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## THE WAR

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His Eminence Cardinal Vaughan has issued the following circular to his clergy:

Archbishop's House, Westminster, Dec. 20th, 1899
Rev. Dear Father,-The for tune of war in South Africa fills the public mind with justi-
fiable anxiety.
While the negotiations were proceeding, public prayers pro pace were offered throughout the diocese in every Mass when the rubric permitted. Since the declaration of war. prayers have been offered in like manner pro continue.

A solemn Requiem was sung last month at the Pro-Cathedral for the souls of those who had fallen in battle. A second public requiem will be sung at tho Oratory on the first day
available. Functions in other Churches will be duly announced.
In addition to prayers for the dead, we should now offer public and united supplications for onr army, officers and men, and arms.

Whaterer doubt was entertained as to the lawfulness of by recourse to the sword, there can be no doubt now that we that justice is on our side.
It has been clearly ascertained that Boer leaders in both Repubto strike for the establishment a Boer supremacy throughout Africa; that military preparaseeretly carried out for that pur pose. It is also clear that the lution of the difficulties that had arisen were suddenly broken off by the ultimatum declaring war Within a few hours, unless Eng.
land at once withdrew her sol. diers from her own colony, and forbade her troopships to enter her own African ports. There
can be no mistake as to the intention; the inrasion of Britis territory has been accompanied by a formal and repeated declaration of the annesation of the invaded territory to the Boer
Republic. It is always lawful and sometimes necessary, to re sist invasion and annexation " et armis."
It is now a question of something more than of what is lawtal. The question is, shall the British Empire be allowed to till to pieces by supineness and
by want of determination and by want of determination and
silf-denial? The answer is, No. This Empire has been raised up by the same Providence that called the Roman Enijire into
existence, and as God used the one towards the attainment of His own Divine purposes of
mercy, so does He seem to be mercy, so does
using the other.
In spite of the blunders and crimes committed by many of pire, the Empire has made for peace, for liberty, for law and
order. An Empire that order. An Empire that has
power to establish these condipower to establish these condithe spread of Christianity,
possessed of a great and sacred Trust, not to be surreidered un the surrender. At the demand the surreader. At the presen
moment countless millions in the Dark Continent depend for heir temporal and eternal salva that reign of law which usuall follows British supremacy. Let us remeraber that we "as a drop of a bucket," that we are His instruments to be used ure. Let us not provoke Him to reject us by pride, self-right ous. Resther iet contempt of oth selres as a nation before Him confess our sins, and repent
While we realize with grate ful confidence the most honor seems to have entrusted us, w must endeavor not to be alto gether unworthy of it, and must determine to make God, borh in national and private life, the fice object of our love and ser ready personally and collectivesary or useful for the fulfilmen of His trust.
For these purposes, you wil til furthen orders Sandays, un cipal Mass or at Benediction, th Prayers to be found in the Man ual among the "Occasional Prayers," an
of Calamity
Believe me, Rev. dear Father o be your faithful and devoted servant,

CATHOLICS IN ENGLAND.
It is valholic Recori.
It is very noticeable that in no other country of the world do Catholics show a more in. tense, sustained and rtudied
sympathy with the Gorernment than they do in England Perhaps the reason of it is that n no other country are Cath Government in the matter o official representation. Not only are the offices of Postmaster General and Chief-Justice held by Catholics, but the highest ofrcial in the naval adminisCatholic. This gentleman Vice Admiral Lord Walter Kerr K.C.B. When Lord Kerr was -a eight years old, his mother borne into the Church on th tide of the Oxford Movement She had the faith of a saint and the conrage of a heroine, and it required both to prerail ore the influences which aimed a withholding her children from following her. We quote from
"To enable the youngest then a child of ten, to carry out his
earnest desire to be a Catholic earnest desire to be a Catholic, Lady Lothian had to steal out of early one winter battle Abbey) he household morning, befor take him to Edinburgh.where h was received by Dr. Gillies, the
Vicar-Apostolic. As they steahily crossed the park, they heard the sound of hurried foot
steps behind them steps behind them, and were
sure that they were being pursusure that they were being pursu-
ed. Bat. to Lady Lothian's great oy, the pursuer turned out to $b$ her third son, Lord Ralph, who having heard of his mother intention and yielding to an ed on joining his little brothe in being

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 y , it is the duty of Lord Walter o direct all the important move ments of every ship in theBritish nary; and, though his British nary; and, though his
official duties prevent him from taking prominent part in the great work which Eaglish lay men are doing, he has always spoken out vigorously when the rights of the Church or of Cath olics were to be vindicated. is worthy of remark that he has
never found this manly franknever found this manly frank
ness a bar to official adrance ment. In 1873 he married Lady Amabel Cowper, a convert and he wielder of a vigorous and industrious pen.

