

NOTES FROM OTTAWA.

From Our Own Correspondent.

The great day, the day to be forevermore remembered by the youthful celebrants,—and not to be soon forgotten by the friends and relatives whose privilege it was to be present,—was the tenth of Our Lady's Own Month, when, in the beautiful chapel of la Congregation de Notre Dame, Gloucester street, twelve little innocents were endowed with the Seven Gifts of the Holy Ghost and who subsequently received into their pure young hearts, for the first time, the Bread of Life—the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of their Lord and Saviour in the Sacrament of His Infinite Love.

At a few minutes before seven o'clock, the young seekers of Jesus' Love, preceded by the banner of the Miraculous Infant of Prague, which was carried by one of the pupils, supported by our little ones, who held the various colored ribbons attached, entered the chapel, each couple hand in hand with one of the senior pupils who conducted them to prie-dieux, specially placed in front of the High Altar. His Grace the Archbishop attended by the chaplain and ex-chaplain of the convent, then entered the Sanctuary, vested in cope and mitre, and carrying his crozier, when he delivered a short but most impressive allocution in English and French, laying before his youthful spiritual children the dignity and the paramount importance of the Sacraments they were about to receive; urging in paternal language perseverance in the good resolutions they had formed during the days of preparation. Again he urged them to a constant observance of the laws of God and of the Church, and to this end, the necessity, the absolute necessity of watchfulness and prayer. Seating himself at the entrance to the Sanctuary, the youthful postulants then advanced two by two, conducted as before, and one after the other kneeling at his feet were anointed with the Holy Oil, with appropriate prayers, and finally received that friendly tap on the cheek as a reminder that through life they were to be prepared to suffer persecution, ignoring even death itself, rather than renounce the Faith. His Grace then removed the cope, and having assumed the chasuble preceded to offer the Divine Sacrifice. But it was at the tinkling of the bell announcing Domine non sum dignus, that the really touching moment came, when the twelve little maidens dressed in pure white and veiled were led to the altar rail. Surely innocence itself was never more truly presented to the eyes of all, and they were sealed forevermore with the Sacrament of Divine Love.

In the afternoon all again assembled to witness the renewal and confirmation by the little ones of the vows made in their name and on their behalf by their sponsors at the Baptismal font. This was followed by the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, and that by their enrolment in the Scapulars, which consecrated them to the love and service and the protection of the Mother of God.

The chapel of the Holy Angels, always beautiful, never presented a more grander or more impressive scene, than it did on both occasions. The High Altar and Sanctuary were ablaze with lighted tapers and a great number of incandescent lights, presented a most beautiful appearance. All present were impressed with the solemnity and the beauty of the day's proceedings. The parents and friends of the children were delighted; but assuredly none were more so than were the spiritual daughters of the Venerable Margaret Bourgeois, who witnessed the labors of months of preparation brought to so happy a termination; and can there be any doubt that the Venerable Foundress of la Congregation herself looked down from her place in the Heavenly Kingdom on a scene so pleasing to angels and to men! Following are the names of the happy ones:—

Cécile Perrin, Emma Dumouchel, Yvonne Chevrier, Jeanne Langevin, Alice Grison, Hectorine Lafleur, Marie Antoinette Valude, Mary Norris, Jeanne Tetreau, Eva St. Julien, Gladys Vickers and Rita Maloney.

MARGARET BOURGEOIS READING CIRCLE.

Gloucester Street Convent, Ottawa.

The above Reading Circle organized in the month of January last, has held regular semi-monthly meetings up to last week, when the closing meeting of the season was held, this being necessitated by the work involved in the preparation for the Final Examinations and the closing exercises of the scholastic term.

The beneficial effects of the studies rendered necessary in the preparation of the various historical papers read

and discussed during the season is pronounced by the Reverend Mothers to be beyond conception. The members were thereby enabled, in a manner of speaking obliged to delve into and remove the obscurity which had hitherto prevailed in their minds touching the lives and works and sacrifices of so many eminent personages, who have in one way or another figured in the history of our dear Canada, and it may now be said that

from their thorough knowledge of the records of the past, thus gained, the members of the Margaret Bourgeois Reading Circle are thoroughly au fait with the incidents and the various epochs of our country's history. In conversation with them there was only one feeling of regret that the interesting studies had come to an end, coupled with a fond looking forward to a renewal of them when the Convent re-opens after the summer vacation; whilst those of them who are not to return expressed the heartfelt wish that those who would succeed them might always have the pleasure which would be denied them.

Following are the subjects studied and discussed during the past season:—

1. Venerable Margaret Bourgeois, Foundress of la Congregation de Notre Dame. 2. John and Sebastian Cabot, their lives and voyages. 3. Venerable Mother Mary of the Incarnation, Founder of the Ursulines of Quebec. 4. Jacques-Cartier. 5. Samuel de Champlain. 6. Donnacona. 7. The early Indians of Canada, including a special study of the Indian Chiefs and heroes. 8. The missionary martyrs of New France. 9. The explosion of the Acadians.

