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ORANGE INCORPORATION.

The Orangemen are again asking Parliament for an Act of Incorporation. They have disguised their request by representing the association as a Benevolent Society doing an insurance business.

will not incorporate them. The object of the measure is, therefore, to override the will of those Provinces; Quebec, for example, which will give no encouragement to Orangism in any shape.

The Globe of the 21st ult., 'for the consideration of Orangemen,' puts forward the theory that the Orange Incorporation Bill is really a cunning device of the Jesuits, represented in the Dominion Government by Sir John Thompson.

In closing its work the committee addressed an official letter to the Hon. J. Fitzgerald, and said, among other interesting matters: 'Our sessions were held with open doors, free to the public and the representatives of the press.'

The committee also found a ledger arranged alphabetically in the order of states and counties with complete indexes for convenient reference. The receipts of moneys sent to Ireland were signed by either Joseph Biggar, M.P., T. Harrington, M.P., or Joseph Kenny, M.P.

upon the winning side, and that a small Protestant majority be thus counterbalanced, there will be at once an appeal made to Protestant prejudices to take vengeance on Catholics who have thus ventured to use their rights as citizens.

His Grace Archbishop Cleary, on Sunday, the 2nd inst., delivered an address to the Catholics of Tweed, in which, speaking of the outcry against Separate schools, which has been recently raised in this Province under the false pretence of 'Equal Rights,' told the congregation plainly that the Catholic people of Ontario should not cringe before the demon of bigotry.

THE EMPIRE ON MR. MEREDITH'S POLICY.

From the course followed by the Free Press since 1886 it was to be expected that wherever Mr. Wm. Meredith would lead that journal would follow.

The everlasting contest between Jesus Christ and Satan—between the Kingdom of God and the spirit of wickedness in high places—is waged in the school room.

This is perfectly true. The aim of those who wish to destroy, or to weaken our Catholic school system, is to destroy Catholic faith in the rising generation.

Separate schools have increased in number during the past decade. What does this prove, unless that the Catholics of the Province are bent upon giving a Catholic education to their children?

tend to laugh at the firm stand which the Catholics of the Province are determined to take in defence of parental rights, but it may find an affectionate laughter will not secure the victory for its friends.

"He (Mr. Meredith) has laid down the doctrine that the State, having undertaken to educate its citizens in the public interest and appropriated funds from its jurisdiction by any other authority which seeks to seize control, and that while it will not seek to interfere with religious or denominational teaching where by law permitted, it cannot and must not give up control of secular education to ecclesiastics or any one else beyond its jurisdiction."

It proceeds to explain that the ecclesiastical authorities should, indeed, see that the truths of religion are duly inculcated, but that secular studies are the province of the State, and that the State must not relinquish that domain.

It adds that if Archbishop Cleary asserts that this is a wrong position, "we do not believe either his own people or the people of the Province will sustain him in that view."

If it is the business of the State exclusively to control all the details of education, on the principle that it must look after the interests of the public, on the same principle it ought to make all arrangements for the public health, which is also a matter of much importance.

The school system of Ontario does not assume that the State is to manage all the details of education. It is one of its excellencies that it leaves much to local control, and especially to parents.

There are many Protestants who believe that we would be better without Catholic schools. We do not quarrel with them for entertaining this opinion. We are not of the same belief ourselves, and we see these Protestants honestly and in fair play, not to force their opinion upon us, and not to take away our liberties.

The Free Press, of this city, in its issue of last Saturday, makes an attempt to destroy the force of the Archbishop of Kingston's remarks by half a column of virulent personal abuse of His Grace.

It is very true, he pretends not to wish to deprive us of any rights which are secured by the British North America Act; but of what avail will those rights be if they are so hedged round with annoyances that they cannot be freely exercised?

condescension. If he had announced that he would assist us in making our schools more efficient, by putting them on the same financial level as the Public schools, and by giving every facility to desiring supporters of Separate schools to apply their taxes to these schools without hindrance, we would appreciate his good-will.

We have had in London an example of how the law can be administered in such a way as to annoy the Catholic schools. A Mayor elected on the bogus Equal Rights platform orders the city officials to tax all ratepayers as Public school supporters.

