

exercised, nor attempted to exercise, influence on behalf of any candidate for admission.

The teachers of the McGill Model School, who are entirely beyond my influence, with our solicitation, and until I saw their note in your column, without my knowledge, united to write what you yourself headed "A Pretty Complete Reply" to this disgraceful charge.

In view of last night's editorial, all honorable and unprejudiced hearers, who have thought it worth while to follow the tortuous course of this controversy, will hold me justified in dropping it, in the persuasion that no evidence will suffice to clear me, or any others against whom your sweeping charges have been directed, before your tribunal.

You publish, without my permission, a letter from me. You comment on the private castigation administered to me by the principal of your office, at your instigation, and without my consent, with frivolous and easily explained charges, instead of going where he would have found explanation, prompt, sufficient and courteous.

Sometimes this community will awake to the meaning that it is its own fault, and the character as the property of men. When that day comes, bounds stronger than those of charity will be set to a course such as yours. I have learned to bear severe representation in silence, as far as you are concerned, I must again do this, deeply regretting that one whom I desired to respect, should afford me another illustration of the manner in which the fair reputations of public men may be sullied by anonymous correspondents and impudential editors.

Montreal, Nov. 26th, 1873. S. P. ROBINS.

REMARKS.

We have nothing but the warmest interest in our Public Schools, and the sincerest respect for Prof. Robins, who, as a sterling man and pure patriot, stands among the very few, and who, as we have already stated, has remarkable adaptations for his present position. We are sorry, therefore, to have been forced into any discussion with him that might, on either side, appear otherwise than good-natured.

titles in Cuba there will be no war. The Spanish Cabinet has agreed to deliver to the United States Government the steamship "Virginia" and all persons remaining alive who were captured by her, leaving the question whether the seizure of the vessel was legal to be settled hereafter by a mixed tribunal.

The question whether damages shall be paid to families or relatives of prisoners who were shot is also to be settled in a similar manner. The U. S. flag is to be saluted and the Santiago butchers punished.

PEACE.

Both the United States and Spain are to be congratulated on having arrived at a peaceful solution of a question that threatened to plunge them into a fratricidal and ruinous war which would have interrupted the financial convalescence of the former and caused a relapse into the high taxation that followed the civil war.

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TYPHOID FEVER.

It is unquestionable that this disease has become epidemic in Montreal, at least in the higher levels; and if we may take reports from the town of St. John's as a sample, its prevalence seems to be widespread in the surrounding country. We believe it is held by many doctors that typhoid fever is not infectious. However that may be, the type of the disease which is among us has laid whole families low, and in cases where there would be the least suspicion of the ordinary cause, such as defective drains, etc.

BISHOP CUMMINS.

The secession of Bishop Cummins, of Kentucky, from the American Protestant Episcopal Church has excited vast interest in ecclesiastical circles, and within the pale of that church, than would be suggested by the simple change of communion of a prominent clergyman. It is said to be the first secession of a bishop from the Anglican Communion for centuries, a fact which speaks much for the spirit of mutual forbearance which must rule within that body.

MARKETS VS. FREE TRADE.

The privileges pertaining to the markets of Montreal must be very precious in the eyes of their guardians, seeing their infringement costs five hundred dollars, and the alternative of imprisonment. Of course the theory is that being a Corporation investment, from which a sufficient return is looked for, anything tending to diminish the traffic in these markets or the profits of their occupants is to be repressed.

NEWS SUMMARY.

A NEW VOLCANO is reported to have broken out in the Pinto Mountains, Nevada. THE HOOSAC TUNNEL has at length been bored through. BELLOHASE has been elected for Beloeuse by acclamation. CARTAGENA has suffered a heavy bombardment by its besiegers, who expect its surrender.

The public finances would not suffer. The parties injured would be the dealers in good-will. It is well known that large sums are obtainable for the good-will of stalls either inside or outside the markets, and that fortunes have been made out of dabbling in such good-wills, which owed their whole value to the fact that the rent of a market stall was always a mere fraction of what it was worth to the happy occupant, or what it would have brought at an unembarrassed sale.

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about 2 1/2 p.m. He had swallowed about four gills of the poison, and the doctor was surprised that he lasted so long. The fifth death was that of Bettie Drennan, a middle-aged woman who died at seven o'clock on Monday. Mr. Widd and others engaged in prayer for her bedside before she died, and did all in their power to lead her mind to heavenly things. She was the only one of the Protestant faith. The others were waited upon assiduously by priests, and towards evening some Sisters of Charity took charge of her. Her death was followed by that of Hawkey and Wm. Drennan. The symptoms of the attack were excessive vomiting and purging, pulse from 120 to 130, weak and fast, sometimes imperceptible at the wrists for long periods, while bodily strength and consciousness remained to the last. Flaherty talked quite loudly on his death-bed, and the next day recovered. A peculiarity in each case was that the victim desired to sit up, no doubt caused by the oppression on the heart, and in every instance the patients sat up just as they were about to die. The most heart-rending feature of the whole affair is the death of the children, two little children, who unwittingly drank the liquid. One of them taking a large swallow.

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There now came a question of high importance, viz, that of our canal. If Montreal had increased as in the past, it was to be commensurate with the growth of the interior, by means of the Lachine Canal, the Beauharnois Canal and the Welland Canal, through which most of the produce of the West found its way to the English markets.

There was another question which was of a difficult nature, and that was the subject of reciprocity. In all markets there must be two parties, the one to give and the other to receive. A reciprocal arrangement with our neighbors would have the most beneficial effect on both parties.

The original law of New Brunswick was not that which was wanted, but it satisfied the Roman Catholics. Subsequently the Local Legislature, about two years ago, passed a law providing for the establishment of Common Schools, to which the Roman Catholics objected.

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MONTREAL AND THE GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.—For the last week or ten days it has been practically impossible for merchants here to ship freight east. The through freight is all transhipped at Point St. Charles into broad gauge cars, and the Grand Trunk has been devoting all its attention to it, and not entirely failing to supply the needs of Montreal, thereby causing much inconvenience and loss not only in the failure to fill orders, but also in extra storage.

THE NEW YORK TIMES SUGGESTS THAT THE children should be taught the story of the "Virginian" and that Judge Davis' manly and searching address to the prisoner, pronouncing sentence should be incorporated into the reading books, in order to have the young folks imbued with the idea that a thief is a thief, and crime nothing less than crime, under all circumstances. A good suggestion.

COMMERCIAL. GREENBACKS BOUGHT AT 10 1/2 CENTS, AND SOLD AT 10 3/4 CENTS. AMERICAN BILLS AT 10 1/2 CENTS. BRITISH BILLS AT 10 1/2 CENTS. GOLD AND SILVER.—There is no change to note in quotations.

THE PORT OF MONTREAL. INTERESTING STATISTICS. Comparative statement of number and tonnage of sea-going steamers at the Port of Montreal, during the years 1872 and 1873, showing the ports from whence they came.

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