

minations, Protestant as well as Catholic, who keep their legitimate places. When they go beyond them, they must put up with the consequences, like all other erring mortals. The "Protestant Ministers," referred to by the "Islander," may think they have a sacred calling to revile and slander us as they please—to denounce Catholics as idolaters, traitors to their queen and country, and enemies to civil and religious liberty—we don't wish to restrain them in the development of this unwholesome disposition; but we claim, and shall exercise, the right to laugh, in company with the small number of three hundred millions of the human family, at folly, falsehood, and fanaticism, when illustrated in the persons of the Rev. Messrs. Sutherland, Fitzgerald, and all others of like moral, mental, and religious calibre.

We commend the notice of our readers, including W. H. Pope, Esq., the letter of Benj. Davies, Esq., which appears in another column. It was referred to the Editor of the "Protestant," but refused by him, although he had invited discussion on the subject to which it refers. Nothing could be more courteously and calmly written than Mr. Davies's letter, and it has been excluded from the columns of the "Protestant" for no other reason than its honest dissent from the views and designs of the present Government. Mr. Davies has stated some plain truths that cannot be controverted. Mr. David Laird, editor of the "Protestant," who pretends to be a very great friend to freedom of all kinds, and freedom of discussion particularly—all which he especially invited in the case under consideration—seems desirous to suppress the truth when it tells against a political party to which he has now practically acceded, and lodged himself a tool. We leave the public to draw their own conclusions as to the often vaunted "independent" character of the so-called religious paper.

Mr. Secretary Pope, praising Mr. Davies in the "Islander" a few months ago, stated a well-known fact that Mr. D. is one of the most influential liberal Protestants in the Island. We did not, and we should be sorry to, dispute a proposition so easily proved; and Mr. Secretary Pope must admit that it is as easy to prove it now as it was some months ago. We have, therefore, no hesitation in saying that the statements made by Mr. Davies will be read with interest by all liberal Protestants—with astonishment by some who have not been able to fathom the designs of the Government so clearly as he has done—and with confidence by all who entertain respect for the character of a consistent, unselfish, and self-sacrificing politician such as Mr. Davies has proved himself to be.

"THE GRAND AIM."

The grand aim of the Roman Catholic clergy of this Island is to obtain a grant for their College of Saint Dunstan. This they cannot procure unless the present Government can be ousted.—"Islander of Friday last."

For a fitting commentary on the above announcement, we refer our readers to Mr. Davies's letter in another column. We refer them likewise to the fact, before stated editorially in this paper—and well remembered by many gentlemen in the community—that during the sitting of the Legislature in the Session of 1861, William H. Pope, Colonial Secretary and Clerk of the Executive Council, informed certain Catholic clergymen that it was the wish and intention of the Government to give a grant of the public money in aid of St. Dunstan's College; but he added, that there might be some opposition offered to it from the "hard-headed Presbyterians in the House who have usually supported the Administration!" This proposal came unasked and unexpected, and it was more than hinted at by other persons high in the Government, while carrying on a little coquetry with clergymen of the Catholic Church. Let Mr. Secretary Pope attempt to deny this statement, and we shall prove its truthfulness by the most incontestible evidence.

The article in the "Islander," written, we believe, by Mr. Pope himself—from which we have taken the short extract which heads these remarks—contains another announcement, that was, no doubt, intended to have a stunning effect on the minds of liberal Protestants. It is, that Mr. Coles "has proposed to Liberal Protestants that if they will join the Roman Catholics, and enable him to get the Government, he will not consent to endow Saint Dunstan; but to gratify his Roman Catholic friends, he will withdraw the annual grant from the Prince of Wales College."

It is a matter of no great concern whether Mr. Coles did or did not make the proposal mentioned. We don't know that he did; but we do know that no public man can accomplish any object of his own mere desire, unless he receive the support of a majority of his party. The majority of those who constitute the Government in this country have always been Protestants, and we believe they always will be such—our object is to get Protestants who are liberal in their political views, because we think they are the only ones who are willing to emancipate our people from the slavery of the Proprietary system; and we are quite sure that no Government will ever make the attempt—or could succeed if they did—to retard the interests, or inflict any injury upon, the Protestant community. If it should be the desire of the Protestant community to have the endowment of the Prince of Wales College continued, it is morally certain that it cannot be taken away through the caprice of any man; but we believe the impression is rapidly deepening in the Protestant mind that the Prince of Wales College is a very decided improvement on the old Central Academy, while under the control of Mr. Humphreys, Mr. Cullender, or Mr. Kenny—and that it does cost a sum of money which is quite out of proportion to the means of the Colony. This, we know, is the opinion of many Protestant gentlemen—whether it is entertained by Mr. Coles, we have never yet learned from him.

MR. SECRETARY POPE has, for once, made a display of candour which was really not to be expected from him. He admits, in the "Islander," the truth of all his principal statements regarding the conviction or duplicity of the Government in not making an earnest effort at the proper time to secure the passage of the Award Bill. He says:—"The statement that the Bills were not sent home until more than two months after they were passed by the Legislature, is, we imagine, true. That the minute of Council did not go home until a mail, or perhaps two mails, after the Bills were despatched, is also, we believe, true. That Mr. Haythorne placed in the hands of His Excellency, for transmission to the Colonial Office, a remonstrance against one or both of the Bills, we have reason to believe is also true. And that the minute of Council contains no reference to Mr. Haythorne's petition, is true."