RECENT DEATHS.

MRS. JAMES MCKENNA.—It is with feelings of deepest regret that we announce the death of Mrs. Jas. McKenna, of Cote des Neiges. About two weeks ago, the deceased was stricken down with inflammation of the heart, which despite all medical skill and all that kind friends could do proved fatal on Friday, May 12. She bore her illness with angelic patience, and received the summons of death with calm resignation, and with Christian fortitude gladly gave up her soul to her Maker.

In her last moments she was surrounded by her sorrowing husband and family, comforted and fortified by the last rites of her Church, which she received from the venerable hands of her worthy pastor, Rev. J. N. Marchand.

Mrs. McKenna to say the least, was a bright amiable woman, a fond wife and a devoted mother, of a cheerful but refined disposition, of keen intellect. She was the centre and sunbeam of her household, always acting the part of a dutiful mother. She leaves a loving and loved husband and seven children to mourn her loss. Her children, though young are imbued with similar sentiments, and they beyond all doubt will be ever loyal to the principles of honor, integrity, and attachment to the Church which the dying mother bequeathed to them.

Her funeral took place on Monday, May 15th, from her late residence, to the Cote des Neiges Chapel, which was suitably draped for the occasion. The Rev. M. O'Leary officiated at the Solemn Requiem, assisted by Rev. Dr. Luke Callaghan and the Rev. P. McDonald of St. Gabriel's, as deacon and sub-deacon respectively. Amongst the clergy present were noticed: Rev. J. M. Marchand, Curé; Rev. J. S. Perron of the Archbishop's Palace, Rev. E. Devine, S.J., Rev. C. Robillard and others. Pall-bearers were six intimate friends of the family, viz: Joseph Brunet, Mayor of Cote des Neiges; J. Walsh, President St. Patrick's T.A. and B. Society; E. P. Prendergast, ex-alderman Cote des Neiges; Patrick McCrory, of Montreal; Thos. McAvoy, of Montreal, and Joseph Bennett, ex-president of the Gardeners' and Florists' Club.

The chief mourners were: Mr. Jas. McKenna, husband of deceased, together with his seven children, three girls and four boys. Messrs. James Quinn, John Quinn, and Michael Quinn, of Toronto, brothers of the deceased. Rev. Sister McKenna of the Sisters Grises, Messrs. Patrick McKenna, James Bruce, George Bruce, James Broderick and Joseph Bennett. The goodly number that followed the remains to their last resting place bore public testimony of the high esteem in which the deceased was held by all who knew her, and also of sincere sympathy felt for the bereaved husband and family.—R.I.P.

MR. FRANK M. HARE.

The death occurred last week of Mr. Frank M. Hare, son of Mr. Richard Hare the well-known fruit merchant of this city. Deceased was but twenty years and eight months old, and had been ailing for a long time. He had received his education from the Christian Brothers and Mount St. Louis College, and gave much promise of a successful career. The family who are prominent members of St. Patrick's Parish and are well known in commercial and social circles, have the deep sympathy of a very large circle of friends. The funeral which took place on Thursday, was very largely attended.—R.I.P.

MARY ALLEN DOLAN.

It is with deep regret that we are obliged to record this week the death at the Convent of Mercy, Buffalo, N. Y. of Mary Allen Dolan, (in religion Sister Mary Francis) daughter of Mr. Martin Dolan of 358 Seigneurs St., Montreal.

The deceased was born in Illinois, U. S., on May 4th, 1887, and received her education in St. Ann's Convent in this city. Being called to a religious life, she entered the Convent of the Sisters of Mercy, Buffalo, in May, 1881, and took her final vows on the 15th of August, 1884. After eighteen years of devotion and self-sacrifice, spent in the education of youth, she was called to her eternal reward on the 14th of the present month. She had been ailing but a few days, having contracted a slight cold which developed into

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pneumonia. A father, mother, four sisters and four brothers are left to mourn her loss. She formerly taught in St. Stephens Convent, Jamestown, N. Y., and her sudden death will be regretted not only by her relatives, her sisters in religion, and her legions of pupils, but also by the many friends whom she had in this city.

The funeral service was held on the 16th inst., in St. Bridget's Church, Buffalo, N. Y., and was attended by a very large number of relatives and friends of the deceased. The pall-bearers, former pupils of the late Sister Mary Francis, were as follows:—Messrs. Thos. Flannigan, Wm. Edwards, Lawrence Collins, Samuel Dobson, John Riley, Chas. Monan, Francis Aury and Thomas Redmond.—R.I.P.

MARKET REPORT

SPECIALY PREPARED FOR THE TRUE WITNESS.

