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OFFICIAL.

The annual retreat for the priests of the diocese will begin next Monday evening, July 13th, at Assumption College, Sandwich.

MUST IRELAND'S POPULATION FOREVER DECLINE?

The census taken on April 1 in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland shows the population of England to be 29,000,000, it having increased by 3,000,000 since 1881.

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The Toronto Globe, in trying to account for the anomaly of growing prosperity and fabulous wealth existing in the same kingdom, alongside of starving populations and national bankruptcy, as experienced in Ireland for the last fifty years, declares that the ever-growing miseries in Ireland are "due to causes beyond human control."

The statement that Ireland's decline is due to causes beyond human control is too medieval to be entertained in this enlightened period of the nineteenth century.

Science and wealth, with good-will and determination on the part of those possessing both, may achieve triumphs over the impossible in Ireland, as in other lands.

The fact that the English market is open to Irish produce can be of no benefit to Ireland as long as the money received in exchange for the produce, is sent out of Ireland to absentee landlords.

Surely these patent and obvious causes of Ireland's decline in trade and population cannot be said to be above and beyond human control.

and beyond human control. O'Connell tried to remedy it by repeal of the Legislative Union. Smith O'Brien had recourse to armed revolt in order to effect a change in England's policy of exhaustion of Ireland's resources.

If Ireland obtains full control of her own affairs—if those who toil and labor are permitted by law to retain possession of the fruits of their own industry—a different story will be told at the next census from that which is now recorded of Ireland's position as to trade and population.

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A SPECIMEN FANATIC.

A bigot of the most undisguised character has a letter in the Mail of Saturday in which he openly maintains that no Catholic should ever be Premier of this Dominion; and for this reason he maintains that under no consideration should Sir John Thompson ever attain that post.

Mr. Abbot is Premier now, but even under the present Government Sir John Thompson and the Catholic members of the Cabinet will have much to say in the Government of the country, and the time may be, sooner than Mr. Allen expects, when there shall be a Catholic Premier.

Mr. Allen should ponder on the earnest declarations made by numerous Protestant members of the House of Commons, that Mr. Thompson's religion was not considered by them an obstacle to his selection, and that they would have supported him had he undertaken the formation of a cabinet.

Of one thing Mr. Allen may rest assured, that the Government of Canada is not going to be carried out on the principle of ignoring the Catholic body; and this is possibly the explanation of the fact that Mr. Dalton McCarthy thought it prudent in the present crisis to absent himself from the country just while his patriotic constituents were expecting him to push his programme of persecution against the Catholics of the North-West.

But here the conference seems to have over-reached itself in its zeal; for it does not appear that the school law has been violated at all.

We presume that the School Board know how much income is required to sustain their schools, and it is extremely unlikely that they have levied more than they need; but even if they have done so, it is a piece of impertinence for the conference to interfere in a matter which belongs solely to the rate-payers of the locality to decide.

IMPUDENCE UNPRECEDENTED.

While we must compliment the various Canadian Protestant bodies on the fact that their synods, presbyteries, and conferences have been singularly free from passing the almost inevitable resolutions against Popery which we have hitherto found in their proceedings year after year, we are sorry to notice that the Methodist conference of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island has prevented us from making this compliment general.

We believe there is no provision in the New Brunswick school law prohibiting religious orders from teaching, but if there were such it would be manifestly unjust.

A special meeting of the senate of Victoria University for conferring degrees in medicine was held at Jackson Hall last night.

The conference, however, though it stultified itself sufficiently by passing a resolution intended to meet the views of the petitioners, did not go to the length of specifying what particular changes it desired to be made in the treatment of the Sisters of Charity, the religious order which is teaching in Bathurst, but showed its willingness to persecute defenceless women, by passing a resolution expressing its disapprobation and alarm on such pretension of our school law in the interest of one particular denomination; and it, consequently, asks the Government to cause the School Boards to enforce the school law in its entirety.

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QUARELSOME.

DR. DOUGLAS, Methodist — "Passing over the charge of intolerance as unsanctioned by fact, we may safely challenge all comers to supply a word in public utterance that reflected on the sanctities of the Catholic Church."

It is perfectly clear that New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island conference have adopted their course, simply because they desire to prohibit Catholics from enjoying freedom of education, and it may be safely assumed that there has been no violation of the school laws by the School Board, for if such had been the case a much more efficacious method of preventing such violation would have been adopted than the passing of a resolution by a body of persons who had no business whatsoever to interfere.

We must put down the pretended anxiety of the conference to have the school law respected as a piece of hypocrisy; for if it were not so, they would have recommended the Bathurst memorialists to have looked for redress under the provisions of the law, instead of taking the unprecedented course they have thought it advisable to adopt.

A RICHLY DESERVED HONOR.

The Globe correspondent in Cobourg, writing under date of July 2nd, informs us that a high honor has been conferred by the Victoria University, of that town, on Dr. Hingston, of Montreal.

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Vice-Chancellor Kerr also felicitously expressed the satisfaction and pleasure with which the senate had conferred this degree.

Dr. Hingston is a native of the Province of Quebec, and has received degrees from many institutions of learning, including the degree of D. C. L. He is also a chevalier commander of the Order of St. Gregory the Great, and has long since attained the first position in his profession in the Province of Quebec.

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Then why do so many of your brother preachers, in season and out of season, employ these shafts of ridicule when speaking of the faith of your Catholic fellow-citizens.

DR. DOUGLAS — "Religious faith, even in its most credulous forms, is a thing too sacred in our estimation to be assailed by the shafts of ridicule, since spirits immortal are building on it their best hopes of a blissful hereafter."

DR. DOUGLAS — "When reference was made in a western conference to a well-known gentleman we never questioned his inalienable right to renounce Protestantism and accept Catholicism in its Ultramontane form."

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Rev. Dr. Briggs, of New York Union Theological Seminary, is still giving annoyance to the Presbyterian body. The faculty of the institution have resolved, by a vote of 18 to 2, to keep him in the chair of Biblical Theology.

Is Holy Trinity (Anglican) Church, Winnipeg, on Sunday 28th ult., a sensation was caused by an interruption of the sermon preached by Rev. Mr. Pentreath.

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ST. JOSEPH'S ACADEMY, TORONTO.

Highly successful was the annual distribution of prizes at St. Joseph's Academy on Tuesday, the 24th inst. The large hall was thronged with visitors...

List of Honors. Bronze medal presented by His Holiness Pope Leo XIII. for Christian doctrine, competed for by the pupils in first course...

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Junior 'A' Class. Miss Hennessey: 1st prize in English, 2nd in mathematics, and special in 4th class French. Miss Kelly: 1st prize in English, 2nd in mathematics...

Junior 'B' Class. Miss McKeown: 1st prize in English, 2nd in mathematics, and special in 4th class French. Miss O'Connell: 1st prize in English, 2nd in mathematics...

Junior 'C' Class. Miss Wood: 1st prize in English, 2nd in mathematics, and special in 4th class French. Miss Murray: 1st prize in English, 2nd in mathematics...

Senior 'B' Class. Miss Cooper: 1st prize in English, 2nd in mathematics, and special in 4th class French. Miss O'Brien: 1st prize in English, 2nd in mathematics...

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That portion of Elliott's 'Life of Father Hecker' which is now being published in the Catholic Record has interested. It describes the life of Father Hecker and his work in the United States...