He then hobbles out with a lame excuse about it not being usual to send home a Minute of Council by the same Mail which conveys a Bill referred to in such Minute—that the Lieut. Governor and the Executive Council were performing different parts in the comedy, and that the one really did not know what the other was doing—that Mr. Haythorne's remonstrance against the Award Bills was kept a profound secret by the Governor—never whispered to the Executive Council—and the fact is only now learned with immense astonishment by the latter body. What a happy family the Government are! Whenever any blundering or stupid thing is done, "my constitutional advisers" are sure to throw the blame upon His Excellency!

Alluding to Mr. Haythorne, the "Islander" says:—"We have been informed that, at a meeting held at Marshfield School House, on the 23rd of December last, Mr. Haythorne and Mr. Coles were found voting on the same side, as opposed to a general resolution in favor of the Award, and against the tenantry; and we should be sorry to say that the editor of the "Examiner" and Mr. Coles were not instructed by Mr. Haythorne to petition against the Act or Act."

The draft of this is easily seen. The "Islander" would fain have its readers believe that there was really some scheming between Messrs. Coles, Whelan, and at least one proprietor to destroy the Award Bill. But the fact is just simply this—the resolution which Messrs. Coles and Haythorne voted for at the Marshfield Schoolhouse was to the effect that the Award should not be supported by the members for the district unless the Loan part of that Award could be rendered practicable—an instruction to which Mr. Coles, as one of the members for the district, faithfully adhered in the Assembly.

In the next "Islander" we expect to see another new invention of the enemy, showing what a direful league there was between the Proprietors and the Liberals.

THE INTERCOLONIAL SHOOTING MATCH AT TRURO.

We are indebted to the Halifax "Morning Chronicle" for the following account of the Intercolonial Shooting Match at Truro, N. S., on the 12th instant, in which Major Pollard, of this City, was the champion shot.—"TRURO, Sept. 12."

"This morning a thick fog hung over the place, but at about 11 o'clock it cleared away, and the sun shone out brightly. At about noon until five o'clock, the heat was oppressive, which operated to the disadvantage of the riflemen. A good many persons arrived by the morning train, and at 11 a special train from Halifax came in, conveying Major-General Doyle and suite, and several other gentlemen, accompanied by several ladies. Last night more competitors arrived. P. E. Island has sent her full allotment of competitors (20), and the same is the case with Nova Scotia, but there are but 11 from New Brunswick. This morning several competitors were added to the number on the grounds, and in some of them sofas and couches have been placed for the accommodation of the ladies.

"The General, upon his arrival at the station, was received by a guard of honor composed of the Truro Royal Bay Rifles. The General and his staff then mounted, and accompanied by Col. Laurie and the Adjutant General, and the Admiral, rode to the field, and their preparations were made for the match.

"The roll of competitors was called, and upon mustering, were divided into squads, when ammunition was served out, and immediately the firing at the first range of 200 yards commenced. The firing terminated at five o'clock, when the result was manifested, and large numbers of persons crowded about the lines, and it was only with much difficulty that they could be kept out of the way. Several hundreds of persons are now upon the grounds, and their united weight being more than the strength of the structure could bear, it broke down, and for a time caused much confusion. Last night there was a good deal of disorder in the village, and no less than three regular fights, in course of which two men got badly beaten, and one of them so severely that his life is feared.

"So soon as the firing commenced, eager crowds gathered near the stands which were made by Major Pollard of P. E. Island, and the highest and best below the average, which seemed much to surprise the spectators: on the longer ranges, however, the result was not so good as it was expected they would upon this occasion.

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MUTINY AND MURDER AT SEA.

HORRIBLE SCENES ON BOARD THE AMERICAN BARK REINDER.

The latest English papers contain full particulars of the piracy and murder on board the American bark Reinder. The origin of the mutiny is described as follows:—"On the 9th of July last, when Captain Coles was master of the Reinder, about sixteen miles off the coast of Malaga, the crew of the English brig Suannah, observed the American bark Reinder, with her ensign down and the sails flying about as if she was a drift. He was then some distance from her, but he immediately lowered his quarter gaff, and (with four of his crew) proceeded towards the Reinder. On arriving alongside, Captain Coles observed that the Reinder was being towed by the poop of the bark. Before getting on board, Captain Coles spoke to the half-murdered man on the deck, and endeavored to obtain some particulars of the disaster; the poor fellow was only just strong enough to say that a part of the crew had been murdered by two Spaniards, who belonged to the Reinder, and that after murdering or disabling the crew, they had set fire to the ship, stove one boat, and taken away the other, and made their escape. The captain and crew of the Suannah went on board, and were horror-struck on seeing the state of the vessel. The appearance of the mutilated men on board, the quantity of blood on deck, the horrible beyond description. The steward was on the deck half murdered and lying in his blood; his face and head had been cut and disfigured with a knife, as to make it wonderful that he should have survived. He was very weak through loss of blood, but just able to move. The quantity of blood on deck, the horrible beyond description. 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