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A terrible famine is raging in Southern Mexico; it is estimated as if it were an extension of the great Indian famine. As usual, want of rain is the cause of the distress; the cattle are dying by thousands, and cows are being driven into the city and sold for a dollar. Fortunately, it can be sent to the starving people, and several societies have been established for that purpose. The British Government is contributing \$100,000 to the fund raised in Gibraltar. Rice and flour are being imported from England and sent to the starving people, and acting most generously in this crisis, contributing both large sums of money and forwarding quantities of food of all descriptions.

Mr. M. H. Gault has decided to accept of the nomination of the Conservative party for Montreal West. A strong feeling in favor of Mr. Thos. White exists in the division, and some of the leading Tories speak plainly to the effect that Mr. White has been treated unfairly. The opposition to him rests on the ground of the position taken by the *Chronicle* on the 12th of July. The English and French-speaking Conservatives feel sore at the stand of the *Chronicle* who plainly stated at the caucus that it was because of the *Chronicle's* comments on the 12th of July that they were in the position they are in.

It is not often that a member of Parliament can claim to have represented the same constituency for thirty one years; but on the 10th of this month that will be the length of time that has elapsed since John Bright represented Birmingham in the British House of Commons. It is only natural that this long tried friendship between the representative and his constituents should be duly acknowledged, and the good people of Birmingham on Saturday next intend doing so in a munificent feast, and erecting a statue to the man whom they so deservedly delight to honor.

It is too bad that the "heavenly Clines" can get no rest for the sole of his foot; even in Peru they are quarrelling about him. Some of the good people there want him employed on a free labor system, and not after the old style of peonage. But others, from a social point of view, would not have him incorporated as a man and a brother in the body social. This great repugnance is likely to lead to grave dangers, and the religious papers of Peru are already pointing out results which would ensue if the followers of Confucius were allowed to become part of the general community.

In the Imperial House of Commons yesterday, the Chancellor of the Exchequer announced a deficit of \$4,500,000, for which he intended to provide by issuing Exchequer bonds for three years, this year's aggregate reaching \$2,000,000. Over severe criticisms by Mr. Gladstone and Mr. Childers a resolution authorizing the issue of bonds to that amount was adopted.

The value of goods imported at the port of Ottawa in the month ending July 31st, was \$110,701. The value of goods entered for consumption was \$15,929. The amount of dutiable goods was \$51,349, the duties collected being \$11,773.22. The value of exports for the month was \$168,753.

The new Auditor General, Mr. J. L. McDougall, entered upon his duties at Ottawa Thursday. The amalgamation of the Receiver General's office with the Finance Department also took place the same day.

The Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway contemplates greatly improving their road, in anticipation of the immense amount of business which they expect to be able to take into the Queen City.

Mr. Leat, Governor Morris has arrived in Winnipeg, where he was received with great enthusiasm. It is said that Mr. Ryan of Marquette, will retire, and Mr. Morris will run for that constituency.

One of our Council has offered a reward of \$200 for conviction of

The Boundary Question.

Award of the Arbitrators.

The arguments in the boundary case closed Saturday. The following is the award of the Arbitrators: Having been appointed by the Governments of Canada and Ontario as arbitrators to decide as to the boundaries of the Province of Ontario, do hereby determine and decide that the following are and shall be such boundaries, that if to say: Commencing at a point on the southern shore of Hudson's Bay, commonly called James Bay, where a line produced due north from the head of Lake Temiscamingue would strike the said north shore, thence along the said north shore westerly to the mouth of the Albany River, thence up to the middle of the said Albany River, and of the lakes thereon to the north of the said Albany River, thence by a line of the head of Lake St. Joseph, thence by the nearest line to the easterly end of Lake St. Joseph, being the head waters of the English River, thence westerly to the mouth of the said English River, thence by a line where the same will be intersected by a true meridional line drawn northward from the international monument placed to mark the most north-westerly angle of the Lake of the Woods by the recent Boundary Commission, and thence south following the said meridional line to the said international monument, thence southerly and easterly following upon the international boundary line between the British possessions and the United States of America into Lake Superior. But if a true meridional line drawn northward from the said international boundary at the said most north-westerly angle of the Lake of the Woods shall be found to pass to the west of where the English River empties into the Winnipeg River, then and in such case the northern boundary of Ontario shall continue down the middle of the said English River to where the same empties into the Winnipeg River, and shall continue thence in a line drawn due west from the confluence of the said English River with the said Winnipeg River until the same will intersect the meridian line described, and thence due north following the said meridional line to the said international monument, thence southerly and easterly following upon the international boundary line between the British possessions and the United States of America into Lake Superior.

Death of Dr. Conroy.

The announcement of the death of Dr. Conroy, the Papal Delegate will be received with widespread regret. Entrusted with a most important and delicate mission in this country, he discharged his duties with rare tact and ability, which won for him the respect of all classes of the community. His mission to this country was one of peace, and to this end he labored incessantly, and was able to accomplish much good. This is especially noticeable in the influence he exerted in Quebec, and by his persuasion and efforts he did very much in that Province to effect a separation between purely political and purely ecclesiastical issues. For the latter feeling that has since prevailed, the commission is indebted to his efforts, and it is to be hoped that the work he so assiduously commenced will not be broken off by his death.