In Toronto also we find the property of Separate school supporters placed this year on the Public school roll to the amount of about \$325,000, and the Solicitor of the Toronto Municipal Council declares that the law does not permit the injustice to be remedied.

The Mail and the Free Press are not so brazen-faced as to tell Catholics that they should support Mr. Meredith's demands. It is left for the Empire to do this. We can only say that if the Catholics of Ontario assist Mr. Meredith in bringing his policy to a successful issue they deserve to be the serfs which ex-Bishop Carman of the Methodist Church, and Dr. Wild of the Congregationalists, would make of them.

Here we may add a word on what the Empire says of the discussion which took place recently between Mr. Meredith and the Archbishop of Kingston. The Empire says: "The Archbishop retired from the episcopal contest in which he was lately engaged with Mr. Meredith."

The Archbishop did not retire. Mr. Meredith, finding himself defeated on every point, ignominiously begged that the contest should come to a close. He had not even the manliness to acknowledge that he had unjustly aroused Protestant feeling against Catholics on the false plea that His Grace had approved of a newspaper article which he had not even read, and for which the editor of the newspaper declared himself alone responsible.

The Empire also condemns His Grace for saying that "the diabolical spirit of hatred of religious education has found its way, unfortunately, into the Province of Ontario," and that "Satan has raised his standard here . . . to propagate his wicked maxims throughout the cities and towns of the Province."

From what we have proved above, it will be seen that nothing but hatred of Catholics and of the Catholic Church influences the enemies of Catholic education to endeavor to destroy our Catholic school system by such annoyances as Mr. Meredith would introduce into it.

The Free Press is grieved no doubt that some simple-minded people of Ontario have not yet risen to the level of France or Italy, in that they have not yet expunged the name of God from the text books of the Common schools, or appealed to the dagger as in the assassination of Garcia Moreno, or to the poisoned chalice as in the sacrilegious murder of the Archbishop of Quito in South America, while in the act of celebrating Mass.

when it pretends that the object of Mr. Meredith is to release Catholic schools from ecclesiastical control. The school laws place the control of the schools under Catholic rate-payers, and not under the ecclesiastical authorities. The clergy have only so much to do with the schools as the Catholic people are willing to accord to them.

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The result was the bloodiest revolution that ever disgraced the annals of history and the expulsion of Christianity from that fair country which it became an act of high treason against the State to believe in God. The Free Press may laugh at the "devil's standard" being planted anywhere, for leading articles for some time back on school questions, the divorce law and other abominations go very far in proving the writers in the Free Press do not believe either in God or the devil; but Archbishop and all good Catholics as well as every sincere Protestant in the country

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firmly believe in the existence of both, and will unite as one man, while flouting the impetuous of the Free Press, in raising up a generation of men and women who will be taught, while children and at school, to love and worship God in spirit and in truth while loathing and trampling on the "standard of the devil."

AMONG THE FRENCH IN THE EASTERN COUNTIES.

Rev. D. D. McLeod, in Knox College Monthly.

There is probably no experience more beneficial as an educational force to any one of open mind than to visit among a people of a different race and creed than one's own.

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But one does not need to go to foreign lands to enjoy this experience. One can often, within a short distance of home, step into a circle of life, of thought, of custom and experience as widely different from his own as though he had found it on the other side of the world.

The idea that the French are invading the Province in overwhelming numbers in the east and west and north, and taking possession of our schools and dispossessing the English, seems to me unwarranted by the facts of the case.



Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Freeport, recently destroyed by fire.

manner of the people and learning their social condition, which cannot be had in any other way. In the quiet villages, in the wayside school, in the sequestered rural homes, in the churches, in the hotels of every grade, one sees the life of the people in every aspect.

One is pleased to find in these French districts so many good farms, so many homes which, though small and simple in style, yet give evidence of being occupied by an industrious and thrifty population. We do not, however, meet with the type of farming which is found in the west.

The village life in such a country is as quiet and uneventful as probably could be found in any part of the world.

In visiting these somewhat foreign looking sections and witnessing the social and educational life of the people in their neat and simple homes, in their schools, crowded with fine-looking, intelligent children, one could not but be glad that our French fellow citizens were regarded with more friendly feelings.

