisted and will
resist, to the bitter end, the implanting
in this country of that Protestant as-
sacency for the advocacy of which the
Equity was in part entirely founded.

THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAIL-
WAY.
The Maled, (N. W. T.) Gazette voices
the sentiments of patriotic Canadians in its
article of Dec. 26, on the Canadian Pacific.
Our far off western contemporary
says:

From all sides came pouring in hearty
congratulations to the men of indomitable
pluck and perseverance, who have pushed
to a successful termination the greatest
railway enterprise the world has ever
known, and that six years earlier than
their contract called for. "From ocean to
ocean" was an expression which five years
ago was regarded as mythical in the ex-
treme. In that space of time the com-
pany who had undertaken to construct
the road have been subjected to the bitter
opposition of a set of fanatics who pro-
phesied the failure of the company to
complete its task, and disaster and ruin to
the country because it was the work of
the Conservative party. During these
years almost insurmountable obstacles
have been insurmountable to men who
were less determined and less skillful, and
to a country whose determination to link
together its scattered provinces by this
national bond of steel was less strong than
that of the Dominion.

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GOOD NEWS FROM NEWFOUND-
LAND.
We have good news—the first in a
long time—to chronicle from Newfound-
land. Sir Ambrose Shea has been
named governor of the Colony, the first
Catholic appointed to the office since
the English occupation of the island.

CHRISTMAS IN LONDON.
The great and cheering festival of the
Nativity of Christ, was with becoming
piety and solemnity, observed in Lon-
don. At 6 a. m. His Lordship the
Bishop, assisted by the Cathedral clergy,
celebrated Pontifical High Mass in pre-
sence of an immense congregation, a large
portion of which approached the Holy
Table. His Lordship, besides celebrat-
ing Mass, delivered a brief and fervid
exhortation on the lessons of the feast.

AN EXCEPTION TO THE RULE.
It is not often that Rome gets even
barest justice at missionary meetings
among our separated brethren. In fact,
one of the indispensable features of the
programme of such a gathering appears
to be unreasoning and unlimited vituper-
ation of Catholicism, its doctrines, its
clergy, and not unfrequently its adher-
ents. We are on this account all the
more pleased to remark upon a discourse
delivered in this city a short time ago at
a missionary meeting held in the Dundas
Street Centre Methodist Church. This
discourse was delivered by Rev. C. Eby,
M. A., who has been engaged in mission-
ary work in Japan. Mr. Eby is reported
to have said:

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APPROACHING CANONIZATIONS.
We have noted with great pleasure that
ten cases of beatification will be decided
for the approaching sacerdotal jubilee of
Leo XIII. in 1887. Among them are
those of the Venerable John Baptist La
Salle, Clement Hoffbauer and Ines di
Benjamin, the Spanish Augustinian nun.

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THE METHODISTS AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Catholic Review. In one of his lectures, the eccentric George Francis Train used to make a good point on Protestant missions to the heathen...

Now, the revival of the Eastern Question will naturally excite interest in the religious condition of the nations involved. Let us see what Methodism has effected in Bulgaria...

Struck With Lightning. Neatly describes the position of a hard soft corn which Patman's Painless Corn Extract applied. It does its work quickly and without pain...

At this season of the Year Q. may and various forms of Throat Complaints prevail. Hagar's Pectoral Balsam is an excellent throat and lung medicine...

moving strongly. Lend a hand," he says, "dear friends—you who sent us here...

What is Catarrh? Catarrh is a dangerous disease which thousands are consciously or unconsciously suffering from.

How to get Well. How to get Well—How is answered in three words—Take Hop Bitters!

An Alarming Disease Afflicting a Numerous Class. The disease commences with a slight derangement of the stomach, but if neglected, it in time involves the whole frame...

Why, then, do men say that the Catholic Church is a foe to education? Should not speak upon this question of schools. To her the world goes to-day for all that is great in art...

Market Place, Peckington, York, Ontario, 2nd, 1882. Dr. J. P. Turner. Dr. J. P. Turner, of Peckington, Ontario, writes that he has cured many cases of Catarrh of the Bladder and Prostate with his medicine...

CONSUMPTION CURED. An old physician having had placed in his hands a reformed and final Missionary, the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of Consumption, Catarrh, Asthma, Bronchitis, etc.

INDISPERSION IN DIET bring on dyspepsia and irregularity of the bowels. Eat only wholesome food, and if the trouble has become permanent—as it is very prone to do—try a course of Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery and Dyspeptic Cure.

Old Running Sores. Sores and Ulcers, or Abscesses hard to heal, are due to bad blood or Serofula. Purify the blood with Burdock Blood Bitters and the worst sores speedily heal as the general health is restored.

I Owe My Life. CHAPTER I. "I was taken sick a year ago With bilious fever. My doctor pronounced me cured, but I got sick again, with terrible pains in my back and sides, and I got so bad I could not move!

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CHURCH PEWS, SCHOOL FURNITURE. The Bennett Furnishing Co., of London, Ont., make a specialty of manufacturing the regular dealers' prices of any kind of goods imported or manufactured in this country.

THOSE DESIRING A PIANO. The Bennett Piano Co., of London, Ont., make a specialty of manufacturing the regular dealers' prices of any kind of goods imported or manufactured in this country.

EVANS BROS. ORCHESTRAL PIANO. Diploma at Southern Counties Fair, 1st prize. These pianos have obtained a high reputation for purity and brilliance of tone, elasticity of touch and perfect vibratory power.

HAIR BALM. Increases growth of the hair. Prevents the hair from falling out. Restores the hair to its natural color and softens the scalp.

FIVE-MINUTE SERMON FOR EARLY MASSES. By the Paulist Fathers.

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