

now. The English majority has always managed to be on the side of the party which has held power in this Province, and has practically supported every aggression of Romanism. If we remember aright Missisquoi has seldom failed to do so. Our only object in writing this is to let those electors know that in sending to the Government Mr. Baker they are not only endorsing the Pacific bribe, which he actively defended, but are approving of the life and character of Mr. Chapeau, which it might be worth their while looking into, although we should advise them not to tell it to their children. Mr. Church is personally an honorable man, and will make a reliable Treasurer whatever his company, while the further distribution of offices calls for little comment.

A STRANGE SCARE.—The *Manitoba Free Press* reports a rather extraordinary scare that caused the office of Mr. Hespeler, Dominion Immigration Agent at Winnipeg, to be besieged by an alarmed crowd of Mennonite settlers lately. It seems some designing persons had circulated among the Mennonites in settled in Kansas a story that the Canadian Government had collapsed, that the person who signed the agreement on behalf of that Government, exempting their sect from military duty—Mr. Lowe—was dead, and in consequence it was to be feared that their brethren in Manitoba would be compelled to serve as soldiers, if the necessity arose. This story was written home to their friends in Russia, and then from these to the Mennonites in Manitoba, among whom it excited an almost ludicrous degree of terror. Mr. Hespeler did his best to convince them that their fears were groundless, and subsequently visited them at their settlements on the east of Red River, where he held three meetings and explained to them the working of governments in this country, that the Government had not become defunct, but that there had been a change merely in the men at the head of affairs, that this change occurred over two years ago, and that the obligations of the Government would be fully carried out by these now in authority. He further showed them a letter from Mr. Lowe, dated in December last, which clearly demonstrated to them that that gentleman could not have been dead at the time the letters were written in Russia. Mr. Hespeler thus calmed their fears, and peace and contentment again reigned supreme among the Mennonites. The authorship of these lying tales is laid at the door of American railway companies who hoped to reap a harvest by frightening the Mennonites into a wholesale emigration to Kansas. The well-known hostility of Romish ecclesiastics to the establishment of these valuable settlers in Manitoba, which it was fondly hoped might be made a second edition of Lower Canada, may also have something to do with the bustle.

ed." What a sneer to fling at the head of infidelity! "We have heard a good deal of the tent influence of a British gold" in America and other foreign affairs, and according to the *World*, its potency has been as powerful at the Vatican as elsewhere. The true "boss" of the Romish Christendom, it says, is Cardinal Antonelli, and like other bosses he has a weakness for money and jewellery; hence those desiring his powerful influence must come themselves accordingly, and the great bribe carries the day. In this way influence reigns supreme at the Court of Rome, and was able to secure the appointment in defiance of rule and reason, of Dr. Cullen then Superior of the Irish College at Rome, to the Primacy of Ireland, in order to crush the aspirations of the Representatives and other dangerous persons—a task, judging by the numerous instances given, he carried through very wisely and efficiently, being rewarded for other things with the hospitality of the royal Court at Dublin and a Cardinal's hat. A backer of Dr. Cullen's, Dr. Moran, Bishop of Kerry, proclaimed that "Heaven can't help enough nor eternity long enough to punish these Fenians and cut-throats." Priests are also accused of having acted in the pay of the British Government, and Archbishop Sullivan, of Kilmacoe, is accused of having violated the confessional to betray a young man who belonged to an unlawful society to the authorities in order to other parts of Britain the

eral in politics are not Catholics, a conclusion in which it is borne out by several of its *sermons* and by Programmist pulpit utterances and which at a blow cuts off a pretty numerous section from the Church of Rome in the Province. Its insinuations against the WITNESS as attacking Catholics in every way it states are on par with a statement in the *Newspaper*, to which before the recent patched up alliance it assigned a character for anything but charitable or benevolent to the effect that in our recent article "Mortmain," &c., we incited the state wretches in this city to attack and plunder the wealthy ecclesiastical institutions. The organ of course expects that none of our readers have read the WITNESS for themselves but accept its own statements regarding the latter. It is certainly, however, characteristic of a party that claims the right to muzzle the press and silence its opponents, to place a demand of speech in justification of any thereof charged upon them. They say: "on our side claim freedom of speech: plenty of it; you on yours have none" "to such a privilege, and we will give you as little as we possibly can." However, who do not care a straw for the ghostly terrors which are in vogue for the frighten men out of the use of their tongues are content to leave the whole matter to be dealt with by the law. Every one has the fullest right to freedom of speech at all times and in all places. From the pulpit to the platform, the newspaper and the public square every one has a right to address the people.