With heavy receipts the egg market has ruled easy during the past week. One party was bid 1 1/2 for a car load Wednesday by a packer, and he was advised to take it, and did so. Quite a lot of eggs have been bought in the West lately at 10 1/2 for this market, but packers state that they expect to buy for lower figures than these. Shipments have already been made to England of both pickled and fresh stock. Contracts for pickled eggs for fall shipment usually begin about this time, but owing to the high prices on this side, shippers have not been very anxious to enter into negotiations for future delivery. Last year a large portion of the eggs had been bought for pickling purposes by this time at around 9c to 9 1/2c here, but this season the market has ruled much higher, and we learn that quite a few have gone into the vats costing 11c to 11 1/2c and even higher. These are probably intended for the home trade next winter, as there can be no money in them if as some of our shippers contend, that owing to the increase of Russian and other Continental eggs this season into England values there will be lower than those of last year. Of course, one season is no criterion for the following one, and exporters on this side who have to secure their supplies such a long time ahead in order to provide for future requirements have to take their chances, and "go it blind" to a certain extent. With eggs selling in this market last spring at 8c to 9c, of course, the pickling business was a pretty safe thing, but how it will turn out this year remains to be seen.

Dressed poultry continues fairly steady. Fresh killed turkeys sell at 10c; Chickens, 7c to 8c; Geese, 6c and ducks, 8c to 9c. Old stock realize 1 cent decline from these figures. Advices from Perth, Ont., say that farmers are paying considerable attention to the raising of turkeys this spring, and the supply in that section promises to be large.

Dried and evaporated apples are steady under light stocks, at 5 1/2c to 6c for the former and 5 1/2c to 9c for the latter.

Beans are unchanged at 95c to \$1.05 per bushel for handpicked pea beans as to quality, sulphur beans \$1.15 to \$1.20 and ordinary mediums 80c to 90c. Hops rule quiet and prices are rather easy at 17c to 19c as to grade.

Honey is unchanged. White clover in the comb sells at 8 1/2c to 9c. in round lots, but small lots necessitate an advance of 1/2c to 1c per pound while extracted honey is worth 7c to 7 1/2c in large tins, and 8c in small Buckwheat honey in comb brings 5 1/2c.

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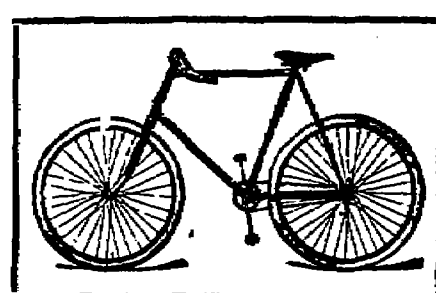
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Demand at local points in Ontario for potatoes is still active, and sales have been made of car lots at 65c to 67 1/2c. In this market there have been sales at 70c for choice cars, while sprouted lots have sold at 55c to 60c per bag.

The root market is dull. Quebec Province turnips realizing 85c to 90c carrots, 85 and parsnips \$1.25 to \$1.50.

Deliveries of baled hay in the country, continue light as farmers are still busy with their field work. Choice No. 2 has sold at \$5.30 to \$6.00, i.e. b. country points, which is equal to \$6.50 on track here. Ordinary No. 2 is quoted at 35c to \$5.50 and clover mixture \$4.25 to \$5.

Baled straw is quiet, choice bright fetching \$3.50 on track and ordinary, \$2.50 to \$3.

The maple syrup market keeps firm under a good demand at 65c to 70c. In the wood sales are reported at 8c per lb. and we quote 5 1/2c to 5 3/4c as to quality and size of lot. Sugar is firm at 7 1/2c to 8 1/2c as to quality. A good demand from Ontario, Manitoba and the North West is a leading feature of the situation at present. The tallow market is quiet at 1 1/2c to 5c for refined and rough sells at 2 1/2c to 3c.

Exporters have been active operators in the oat market during the week, 100,000 to 120,000 bushels being reported at 36 1/2c to 36 3/4c, and to-day 37c was paid. There has been some enquiry for the lower ports and we hear that 10,000 to 12,000 bushels have been taken for that trade at a pretty high figure. At this time last year sales were made of No. 2 White Canadian oats at 39 1/2c to 40c. A lot of 20,000 bushels was sold in the West at 32c, but that figure was refused Wednesday, 32 1/2c i.e. b. being the lowest a shipper could buy at. In this market 36 1/2c was freely bid. Cattle offers of 16s 3d were received for last half of May, and 16s 7 1/2d for prompt shipment.

The butter market is steady in the face of liberal receipts. Sales of jobbing lots are reported at 16 1/2 to 16 3/4c in tubs and boxes. There is a large demand going on, and as the export demand appears to be setting in early, present prospects bespeak another good season's shipping business.

The cheese market is quiet. Orders for new cheese are coming over the cable, and we learn of two orders being filled at 9 5/8c and one at 9 1/4c. The receipts this week show quite an increase over those of the week previous, and next week the increase will be still larger. Quite a number of factories in the Eastern townships changed from butter to cheese making on May 18th. Sales have been made in the Belleville section at 9 3/8c to 9 7/16c. It is expected that as the receipts increase values will gradually recede for new cheese.

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