A RULING FROM ROME.
Bishop James A. McFaul Trenton, N. J., received a copy of a cable message from Rome which had been sent to Arch bishop Corrigan on the 11th inst. It holds that none of the powers to grant special dispensations heretofore enjoved by Bishops of the Catholic Church
is suspended during the holy or is suspended during the holy or
Jubilee year of 1900 . The Pope's encyclical with reference to the holy year was interpreted by some of the hierarchy to
mean that durirg the certain special dispensation could only be granted in Rome In order to set at rest all ques-
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relatives.-Providence Visitor.

## NOTES FROM STE. ROSE.

The new year is raving around the church, all so still within, he comes this night with powdering of white on hi
wings that should be heavily now-laden; but we welcome him heartily, being the Holy Year A. D. 1900 . We welcome ation before the Sacred Hos his one night vouchsafed to us During long hours the faithful people come in crowds in popuous cities, or perhaps only a soitary watcher in lonely country places, adores his Lord. So still and holy within and the raving wind without, like the Church in the mast of the world. Oar beautiful new altar gleaming white and gold in the dimness makes us think of the great White Throne spoken of by St John.
We
We are on the threshold of nother century, but when the ast priest shall have consecrated hall be no more, but what errible reckoning will then
A propos of the New Ycar and speedy completion of another day's sermon of a pathetic incident in the life of Our Lord. He approached one day the gates of certain city, his heart yearning rer those who dwelt within.
ut they, when they saw but they, when they saw Him
coming, sent messengers to Him coming, sent messengers to Him abide not with us, we fear thy preaching." So it is now; Our Lord knocks at the gates of the
world, and with ineffable longworld, and with inetfable long-
ings He offers His love, His par-
don, His consolations, and the
world says: "Master, pass on, world says: "Master, pass on
abide not with us, we fear thy preaching." As of old, He woul press the little children to His bosom, who would find joy and
comfort there, but they dra comfort there, but they drag called Christian nations. This is why during the Holy Year now begun, we beseech of Heaven with fervent prayers and
tears, pardon and mercy for the orld harrying to destruction There is a story told of St convert a young man of the world, the wicked world of other times, not ours, oh, no!
from the error of his ways, but from the error of his ways, but
in vain. To all his admonitions the pleasure-seeker returned mocking laugh. "I see," said
the saint gravely, "that I must deal with you in earnest. Knee down aid lay your head on m still laughing did so noblema laid both his hands out. Philip head bofore him and prayed some moments in silence $W$ he had ended he said: "Now get up and go your way." The youngr man arose, his counten ed without saying a word from that day he was a d. Bu being, and those who knew him intimately whispered that whil he bent his head upon the saint' knee, he beheld the underworld opened beneath him with it vision of fire and hopeless tor ments.

## A SIGNIFICANT EVENT

Signor Mohring. the editor o a comic paper in Berlin called the Ulk, has been sentenced by prisonment for six months in the Catholic Church in a heroic poem entitled "The Cowardly Act at Rennes." The subject of the poem is, of course Catholic hierarchy from the Pope down are described in this dismraceful composition as being engaged in a plot to find the innocent guilty. There is. of
course, no basis in fact for this representation of the Dreylins case, but the wouder is that the German court has undertaken Church.
There is cerlainly a great change within a few years from the time of the Bismarckia kulturkampf when Catholic suffered under severe persect tion. This change in Germany is to be attributed to the energy and determination of the Cath Reichstag. That party has kep constantly in view the purpo for which it was established, the attaimment of justice for Catholics, and it has had remarkable uccess in gaining its object.
W: would be glad to se
equal determination exhibite by the Catholics of Canada to gain the just demands of the Catholics of Manitoba in regard to freedorn
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Rev Father Poulin, of St. Maurice, Assa, is here and will go east to-morr
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THE SICK SOLDIER AND THE SISTER

Preaching in St. Paul's Church, Washington, the other day His Eminence Cardinal ibbons said:

Many a narrative and thril ling story of the sublime charit of our devoted Sisters has been cited. Let me record one here that has recently been publish ed. Shortly before the Spanish American war two Sisters of Charity were walking in street of Buston, and while one was insulted by a young man, who assailed her with vile language. She simply and silently pursued her journey Some time after, when the wa broke out, the youth enlisted in he army. He was wounded Sistersen to a hospital. The with mated $H_{0}$ wa deeply impressed with thei attention, and oue day said to he Sister in charge: "I love th religion which inspires such entiments as you exhibit and will embrace that religion. Ba have committed a sin which weighs upon my conscience. once insulted one of your com-
panions. and would peacefully die if I knew she forgave me." "Let your mind be at rest,'
replied the Sister. 'It was I whom you insulted. I recog nized you when you entered the "The man died in the faith "The mand died in the faith orgiveness and charity. Dearly Dister of Charity, fored sweet who have injured, fo"give hos how and Christ will receive usiu the hour of death. If we love, we hour of death. If we love, we
can forgive, and lore is Hir reatest commandment"

N NEW NEWSPAPER DIREC. TORY FOR 1900

We have received from the publishers, The Central Press Agency, of Toronto, a copy of

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 spiritual needs of 20,000 Galicians scattered over more than Fathers Kalls upon the two Fathers Kuldawy. At least tenpriests more would be needed, and these would hare, at the outset, to share the porerty of their flocks. Schools are being organized, and these are very necessary owing to the efforts o . | Babseription, |
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| Six months, | arrivals.

Elsewhere we repriut Cardina Vaughan's circular to his clergy on "The War," as it appeared in the Tablet ten days after the date it bears. It will be observed that this document is merely a defence of "the powers that be; it makes no regulations and lays no commands on anyone. Its nearest approach to the tone of a mild iujunction is when the clergy of the Westminster dio cese are told that they "should" pray "for speedy success to the British arms." We fully agree with His Eminence that "in spite of the blunders and crimes
committed by many of her sons in building up the Empire, the Empire has made for peace, for liberty, for law and order." We would even go further and as sert that no other contemporary power has anything like the same beneficent influence, and hat under no other flag does th Church enjoy more frecdom.

A noteworthy omission in th Euglish Cardinal's circular is its significant silence with regard to the disabilities of Catholics in he Transraal. His Eminence is in this respect far wiser than he editor of the Tablet who, in he very issue containing Car dinal Vaughan's letter, continues
to harp on this worn out string to harp on this worn out string. Times, which has a far wider circulation than the Tablet and which is published in the Cardinal's cathedral city, has, in its ssue of Jan. 5, the following rely to a correspondent:
We have never disputed the statement that the condition o Catholics in the Transvaal has not been satisfactory, but we think that those who iry to jastify the war on that ground are outraging Catholic Christianity and trifling with our commonsense. Our Lord did not indulge in bloodshed and slaughter to eath on the Cross showed how we are to propagate it if we are called upon to suffer. The spreading of "religion", by fire and sword cannot be the work of God, and will never succeed a certain class of Protestants. I it is right for a Catholic in the Transvaal to rebel because he cannot get an official position, then it is right for an Irish Catholic to rebel because Catholics are debarred from the LordLieutenancy. The principle is The same. The editors of the Protestant papers in this country are as ignorant with regard to
the Catholic Church and as bit The Catholic Church and as bit tery l .
Boer.

A more careful stady of the Pontifical document suspending indulgences outside of Rome during this Holy Year reveals the fact that this suspension does not affect indulgences ap plied to the souls in pargatory Consequently this document in no way concerns those pious persons who, having made what is called "the Heroic Act," have surrendered all the indulgences hey may gain to the souls in purgatory. In their case the
and all other indulgenced prayers, are just as fruitful for the dead in this year 1900 as in any other year.
James R. Randall, the great authority on all that concerns he Souihorn States, writes in the "Catholic Columbian": "The statement recently made that General Joubert, the Boer com mander, was an officer in the Confederate army, is, in my opinion, a seusational fiction." How does Mr. Randall reconcile this opinion with the letter of Colonel Lamar Fontaiue to Capt. J. F. Andersou, dated
"Lyon, Miss., Dec. 9, 1899," and "Lyon, Miss., Dec. 9, 1899," and
published in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, where Col. Fontaine says he frequently met the then Col. Joubert in Stone wall Jackson's tent? Is Col. Foataine a myth? Or is the Toubert of the Transvaal different person from the Joubert of the Confederate army?