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even in the streets of Valparaiso, where those who knew him best seemed to be at the idea, the public had really begun to think that a sense of shame had driven him from the arena of public life. It was, therefore, with surprise not unmixed with contempt, that people heard, some short time ago, that the Hon. Hector Langevin started the previous day, without taking steps to make the proceeding unbecomingly notorious, to get himself placed in nomination for the county of Charlevoix. It caused all the more surprise that Mr. May, the unseated member, was well known to be exceedingly strong in the county the county itself was very large, and tendencies have always been considered decidedly Liberal. On the other hand, it became apparent that Hon. Hector Langevin was the recognized favorite and nominee of the clergy, and then both parties engaged themselves for the struggle in grim earnest. May fairly be said that never were efforts made, on both sides, during a canvass. What has been the result? An unpopular, unknown candidate, with

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done great service, and in which his connections and friendly relations gave very considerable influence. We can say simply and plainly as it is, that days of course more will be known of Mr. Langevin's *modus operandi*, especially his return is to be contested, but already come to light to induce us to make some few remarks, on what we consider unusual and most improper way of bezzeling an ignorant and superstitious nation. Mr. White is said to have succeeded in his contest in Montreal, and the advantages attached to a Freemason of the Hon. Mr. Langevin has just been victoriously on the ribbon and cross of the Order of St. George the Great. It is

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Space would fail us, however, were we to attempt to list all the interesting items contained in the paper, which it will be remembered, was the Redeemptorist Fathers at Quebec, and the innocent *Illustrated* of the day ordered out of the St. Patrick's Catholic institute some years ago. The clergy are worthy of all praise for and opposing such a dark and bloody Fenianism has shown itself to be wise of them to manifest the same to the people of this Province who to exercise their political rights in a constitutional way? And if such as Fenians, who are merciless

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THE MASK FALLEN.—The *News* of Montreal does not deny the correctness of the statement made in reference to the sermon delivered by Rev. Mr. Lussier at Boucherville, with the object, apparent on its very face, of intimidating electors and forcing them to vote for a particular candidate; but homologates as sound Catholic doctrine, and refers to the approval given it by the Bishop to whom notes of it were submitted as a final answer to all gainsays. So much the worse for the Bishop and the Catholic religion, it will be said, if the *News-Monde* is to be held as speaking the truth here, and if there is any protest to be made on the part of members of the Catholic Church, whether lay or clerical, against such a declaration brought at once to be brought forward. Can it be for a moment imagined that the non-Catholic minority of this Province will submit to a regime which, under the specious appearance of representative institutions, is really an odious and insupportable ecclesiastical tyranny? Are their rights and liberties at the mercy of a Government and Legislature entirely under the control of a power which hates modern civilization and all kind of liberty so heartily as Ultramontaniam?

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DAMING OUTRAGE.

One of the most daring and lawless outrages, which has been committed in the S.E. Corner of Out district for years past, took place last night. During the evening three persons entered the house of Mr. Thomas Mooney, while he was absent. His wife and daughter were unable to enable him to give anything but his fortune to break her leg. They demanded her husband's money, and being alone and all protected, she gave them £10, saying it was all she had. They were not satisfied, and demanded more, which she refused to give. They then set fire to the bed on which the woman lay, and fired till the revolver, but the name of the person whose name is unknown. She then, fearing they would murder her, told where the money was, and they secured it. The woman in the street, and she made off. Dan Sheehan, Thomas Wyles, his wife, and another unknown man, were arrested by the police on suspicion, and are now in jail awaiting trial.

FATAL FIRE.

