

RUNNING COMMENT.

The Mandarment of the Bishops of Quebec, adjuring all Catholics to vote in the forthcoming Dominion Election only for such candidates as are pledged to support the Remedial Measure is an unfortunate document, and calculated to give color to the oft repeated charge made by Protestants that Catholics are controlled in political affairs by their clergy. We feel bound to range ourselves among the party opposing it.

The Maine Methodist Episcopal Conference held in Bangor a short time ago passed resolutions favoring Cuban Independence. As Spain is a Catholic country and the inhabitants of the unfortunate island which she so grievously oppresses are all Catholics it becomes the duty of the Catholic church the world over, to speak out in no uncertain tone and to do all it can to put an end to the barbarities being practiced and restore peace and prosperity to that unfortunate island.

Independent Canada, of Windsor, Ont., has been reduced to 50 cents per year and is carrying on the campaign for the Independence of Canada vigorously. Mr. A. McNeill its Editor is the standard bearer of the Independence Party in North Essex and no doubt will be elected.

People who attach so much importance to titles should reflect, that while kings and queens can "raise" people from the common herd and tail out their names with a long string of titles, they cannot make them respectable or moral. This has been proved over and over again in the ranks of the British aristocracy and has come nearer home to us recently in the case of the Viscount De Fronsac who was lately arrested for abducting a little girl in St. John. What we want the worst is not a lot of lords and dukes and viscounts. but good, honest, honorable men and women.

The crushing to death of 1500 people at the Czar's coronation in Moscow is a bad augury for his reign, but we suppose they might as well die that way as linger out a living death in Siberia, where most of them would have been sent before his reign was over. They are at least free now and that is better than living under a despotism.

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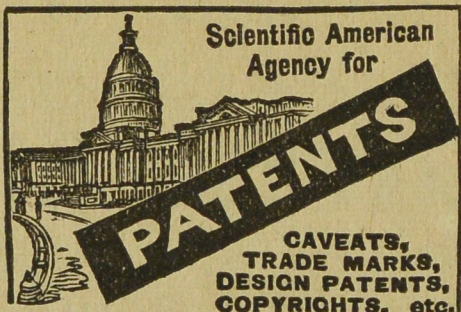


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