The death of Mr. G W Steevens, the special correspondent of the London "Daily Mail," from enteric fever at Ladysmith last week, is a great loss to journalism. He had the rare gift of being original and at the same time true. It will be remembered that he was the on!y Eagiish newspaper correspondent who did not join the conspiracy of misrepresentation in the Dreyfus case. Writing to he paper which has most rogue just now in the metropolis, he had the courage to say that the estimony of Dreyfus as he heard it at Rennes, proved him insincere.

The memory of this noble exception to the great journalis. ic consipiracy of England and the United States recalls to our mind the motive of the indecent rejoicings in France over English disasters in South Africa. The respectable portion of the French people were exasperated by the persistent mendaciity of journals printed in English anent the Dreyfus case; hence their glee at the discomfiture of a nation that had trarestied their tribunal at Reunes and heaped obloquy on the best elements in France. But France should not, in common gratitude, forget what England did for her during the ranco-Prussian war. As the London "Globe" said lately, "no London newspaper decorated its offices becanse of the fall of Sedan and Metz, but the news was received with respectful sympathy." In four days in January $1871 £ 24,000$ were subscribed, and afterwards $£ 102,000$ more, for the relief of the starving and wounded French. In February of the same terrible year 68 tons of food were taken over to Paris by Colonel Stuart Wortley and Mr. George Moore. In addition to this $\mathfrak{x 1 3 , 0 0 0}$ was subscribed for the French Peasant Farmers' Seed Fund, over $£ 6,000$ for distress in France, nearly $£ 10,000$ for the Refugees' Benevolent Fund, nearly £5,000 for the French wounded, besides many other contributions in money
and kind.

Plum Puddings and Mince Pies often have bad effects upon the small boy who over indulges in them. Pain-Killer as a honse-
hold medicine for all such ills is hold medicine for all such ills is unequalled. Avoid substitutes,
there is but one Pain-Killer, there is bat one Pain-Kille
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Good has come out of that unfortunate anti-British article which appeared in the "Semaine Religieuse de Québec" on the 6th inst. Not to speak of many other noble protestations of loyalty from prominent French Canadians, His Grace the Arch bishop of Québec has written a splendid letter to his archiepiscopal brother of Montreal. He takes advantage of the first moments of recovery from a rather serious illness to thank His Grace Archbishop Brachési for his sympathetic and convincing letter to the Montreal Herald in defence of himself (Archbishop Bégin). While condemning the incriminated article as very deplorable and stating that he has no official organ and is not responsible for any document not signed by himself, he shows by explicit historical examples how the French Canadian episcopate and clergy have, from the first years of British rule in Canada, proved themselves champions of loyalty to the crown. In 1775, against Catholic emissaries from the revolted United States, against
the fervent appeals of French officers helping the cause of American independence, Bishop Briand, of Quebec, stood as wall of brass and saved Canada to the Empire. In 1807 Bishop Plessis wrote to his Catholi flock "that it is impossible to be a good Christian without being a loyal and faithful subject,' and "that they would be unworthy to be called Catholics and Canadians if they showed disloyalty or even indifferenc when there is question of doing their duty as subjects devoted to he interests of their Sovereign or to the defence of the country.
Again, during the war of 1812 the same illustrious prelate fired the French Canadian people with that zeal for the defence of British interests which was so gloriously manifested on the field of Chateauguay.
In 1837-8, Bishop Signay in Quebec and Bishop Lartigue in Montreal condemned the rebel lion in the name of religion, and, hanks to the co-operation of all their priests, helped to prevent
its spreading in Lower Canada as much as it did in the Upper province
Another instance of conspicuous loyalty which Archbishop Bégin mentions is one which we curselves are particularly rlad to recall-that of our late lamented. Archbishop, Monseigneur Taché, who, in 1870, at the earnest request of the Ottawa Government, left the epochmaking sessions of the Vatican Council to come here and peacify, as he alone could, this Red River country and preserved it to the Crown.
After citing these memorable examples, His Grace of Quebec may well say: "Oar good friends seem sometimes to forget that loyalty, for the children of the Church of Christ, is not a matter of sentiment or personal interest; it is a grave and rigorous duty of conscience deduced from principle which is as sacred, un changeable and eternal as the Divine Lawgiver Himself.'
LAST YEAR OF THE CEN. TURY.

