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#### CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the Fenelon Falls Gazette. DEAR SIR,-

-Permit me to transcribe the last paragraph of an editorial which appeared in the Victoria Warder of the 29th

the Home Rule Bill becomes law. It is meant to be the beginning of the disruption of the British Empire and must be sternly met. A few hundred lives now will save tens of thousands later on."

The above language is only susceptible of one interpretation. Is it any wonder the militia had to quell a riot at the point of that an attempt should have been made on the life of Mr. Gladstone, when ex-ministers of the Crown and other leading lights in the conservative ranks in England are perambulating the country inciting the minds of the rabble to rapine and anarchy, and a leading light in the Canadian House of Commons is openly councilling the sacrifice of a few hundred lives now in order to save tens of thousands later on.

The Gladstone government staked their political existence on Home Rule for Ireland in 1885 and fell. When the appeal was made to the electorate last summer the only mention was Home Rule or no Home Rule. That, and that alone, was the only plank in the platform of both parties. There was not an elector in the length and breadth of Great Britain but knew this, and the verdict of the people was clear and distinct in favor of the measure. What mattered it | N. C. Wallace, the very men who are openwhether the majority was 43 or 143, the majority of the nation voted in the affirmative. The people of Ireland overwhelmingly so. Both Scotland and Wales also gave a substantial majority in its favor. England alone, of the four divisions of the Empire, declared by a very much reduced majority from the previous election, against it, and it is a well established principal in the British constitution that the majority must rule.

At the earliest possible moment the new Ministry introduced the measure, and it has successfully run the gauntlet of its first and second readings, by as large a majority as its most sanguine supporters anticipated. It is the veriest twaddle for the Tories to say the people did not know what they were voting for. Who ever heard of a statesman having a bill printed, all its clauses and provisions set forth and scattered broadcast over the country before it is first laid on the table of the House? And moreover the people of England had the bill of 1885 on which to base their judgement as to what the new one would be.

The bill has yet to carry in the House of Commons on its third reading. It has then to carry in the House of Lords. It has then to have the sign manual of Her Majthen be one of the laws of the British Empire. And what is the duty of all loyal subjects? "Honor the Queen and obey her

Who ever heard of a law that was univerwe on our statutes that were not opposed by a large minority of the people, and because they had been so opposed have the minority the right to rise in open rebellion and say we shall have none of them. If such were the case, then indeed this self appointed champion of civil and religious liberty might well say the British Empire is on the

eve of disruption. But why all this dread of Home Rule in Ireland by our Canadian Orangemen. Oh they say, if it becomes law Catholics will rule Ireland. They are careful not to note that one of the clearest and most pertinent clauses sets at rest all danger on that score. They also forget that an enlightened public opinion makes any such class legislation now an impossibility.

But those same gentlemen have no such dread of Roman Catholic domination in Canada, provided always, of course, that those Catholics are good Tory Catholics, while a Grit Roman Catholic is unclean and something to be avoided at all times and in all places. A few years ago when the Reform party elected Mr. Laurier their leader, a shout of exultation went up from the Tory camp, "No fear of the Grits getting into office now with such a leader, The people of Ontario will never tolerate a Roman Catholic Premier. Who have they elected to that office? A man who was neither born nor brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Roman Catholic Church. A man who, when both body and mind had attained the full vigor of manhood, abjured the Protestant faith of his fathers and threw himself into the arms of the Church of Rome in order to save his soul from perdition, and one of the very first newspapers to boom his name was the self same weapon, and can walk through a same ultra Protestant Victoria Warder.

Mr. Hughes and his brethren oppose Home Rule in Ireland ostensibly for fear of Catholic domination. What is their record here? Who gave to Canada the only Roman Catholic Premier she ever had? The Orange Tories. Who gave the Roman Catholics of | skelp. They are very quiet, and instead Ontario separate schools? The Orange Tories. What are they doing to-day for the Roman Catholics of Manitoba? Fighting the battle for separate schools against their Orange Liberal brethren. Three years ago the legislature of that province passed a public school act, and made provision against the establishing of separate schools. The act was carried before the courts in Manitoba to test its legality, and by whom? Not by the people of Manitoba, not by the Roman Catholics of Manitoba, but by the Dominion Government, of which Mr. Hughes is an unswerving supporter. The judgment of the court sustained the act., The case was then carried to the supreme court. By whom was this done? Not by the people of Manitoba, not by the Roman Catho- | are felt.