The efforts of a people to secure for their children an adequate education are always interesting. And it is gratifying to find in remote rural sections and in quiet secluded villages, children are being trained with intelligence, and teachers of ability devoting themselves to their work with enthusiasm and success.

Some consider that it savors of severity. It did not strike me in that light. Certainly it is a feature one would like to see more of in many of our schools.

THE LATE VERY REV. L. FUNKEN.

A solemn Mass of Requiem was celebrated in St. Mary's Church, Berlin, Thursday, 6th of February, being the seven days' mind of the Very Rev. L. Funcken, C. R. D. D., Provincial of the Congregation of the Resurrection and the deceased.

The grim monster Death has been busy with his scythe cutting down some of the oldest inhabitants here lately. One of his latest victims was Mr. John Dundon, in his seventy-seventh year.

He was the father of eleven children, six of whom (one son and five daughters), with his afflicted wife, survive him, the son and three of the daughters being married.

FOR SWEET CHARITY'S SAKE.

On next Sunday evening a lecture will be delivered in St. Peter's Cathedral in this city by the distinguished Jesuit, Rev. Father Dundon. A silver collection will be taken up by the ladies of the Children of Mary Society.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Abbie Renan.

On Wednesday, the 6th inst., Mrs. Abbie Renan, wife of the late Patrick Renan, of this city, died at St. Mary's Hospital, Detroit.

The funeral was held on Friday, and proceeded to St. Peter's Cathedral, where a solemn Mass was celebrated by Rev. Philip Brennan, P. P. of St. Mary's, assisted by Rev. John D'O'Connor and Rev. Michael Cummins, P. P. of Bathwell.

Mr. John Dundon, Hamilton.

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Mrs. Mary Doyle, Stratford.

Died in Stratford, on Friday, Jan. 31st, 1890, at the residence of her son, John W. Doyle, Mary, widow of the late Patrick Doyle, aged ninety-one years, deceased was born in the county of Wexford, Ireland, in the year 1798.

Mr. Francis Henry, Ingersoll.

We have to record with regret the death of another of Ingersoll's respected Catholic citizens, Mr. Francis Henry, who departed this life on the 4th inst., after an illness of about a month.

Joseph's community of this city. She is known in religion as Sister Catherine. The funeral took place on the 6th inst., High Mass being celebrated in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Ingersoll, by Rev. Jos. P. Molphy.

Mr. Bernard McEvoy, Picton.

Died, at Picton, January 27th, after a short illness of ten days, Bernard, the beloved husband of Elizabeth McEvoy, at the ripe age of seventy-four years.

Mr. John Kelly, Farnham.

The funeral of the late Mr. John Kelly, whose death occurred at Farnham on Sunday last, took place from the Windsor street depot, Montreal.

Mrs. N. Garvey, North Norwich.

In North Norwich, on Wednesday, Jan. 22nd, 1890, Mrs. N. Garvey, aged ninety-two years, a native of Ireland.

Neil McDonald, Woodstock.

On Thursday, 6th inst., beneath the sacred sods of St. Mary's Church, all that was mortal of the late Neil McDonald, second son of Archie McDonald, was lovingly and reverently laid to rest.

John Dalrymple, Norwich.

Died in Norwich, on the 18th January, Mr. John Dalrymple, aged seventy-six. He was one of the oldest pioneers of this neighborhood, and departed this life after a short illness, having spent a life of good deeds crowned by a happy death.

Jerome O'Neill, Burgessville.

Died in Burgessville, Feb. 1st, Jerome O'Neill, aged thirty-one years. The funeral took place Tuesday morning at St. Mary's Church, Woodstock.

FATHER JEFFCOOT HONORED.

On the occasion of the departure of Rev. M. Jeffcott, the very popular and justly respected parish priest of Orangeville, from that mission to Pickering, he was honored in the most hearty manner by the people among whom he had labored as a priest of God for many years.

Cardinal Rampolla, in reference to the protest of the late Rabbi Alder, disavows, through Cardinal Manning, the report that the Pope had approved a French book accusing the Jews of blood sacrifices of Christian children.

