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The Miramichi Valley Railway.

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In our last article we referred to the position of the Attorney-General, Hon. J. J. Fraser, in respect of the Valley Railway, showing that, according to his arguments as Provincial Secretary in 1874, he must now believe that the Province is as well able as it was at that time to offer a subsidy of \$5,000 a mile to the railway provided for in the Act of last session, instead of the \$3,000 to which the subsidy is cut down.

The Irish Address.

On Thursday last the long looked-for address on the subject of the condition of Ireland were moved in the House of Commons, Ottawa, by Mr. Costigan, as an amendment to Sir Leonard Tilley's motion to go into supply.

Most Gracious Sovereign.

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of Great Britain, assembled, desire most earnestly, in our name and on behalf of the people whom we represent, to renew the expression of our unwavering loyalty and devotion to Your Majesty's person and Government.

Our Ottawa Letter.

THE LAST WEEK has brought a succession of victories to the Liberal party in the Commons and a corresponding depression in the ranks of the party in power.

small that the explosion of a locomotive would bankrupt companies owning them, and the Government has thrown them all in together, in order to save the weak ones from defeat.

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however, a ringing cheer on the Opposition side greeted Mr. Blake as he rose. There was apparent surprise on the Ministerial side, which deepened into concern, as with a comprehensive grasp of his subject Mr. Blake took a bold course, which was characteristic of his speech.

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in the matter. The leader of the Government, he said, intimated that the Parliament of England ought to be approached in a beseeching tone, like that of the poor tenant in arrears for rent to his landlord, but the Irish were only asking for what belonged to them as a matter of right and justice, and they should stand respectfully but firmly on that right and justice, backed by the facts of history and such arguments based thereon as the leader of the opposition had so ably advanced.

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the number of 8,200,000. But since 1841 the history of Ireland has been a history of periodical distress, of famine and emigration, which at the time I have stated stood at 8,200,000, stands to-day at 5,160,000, or 235,000 less than eighty years ago at the time of the Union, and 3,000,000 less than it was forty years ago.

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Catholic emancipation dealt with? It was not dealt with until nearly thirty years after the time of Union. Thirty years is about a generation, and it required about a generation for the Parliament of the United Kingdom to nerve itself to the task of dealing with that question.

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body paid any attention to it in England. These circumstances occurred which drew the attention of the people to the Irish Church. I said myself, in 1865, and I believe that it was out of the range of practical politics, that is the politics of the coming elections.

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ished after nine o'clock. I think it can be safely said to be the best speech of the kind ever delivered in Canada. Sir John's reply was feeble, mistatement-like and an utter failure. This is the opinion of both sides of the House, on the respective speeches—excepting only, of course, Mr. Thos. White and Mr. Bunting of the Toronto Mail.

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