Wednesday morning between 10 and 12 o'clock a fire broke out in the bakery and confectionery shop of Messrs. Wickes & Elliott on Pindas street, London, East, Oct. The two assistants, Frank Myles, a young man 16 years of age, had been working in the bakery all night and retired to sleep upstairs at midnight. The young man had fallen asleep at the foot of the stairs. When the alarm was given with such rapidity that there was no time to get out the stock of goods. When the alarm was given Myles was asleep above the shop; frantic efforts were made to save him. Mr. Bullock brought him through the back window, and placed him in the ground. The young man lay suffocated with smoke; he caught him in his arms, and bore him to the edge of the burning building, and threw him into the arms of the bystanders. The cold air brought him to consciousness, and the air resounded with his shrieks of agony. He was conveyed into the hospital, where he died. A medical assistance sent for. After examination, the doctors pronounced the case hopeless, he having been burnt internally and also badly scorched. He breathed the heat at his death, and his agony was fearful to witness. The unfortunate young man expired about three o'clock. The affair causes great excitement.

At the annual meeting of the Springfield Coal Company, St. John, N.B., the report showed 56,000 tons raised last year.

The Ampring, Ont., Curling Club played His Excellency Governor general's game on Wednesday, and made 193 points.

In a friendly contest between the Toronto and London Curling Clubs for the Wm. Laidlaw trophy, Toronto proved victorious, scoring 101 to 60.

Tuesday Messrs. Thos. Abraham & Gilbert Dunham shipped from Norwich, Ont., for Liverpool, two thousand seven hundred and eighty-five weighing 49 tons, of these of their own, and Cabinet held their first meeting on Wednesday, and afterwards took possession of their various departments, and were introduced to their employees.

Reynold's saw mill at Lepreau, St. A. County, N.S., worth \$15,000 to \$20,000, was accidentally burned; nothing was insured for \$4,000.

The Pointe Levy police made a raid on a bakery establishment of that town on Monday, and seized 150 loaves of bread of great weight, which were distributed among the families of the locality.

Conductor Melting, St. John and Bay Road, N.S., was killed by falling from a train, and his leg amputated; a fall consequently feared.

The Belleville Curling Club played Tufts for His Excellency the Governor-General, scoring 124. Mr. C. Ridley was winner of the President's medal for the highest score made in the match.

The election trial instituted to unseat Alexander the sitting member for County of Glengarry, was opened at Alexandria, Ont., Tuesday, before His Lordship Justice Gwynne, and has not yet been done to.

A raft of six pieces of elm, containing 100, known as McKee's lot, was disposed of at auction at Quebec yesterday, and adjudged to Mr. Stevenson & Co., for twenty five cents a foot.

The by-law to aid the Stratford and Huron Railway, to the extent of \$80,000, was defeated yesterday by the Council of the County of Glengarry, by a vote of 10 to 10. The members of the County Council through which it is proposed are voting against it.

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of work as a means of subsistence, and the services of these ladies were consequently needed with, and their places filled by really needed employment. To prevent in the future the selection of applicants, Mr. Mackenzie alone will appointing.

BIRTHS.
JULY 20.—On the 20th inst., the wife of J. A. Harty, bore a daughter.

MACKENZIE—A HARTY, born, Adelaide, 25th inst., Mr. Thomas Harty, of the City of Adelaide, at Balliolton, on the 7th inst. M. A. James, Esq., Head Master of the Scotch School, was present.

TANNER—NICHOLSON.—On the 25th inst. Catherine street Baptist Church, by Rev. formerly of Chongliu, H. H. Henry J. Tanner, M. A., to Mary E. Nicholson, of Syracuse, N. Y.

DIED.
GILLESPIE.—On the 23rd inst., at 50 Pitt street, a native of the Province of Ontario, T. H. HARMSLED.—At Carlton, N.B., on the 13th inst., Mr. Harmsled, aged 60 years. He had 10 years ago lost to many is this city.

HUNT.—At Point St. Charles, on the 2d inst., a French Canadian, the wife of T. P. Hunt, aged 5 months.

HARMSLED—At Keokuk Hawkebury, on the 23rd inst., a native of the Province of Ontario, aged 10 years, a son of the late Mr. Harmsled, a native of the Province of Ontario, was present. The 23rd inst. Nellie, eldest daughter of the late James J. Harmsled, aged 2 years 3 months 5 days.

On the 23rd inst., the Hotel Dieu, Montreal, 12 years after a lingering illness, Ellen, John T. P. Hunt, aged 10 years, was present.

ROSLAND.—In the late, on 26th inst., aged 50 years, a native of the Province of Ontario, was present. The 23rd inst. John M. Rosland, on the 23rd inst., the wife of John Moore, and beloved wife of W.