It is seldom that so young a man is entrusted with such responsible work as was Dr. Conroy, and the confidence reposed in him by the authorities at Rome showed the estimation in which his ability was held, and the faith they had in his tact and prudence. The work that he has accomplished in Canada fully justifies these expectations. He was especially a peacemaker. He curbed the extravagant claims and absurd pretensions of the Ultramontanes in Quebec, and taught them that political affairs and the interests of the Church which he represented should be dissociated. This in itself was a great step to advance, and to his efforts and wise statesmanship are no doubt owing the results of the election in Quebec, which gave to it a Reform Government.

Dr. Conroy lived, his salutary influence would no doubt have been felt in many ways, in keeping the church altogether apart from political influences, which serve only to debas and lower any church that meddles with them. The general belief is that his commission as Papal Delegate, granted by the late Pope, was continued by the present one, and formally extended so as to include the United States, so that with increased responsibility came the necessity of increased exertion at a time when rest was absolutely required. It will be difficult to fill his place with one so gifted, so well acquainted with Canadian affairs, and whose action was controlled by a tact and prudence that so few possess.

Notwithstanding how dearly he was loved, his backers were inclined to match him again with Hanlan.

Trial of Montreal Orangemen.

Who were Arrested on the 12th of July.

The trial of the Orangemen arrested on the 12th of July, which was postponed till Tuesday, was called before Mr. Bebban, Queen's Magistrate, in the Court of Queen's Bench this afternoon. Mr. Donohoe called upon the counsel for the prosecution to proceed with the case of Murphy v. Grant and others. Mr. Coffey stated that the case had been postponed to allow an arrangement to be made whereby it might be speedily brought before the Privy Council. He requested, however, to say that it had been found impossible to come to such an arrangement. After considerable hickering between the counsel, for each side, the court adjourned until two o'clock yesterday.

Rouse's Point Murder.

The coroner's investigation into the circumstances leading to the death of a prisoner at Rouse's Point, was continued on Monday. The evidence adduced went to strengthen the case against Costadour.

Correspondence.

We wish it to be understood that we do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.

Randall, Farr & Co.

Dear Sir:—I notice a short article in your issue of the 18th ult., on Mr. Randall's letter in the *Mail* of the 12th.

Counterfeit \$2 Dominion Bills.

Some of our Canadian stock raisers have decided to compete at the Detroit State Fair.

The Sales of the Nova Scotia Mines.

The sales of the Nova Scotia mines over the past six months show an increased output of 45,500 tons.

There is a possibility that the Australian cricketers will play in several cities in the Eastern States early in October.

Aaron Meyer, of Wilkeson, has been sent to Manitoba to act as agent for a batch of Mounties lately arrived from Russia.

The British Columbia Assembly on Saturday adopted a bill imposing a tax of \$50 per annum on every Chinese person in the Province.

The Orangemen of Montreal are coming to Toronto on the 10th inst. to join in celebrating the opening of the gates of Derry on the 12th.

A Conservative paper, to be called the *Manitoba Times*, is about to be started in that Province. Gilbert McEicken is among its leading promoters.

An Opposition daily paper has been started in St. John, N. B. It is called the *Sun*, and the first number was issued on the day of the solar eclipse.

This year twenty-five new buildings, valued at \$35,000, are being erected in Galt, including a large grist mill for Messrs. Harvie & Co., of Glasgow, Scotland.

Harvey township by law, granting \$15,000 to Whitty and Babcock's Extension Railway, has been carried by the casting vote of the township clerk.

In 1837 only 53 per cent of the people in Great Britain could sign their names to the marriage register.

The percentage has since risen to 81. Scotland leads with 91 per cent of written signatures for men and 88 for women; England comes next with 84 and 78, and Ireland last with 69 and 73.

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The Separate School troubles in Toronto are yet unsettled, in fact they seem to be getting more numerous and serious. One bone of contention is the demand made by the lay members of the board to employ certificated teachers only. The clerical party, which is in the majority, retain the uncertificated Christian Brothers. The former allege the disappropriation of school funds to church uses, the most notable instance being that of the property on the corner of Richmond and Jarvis streets valued by some at \$200,000, bequeathed for Separate School purposes by the Hon. Mr. Elmsley, Archbishop Lynch expressed his willingness to help to raise money for the erection of school buildings but will not agree to have the title of the property vested in the School board.

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CIVIC HOLIDAY IN GUELPH.

A fellow who married a girl at Suspension Bridge, N. Y., robbed her in Guelph, leaving her a blushing bride and a plundered girl's widow within twenty four hours.

GRAND PIC-NIC EXCURSION FROM GUELPH.

The Toronto and Guelph Excursion was then given and responded to by Mr. Campbell. In language laughably my strump fellow, by Mr. Zing, of Berlin, Recreation, "This World is all a Fleeting Show," in good style, by Mr. Hanson. After the toast, "Happy to meet, sorry to part, happy to meet again," was drunk, Mr. Campbell proposed that "Auld Lang Syne" should be sung before the crowd dispersed. A most pleasant evening was spent.

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Notice.

Notice. Village customers will please bear in mind that no hawking is done Saturday nights, except for country people. All villagers wishing a slave will much oblige by calling during daylight on Saturdays, as country work will occupy the time after dark, until twelve o'clock. GEO. B. LEVENS.

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