RICHMOND HILL, Thursday, Dec. 31, '96

A SERIOUS MATTER.

The Roman Catholic Bishops of Quebec have issued a mandement against L'electeur newspaper, denouncing its publication and warning their congregations against it as a dangerous influence. Roman Catholics are forbidden to read the paper or encourage it in any way, and the result is that the paper has suspended publication. The editor, however, Mr. Pecaud, will appeal from the condemnation, and will lay his case before the Roman court. In the mandement Mr. Pacaud gets the blow, but evidently it is meant for Mr. Laurier owing to the recent settlement of the Manitoba school question. This episcopal interdict is to be regretted as it is a stroke at civil liberty in this country.

The elections on the 23rd of June showed conclusively that remedial legislation by the Dominion Government was not wanted, and the recent bye-elections since that time point to The fact that the Roman Catholics approve of Mr. Laurier's peaceful settlement.

If this agitation were kept up in Quebec it would be bad enough, but unfortunately there are fire-brands in our own province who are con- Claus," they performed their parts gracestantly stirring up the smouldering ashes. The Toronto World, after the Cornwall election, gave some wholesome advice to the Conservative party in the following words:

Even the Remedialist Conservatives must be surprised at the vote in Cornwall and Stormont on Saturday. Here was a constituency half Catholic and French that endorsed a government which will not make coercion of Manitoba in the matter of education a part of its policy. The Liberals themselves must be surprised at the result. They gain both a seat and approval of their school policy in a constituency with a large French and Catholic vote. We are inclined to believe that the same issue, if raised in a Quebec constituency, would go as it did in Cornwall. That being the case, the Conservative leaders, who will not let the school question die, ought to reconsider the situation very speedily. As a matter of fact, when the Re- the efforts of the S S. pupils. medialist Government made its appeal to the people in Quebec in June last, they only got sixteen seats out of sixty-five. Who is it that wants Remedial legislation besides Archbishop Langevin and his brother bishops of Quebec? Conservatives have now to realize what the situation is, to reconstruct in some directions and to get down to a fighting policy.

Old Papers.

The following letter which gives a partial list of Mr. M. Teefy's valuable old newspapers appeared in The Globe, of Saturday last, under the signature of Rev. J. A. Grant. M. A., of this village:

In The Globe of last Friday I noticed an item stating that one of your readers had a copy of The Globe of 1849. A few days ago our esteemed postmaster, Mr. M Teefy, asked me to come into his office to see his collection of old newspapers. In his collection, which I have no doubt is the best of any private individual in Canada, there are bound in volumes the whole issue of The Globe from 1845 to 1853. Amongst other Canadian news papers he has a copy of The Niagara Herald, of October 24, 1811; The York Gazette, of April 13, 1811; The Albion of Upper Canada, which was the first daily paper published in Upper Canada (of it he has the whole of the first year's | Books on time. Prospectus free to canissue, 1836); The British Colonist, from 1840 to 1855; The Canadian Freeman, edited by F. Collins, 1830-31; The RETSON CO., Ltd., Toronto, Out. Courier, of Upper Canada, edited by L. Gurnett, 1837; The Colonial Advocate, redited by Wm. Lyon Mackenzie, from -1828 to 1836; The Christian Guardian from 1828 to 1835; The Palladium by Fothergill, 1838. Besides these he has volumes of other Canadian newspapers, including The Patriot, The Mirror, The British Whig, The Examiner and Mackenzie's Message

Mr. Teefy's collection is not confined to Canadian publications. He has a copy of The Edinburgh Mercurius Caledonius of December 31, 1661. The Dublin Journal May 23, 1741; Claypoole's Daily Advertiser, of May 7, 1789; The Philadelphia of access. Gratette, of October 6, 1800; The New Yo.ker, edited by Horace Greely & Co.,

of June 24, 1837; The News York Tribune, by Horace Greely, two years' copy, 1855 56. These are only some of the valuable collections of which Mr Teefy is justly proud. For the past ten days one of the Judges of the Supreme Court has had a typewriter at work copying matter from some of these old newspapers in Mr. Teefy's office, for a Canadian work that is soon to be pub lished. While Mr. Teefy is always pleased to show anyone his papers, and is ever ready to give any information from them that may be interesting to visitors, he will not lend them, not even to a Judge. Mr. Teefy claims to be the senior postmaster of the Dominion of Canada, having been appointed in December, 1850, before the post office department came under the charge of the Canadian Government. The first Canadian Postmaster General was the Hon, James Morris, appointed in 1851 Mr. Teefy is still hale and hearty and we hope that he may be spared for many years to discharge the responsible duties he has so well performed in the past Should there be a postmaster who has held office longer than Mr. Teefy known to any of your readers we will be pleased to hear from him. JAMES A. GRANT

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Rev. Mr. McCulloch was present at the Christmas entertainment and made an excellent chairman. He expressed himself as surprised and delighted with

Mr. James Wright, of Richmond Hill, took in the Christmas Eve festivities.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Tran, of Sunnidale, are visiting friends in this vicinity. Miss Jessie Brown is away spending her vacation with friends in Ringwood, Stouffville and Lemonville.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Lawson and family are visiting at the home of Mrs. Lawson's parents-Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Sanderson.

Mr. Leonard Klinck has been engaged as teacher of the German Mills school. Mr. John Tran has returned from Toronto Junction where he has been attending the Model School. He has been

successful in passing his exam. Con-

Mr. and Mrs. G. Mustard are spending Xmas week at Whitby.

gratulations, John!

Sale Register.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 13-Auction sale of a 100 nere farm in 4th con. Markham, being lot 30, at the Palmer House, Richmond Hill, the property of Jane East. Sale at 2 o'clock. Eckardt & Prentice, auctioneers.

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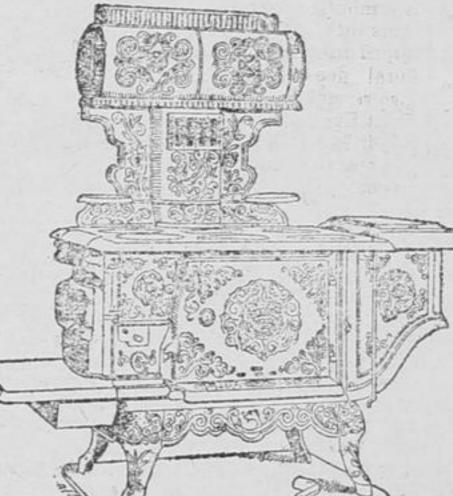
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