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is that having known it so long and so in-

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unbiased, and consistent; that it

abounds diligently and successfully in keep-

ing them thoroughly acquainted with every

kind of important fact that occurs in the

Old World and the New; that it discus-

ses all Canadian questions earnestly and

thoroughly, not seeking to mislead or de-

ceive its readers, but regarding them all

as intelligent and patriotic, and sub-

mitting for their consideration all that is

of importance to all political parties on

all subjects of importance. The condi-

tion of Ireland, unhappily, has not im-

proved much. The words and acts, the

policy and purposes of those who take a

prominent part in maintaining the cause

of the people are too often misunderstood

and misrepresented, and the people them-

selves are traduced and maligned. Dur-

ing the year now closing the FREEMAN

has constantly endeavored to separate

what was true from the enormous mass

of falsehood and misrepresentation in the

Irish news, furnished by cable and by

newspapers, and to enable its readers to

know what actually took place, to form a

correct opinion as to the policy and the

acts of the Land League, and of all con-

cerned with it, and to judge fairly of the

Land Act, its scope and effect, and of the

general policy of Mr. Gladstone and his

colleagues. We believe that this is re-

garded by all who feel an interest in Ire-

land, and especially by all the Irishmen

in this Province who retain a love of the

old land, as a work of no small impor-

tance. It has, we know, done much to

allay the prejudice and the feelings of

hostility which the falsehoods of the

anti-Irish press did much to excite,

and so contributed materially to the

continuance of those feelings of mutual

respect and good will, the maintenance of

which is so desirable.

During the coming year it will not be

less necessary that this work be done

well.

It is also of the greatest importance

that the effects of the so-called National

Policy shall be carefully watched and

impartially stated from time to

time so that when the next gen-

The Weekly Freeman.

Saturday, January 21, 1882.

The Week.

The outlook in the old world is by no

means as bright as many thought it

at the close of 1881. The revolt in

Herzegovina is now regarded as much

more serious than it was at first supposed

to be. The resistance to the Austrian

concession was but an opportunity of

which those who wish to drive Austria

from the shores of the Adriatic availed

themselves. The telegrams now say that

the Pan-Slavists, countenanced by Russia,

are in correspondence with the insurgents,

and that Austria has information that

there is to be an insurrection in the

whole Balkan district. It is not yet said

that the Italian revolutionaries, the party

of *Italia Irredenta*, are fomenting this

insurrection, but it is probable that they

are, and that we shall soon hear of them.

It should be remembered that the revolt

against Turkish rule commenced in this

district, and that D'Israeli, then

Premier of Great Britain, said it was

fomented by the secret societies. Austria

is taking means to deal with a serious

break, and is sending large bodies of

soldiers to the district as fast as possible.

It may be found that the revolt is

King Humbert to Vienna was not wholly

unconnected with this trouble.

All hope of the safety of Mr. Powell

M. P., who was carried to sea in a balloon

is now abandoned, but there will be some

difficulty about declaring his seat vacant.

Mr. Gray, writing to the Conservative

candidate for one of the Northern

seats, says that Mr. Gladstone disregards

the opinions of all the Old Whig leaders,

and that all interested in land should

oppose his government. This is regarded

as a further indication of the reckless

system—a system which many who dis-

like and feared it supported because

they were told that it was the destruction

of Popery, and very materially to the

loss of taxation. Some active members

of the City Council have been elected, and

during the past two or three years, to

reduce the civic expenditure, and they have

been fairly successful, but it does not

seem probable that much more will be

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paper. When it treats of political or

business questions it is rational and

exhibits much ability. When it

deals with religious subjects, as it often

does, it is what now-a-days is known as

"crank" of the worst description. Its

hatred of Popery blinds it to every con-

sideration of justice and fair play. It

generally discusses public matters with

the most extreme of religious fanaticism.

It is a religious question is involved in a

fairly liberal spirit, but, if at any time

it stirs earnestly to help the Liberal

party it is because it believed of that

party what its worst enemies said of it.

For some years past the Liberal party of

Quebec have found it necessary to repel

and disprove the calumnies which its

enemies and such false friends as the

Freeman has labored with too much suc-

cess to propagate. As it became evident

that Canadian Liberalism is not the

enemy of religion or any form of Chris-

tianity, or any Christian body or or-

ganization, or Church, the *Freeman* began

to assume a less friendly attitude towards it.

At the late Quebec elections it praised

M. Joly, candidate, and professed to be

in sympathy with the Liberal party, and

in its power to prevent the election of

several of the Liberal candidates, and

after the election it exulted in the defeat

of the Liberal party, telling them that

from one thing to another they were

denounced as in favor of separation of

Church and State, the abolition of

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