lics of Manitoba, but by the Dominion Government, of which Mr. Hughes is an unswerving supporter. The supreme court reversed the decision of the court in Manitoba, and the government of that province appealed the case to the judical committee of the Privy Council in England. Who defended that appeal? Not the people of Manitoba, not the Roman Catholics of Man-"There will be wigs on the green before | itoba, but the Dominion Government, of which Mr. Hughes is an unswerving supporter. The Privy Council reversed the decision of the supreme court and declared the Act to be within the jurisdiction of the Manitoba Legislature.

This decision, one would naturally suppose, would have ended the matter, and caused the curtain to drop on the last act the bayonet in Ireland the other day, or of the drama. But no, what is the Dominion Government now doing? With the advice and consent of Mr. Hughes and the other awfully ultra-Protestant Orangemen of Canada they are constituting themselves into a court to see if they can by any manner of means devise some scheme for settin g aside this Privy Council decision and impose separate schools on that province in spite of both government and people.

> This is, we believe, the first instance in our colonial history where a government has attempted to set aside a judgment of the Judical Committee of Her Majesty's Privy Council, the highest court in the British Empire. And in whose behalf is the attempt being made? In behalf of the Roman Catholics of Manitoha. By whom is the attempt being made? By those awfully Protestant, those awfully loyal Orange Tories, Major Sam Hughes and Controller ly inciting the people of Ireland to war and bloodshed for fear of Roman Catholic domination there, and telling them that the sacrifice " of a few hundred lives now will save tens of thousands later on."

Yours, ANTI-HUMBUG.

Fenelon Falls, May 2nd, 1893.

#### The New Cunarder.

NEW YORK, April 29 .- The Cunard steamer Campania, which arrived to-day from Liverpool, is the largest passenger vessel afloat, her dimensions being : Length over all, 625 feet; breadth, 65 feet; depth, 41 feet. Her measurement is nearly 13,000 tons. The engines are said to be the most powerful and perfect of the kind ever constructed, develoving 25,000 horse power, by steam generated from 13 boilers, heated by 100 furnaces furnaces. The masts and funnels rake at the same angle, giving the vessel a yacht-like appearance. The two funnels are each 26 feet in diameter, and esty the Queen attached thereto. It will an idea of their immense size may be realized when it is said that more than 20 people took lunch in one of the sections when it was lying in the ship yard on the Clyde. The Campania has sally approved of? How many laws have accommodation for 450 first cabin, 250 second cabin and 600 steerage passengers.

#### The Japs at Chicago.

The Chicago correspondent of the Orillia Packet says:

"The floor of this great building is covered with booths built by almost every country representing manufacture, and all of the most elegant designs. But the quaintest of all is that of Japan, pagoda-shaped, and there are dozens of Japanese workmen engaged in itfunny looking little fellows, with bandy legs, encased in skin-tight blue cloth panties, cork sandles on their feet, held in place by a strap over the second toe, loose at the heel, loose at the heel something after the fashion of the Canadian snow-shoe, blue fore and aft cap, with peak and earlap, and a blouse, also blue, reaching to their knees, and with a great white cross inside a circle in the middle of the back and the balance of coat covered with strange devices of the tea-box variety. Their carpenter tools are funnier yet. The saw the dead image of a butcher's cleaver, only thin of course, and made on directly opposite lines to the ordinary saw, as it cuts on the "draw back" instead of the "push ahead." They rip or cut off with the board as quickly as the next one. Their hammer is also a diminutive affair, and they will hammer industriously at a nail for five minutes that our big spike hammers would knock out of sight in one of gathering together like our Canadian workmen do, especially when the boss is absent, they appear to get as far apart as possible, and as fast as a workman puts up one piece he will proceed to paint it red, blue or yellow, as the case requires. They are a great mark for the newspaper sketchists and a constant source of wonder and amusement to the visitor."

Terrible drought is reported in many parts of Europe. In England and Germany, especially, serious apprehensions