In a clever article on "The New Century" the Scientific American of the 13th inst., after pointing out how the first two numbers in 1900 deceive our eyes, says: "A hundred years ago the same wordy war was waged; a hundred years hence it will be renewed; and thus it will go on as century after century comes rolling along. It is a venerable error, long-lived and perhaps immortai." Yet the "Roman Church, which," as the same paper remarks, "has alway paid great attention to the calendar and done much to preserve it," settled this point three hundred years ago. This fact is clearly proved by our well informed contemporary, The Casket, in its issue of the 4th inst. It quotes from the Ball "Annus Domini" of Clement the eighth, dated May 19, 1599, he following words: "And in fact it seems to have been divine Citadel and Home of the Chris tian Religion, the memory of so great a benefit should be recalled by all the faithful in the last year of each century. Thus, as the Casket adds, "the year 1600 was regarded by

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Clement VIII. as the last year of the residence of the wife's the sixteenth century, just as mother, Mrs. L. N. Bétournay, Leo XIII. regards the year 1900 of Eumonton street, Winnipeg. as the last of the nineteenth century '
Of course the whole difficulty urus on "the gear one." And it is passing strange that almos Il those who discuss the ques tion should overiook the only ase in the history of the world when the beginuing of that "year one" was clearly defined We refur to the case of the French Republican Calendar all other eras, the Jewish, the Greek, the Ohristian, the Mohammedan, the calculation began many years alter the initial date; or the Christian era in partic lar it was not till it had been oing on for almost 800 years that its initial date was fixed and probably fixed from fou: to seren years too late. But the initial date of the French Republican Calendar was settled most accurately only one year and hirteen day which marked the beginning of that short-lived era. On October 5,1793 , the Conventiou decreed thoroughly new calendar, which was to date from September 22, 1792, the day on which the Republic was proclaimed Thas, looking backward only ne year, the Convention decided September 22. 1792, would becousidered the first day of the first month of the "year one"; but, as that year was already past, the Republican Era practically begins with September 22 793, which bears the name of the first day of the first month "the year wo." Thus the French mathematicians, who were, then especially, by far the reatest in the world, had no hesitation in beginning their brand new era, not with the year 0 , but with the year 1, and hat calendar was accepted and ased by the French nation for hirteen years. Nor was bandoned because it was faulty but because other nations would oot take it up and looked upon the names of its months as idiculous and the abolition of the week as unchristian.
At any rate this unique example in the history of calen dars, proceeding as it does from the greatest known experts in the matter, is decisive.

DEATH AND FUNERAL OF MR. J. C. AUGER

Extremely sudden but not un prepared was the death of Mr Joseph Caesarius Auger las Wednesday evening. Of late years spells of faintness coupled with the doctor's warning had led him to prepare for a suddei demise. Though always a pracucal Cathoinc he had become more tervent. mas Day he rectire W. Com ardly an hou before the drad lon he hed recited he beads with his wife, Thi as thir lowt act befer they set out at 8 p. m. to wall fiom heir home in St. Bonilace to

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[^0]When they had got more thau half way Mr. Auger Ietd grean oppressiou in cough heavily, but he made to cough heariy, but he mached an effort and hinally reached
the house. There he collapsed the house. There he collapsed
almost immediately. Dr. Jones was called in but conld do was called in but could do
nothing. Father O'Dwer came as soon as possible, but there as soon as possible, but there
was no longer any sign of life, Mr. Auger was 47 years of age and had been here 18 years.
The deceased was a clerk in the Winnipeg customs house and was highly esteemed by a host of friends. His widow is a Bétournay, at one time law partner of Sir George Etienne drener. There are three chilren, the eldest being not quir Auger's life was insured for $\$ 3,000$. He was a member of the Catholic Order of Foresters and of the Ancient Order of United Workmen
The funeral was held on Saturday morning at 9.30 from the residence of the deceased to the Cathedral and the St. Bonilargely cemetended and was rery ly the fended. Mr. J. C. Anger, Sr the Montreal Eart, Dr., ranable to come owing to illness. Th requiem mass was celebrated a St. Boniface cathedral, Rer Father Dugas, V. G., officiating, assisted by Fathers Gravel and Béliveau, D. D. In the sanctuary were Fathers Cherrier. of
the Immaculate Concetion Dre Immaculate Conception, Drummond, from the Jesuits coliege, and Dorais from the Industrial school. The choir Ernest Lere direction of Mr Ernest Lereque rendered appro priate of St. Mr. Arsang Crick, of St., Mary's choir, sang "Dies Irae" was sung by Mr Chas. Bernier, of the Immaculate Conception choir the "Miserere Mei" by Mr. Louis St. George; Mei "by Mr. Louis st. George;
the "Pie Jesu" by J. B. Leclerc, "Sanctus" the cathedral choir; the que. The pall-bearers were H. Béliveau, E. Marsion, E. Paradis and E. Prieur. Among the large number of floral offerings, sent by Protestant friends, a doral anchor from the employees of H. M. customs and rown from the Ancient Order spicuous. Many Catholic friends sent offerings of Masses for the repose of their dear friend's soul.

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30, Tuesday-St. Martina, Vir
gim. Martyr.
Wednesday-St. Peter Nol asco, Conf.

FEBRUARY.
1, Thursday -St. Ignatins, Bish op. Martyr.
2, Friday-Purification of the Blessed Virgin, Candlemas , Saturday-St. Hilary, Bishop Doctor. (transferred from he 14th Jan.)

## BRIEFLETS.

Dr. J. K. Barrett, inspector of inland revenue, leares today on a three weeks' tour of inspection of the offices in the Calgary division.
Yesterday the thermometer dropped thirty degrees in th middle of the day, at a tim, when even in the colder
weather it generally rises. Th weather it generally rises.
North wind was the cause.

The only supposedly histori cal picture that looked like put-np job rehearsed by actors for the Biograph was the scene where Dreyfus protesis that h is innocent. The whole thing decidedly theatrical.
"Fighting Joe" Martin turned political meeting into a bea arden at Vancouver last Satur day. He spoke for three hous the wildest confusion. Whi he spoke there were two firb he spoke there were two figh: dogs.

The Biograph at the Grand i best and most lifelibe course th est and most lifelike picture are those of our Holy Fathe: beams with kindness. beams with kindness. Mrr Merry del
the Pope, is also true to life for the Pope, is also true to life for
those who knew him here. Not the least agreeable feature is the easy, graceful, gentlemanly presentation of the pictures by on eloculionist kind recited th "Absent-minded Beggar" with real taste and discernment olic clergy were present las night. There will be a matine for Catholic school children on

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Dr. B njamin F DeCosta, the eminent New York Episcopal clergyman who was recently
converted to the Catholic faith delivered a lecture on "America. in the academic hall of the Jesuit college in Montreal last Wednesday.

There have been a couple of cicided thaws this last week h. thermometer going up to 4 in the shade. This plays have with the skatiag rinks, and poils the country roads which the recent snowfalls had so much improved.
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land, eight pounds ( $\$ 40$.) a ton

When last night at the Grand stereopticon view was announ addressing the Canadian coutin ment at Quebec," it was looked at in perfect silence, the crowd greeting it with a "dead frost." On the contrary, when Hugh John's picture was thrown on the screen, the applause was general.
Major General George Arthar Freuch was stationed at Kingston, Ont., as adjutant, from 1862 1866; from 1870 to 1873 h Was inspector of artillery in
Canada; and from 1873 to 1876 anada; and from 1873 to 1876 he was Commissioner of the Northwest Mounted Police Speaking to the second contin gent the other day, Lord Minto referred to this last Canadian ommand of General French's.
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## Considerable comment

been occasioned among officials of the state Department within the past lew days over the fact
that the new commercial treaty between Mexico and China is writem in English
The use of the English language in drawing up international agreements is something unprecedented. French has had
diplomatic language, but the State department officials now think that the drafting of the Mexican-Chinese treaty marks the beginning of the end of the general use of the French in this particular.
For the past 200 years in a looking toward the formation of
international agreements, the
lauguage of the French people has been most widely used by diplomats in official correspondence and in the actual drawing while general, has not been uni versal, but the few exceptions have only gone to prove the social languare. Nearly allme of education have been tancht and in the social intercourse of Enrope it has been generally diplemats of the world that the been familiar with it, it has crept into diplomatic intercours to the almost total exclusion of other languages.
The treaty of peace between the United States and Spain was written in Freuch as have also been the majority of internationtwo centuries. Within recent years a rule has been made in diplomacy by which a diplomcorrespondence may employ the language of his own country, or
that of any other if he chooses Notwithstanding this rule the French has been retained i
perhaps a majority of instance The German ambassador now uses German, in his correspond ence with the State Departmen English. The Swedish, Nor wegian. Russian, Belgian, Turk
ish, Italian and Greek diplom atic representatives all employ the French while those of Chin and Japan use English.
In a large measure English
upplanting the French both a language. The statistics of the Intermational Postal Union gar the number of letters addressed
iu English from all parts of the world as being about 75 pe In
In foreign universities the ongue of the Anglo-Saxon race is taking the place of the French and is fast becoming the social medium of intercourse. From
the general prevalence of the he general prevalence of the will betore a quarter of a cen tury be the diplomatic language

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