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EPISCOPAL APPROBATION.

"If the English-speaking Outholics of Montreal and of this Province consulted theke that interests, they would soon make of the "True Winces one of the most prosperousance of the English of the Contreal."

1 PAUL, Archbishop of Montreal.

NOTES OF THE WEEK.

It is natural, and it is patriotic for experienced, and frequently national holiday. It is always ascalculated to stir up in the young a love of country and a ptide in its and fearful injuries received. that regard, on the part of any peoamong the younger nations, even as among the younger persons, that spirit is more lively and enthusiastic We have a fair sample of it our neighbors to the South of us. In no land in the world is there more husiasm on the occasion of a national festival, than in the United With them there is no day in all the year like the Fourth of July. And it comes at a glorious season when the days are longest and brightest, and where there is to the exubrance of spirit that wells up in the breast of a young nation.

that such an occasion is fraught with a thousand dangers. The very excess of enjoyment leads to mishaps that are of a most regrettable character, and that cast a cloud of gloom over the otherwise brilliant national festi-This year the list of sad events connected with the celebration of the Fourth of July in the United States is one that should suffice to make people pause and think.

Including accidents due to .excursions, picnics, boating parties, fireworks and the like, we find, as far as present calculations goes, that the list, for the entire Republic, on the night of the Fourth of July, consisted of twenty-five dead, and one thousand three hundred and eightyfour injured; some fatally, others maimed for life, and yet others only slightly hurt. The list is already long. Just imagine the number of fam lies that will remember with sorrow the 4th July, 1904; and all of whom will find each other succeed. siversary of a most painful occur- tizens of different races, further extent upon this phase of found in the fact that all are rejoicing on that day, and that the general axultation is contagious, and drives the young and unreflecting to excesses that they would otherwise never fall into. Still, no matter how national, or how general the celebration, it is not an excuse

calebration, it is not an excuse casting prudence to the winds; and In Manitoba, English, 2914, and running risks that are almost certain to result in evil for some.

Scotia, English 4101 and and any general national celebra-tion, our people are becoming daily more and more careless and venture-some. We see, Sunday after Sun-day, as well as on special holidays, over-crowded excursion boats plying the river; we see whole fleets of plea-sure boats, of different kinds, from the frail cance to the not much more secure yacht. Tunning up and the frall cance to the not much more secure yacht, running up and down, in and out, in all directions; we see overcrowded trains and overlammed street cars; we see boys of all ages out swimming in places where death almost perpetually the same thing be done for the Irish

DANGEROUS CELEBRATIONS. - | larks under the wave; we see un very the people of any country to cele-brate, by special rejoicings and de-monstrations, the day selected as a kers and fireworks of a character that they do not understand. These sociated with traditions and memo-ries that are glorious and that are with accounts of accidental deaths institutions? We would be sorry to see a lapsing into indifference, in take warning. You would be that each particular individual bethat regard, on the part of any people; for that would be the twilight lieved himself possessed of a charm, that precedes the night of national or talisman, and that while danger humiliation. It seems to us that menaced the general public, he was always to be the fortunate exception

to escape.

It is to be hoped that a serious warning will be taken, before the awful truth is brought home to us in the form of some sad fatality. Celebrations are very good; but excesse and abuses always end in injury and deep regret.

ATTRACTIVE FIGURES. - The Revue Francaise, a publication of Paris, has just made an analysis of every opportunity of giving full vent the recent census in Canada, of such a character that we have not found And young and old seem to equally and young an any attempt at the like in this countook all persons above the age of five. By the last census in Canada there were 4,728,631 persons over five years of age. And there were, in 1901, 642,684 children under five years, who are not counted, in this table of statistics.

Of the 4,728,631 people with whom we have to do, there are 3,-917,340 who can read and write, and only 129,450 illiterates. The last decade has shown a splendid advance in education, as in 1891 there were

207,126 illiterates.
Of the 4,728,631 of the last cer sus, there are 3,709,370 who speak French; consisting of English, Irish, Scotch, French-Canadians, Germans, Italians, Swedes, Swiss, Belgians, etc. The citizens of English, Irish and Scotch origin who speak both languages, number 126,978, while the French-Canadions who speak both languages number 529,552 There are in the country 1,019,261 persons who cannot speak. English, and 3,213,654 who cannot talk ing national celebration a mere an- French. There are also 161,124 ci-The need not dwell to any French-Canadians, who cannot talk of the sinking ship, and many of the English. In British Columbia there emigrants who were left on board, the subject. There may be an excuse are 3062 English-speaking people who talk both languages, and 2865 French people who talk both languages. To shorten the table, the following are those in each Province who speak both languages, By Eng-lish we mean all English-speaking speaking people, and by French we

running risks that are almost tain to result in evil for some.

In our country the populatios is to much smaller we have not the same excesses of enthusiasm as on the other side of the kines. But apart

English 5057, and French 33,921; in Nova Scotia, English 4101 and French 22,895; in Ontario, English, 27,578 and French, 70,208; in the other side of the kines. But apart Prince Edward Island, English 1878 and French 9175; in Quebec, Eng. lish, 80,282 and French, 876,724; in the Northwest Territories, English, 3924, and French 40,815; in unorganized territories, comprising the Yukon, English, 612 and French

1800.

These are only a few samples of that elaborate table of statistics. This was done in France in the interest of the French-Canadian people, and the compiler deserves great

Catholic element in Canada. But we ed in the second and third coaches, have not yet found any one to under-take the work. It would be one de-Without entering into any take the work. It would be one deserving of high commendation, if details, we have in the foregoing examples sufficient to establish the out. Perhaps some of our representatives would think seriously of have the pathways of those who travel.

ing it done.

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CHURCH OF THE PEOPLE. -The Catholic Church has often been styled the Church of the people, or the Church of the people, or the Church of the poor. Evidence of the justness of such title is found in the midst of all this, there people of all conditions in life. have more than once pointed out that as far as temporal states and governments are concerned, the Church takes no sides in regard to form or constitution. Provided it is legitimate authority that rules, she never makes any distinction. She is spiritual kingdom, with a ruler who is royal in so for as his sacred office makes him the Vicar of the King of Kings on earth. And yet she is can be raised to the supreme office of Pope, or to any episcopal dignity, provided he is possessed of the other qualifications that such positions demand. There are to-day twentyeven republics in the world, an evidence that the democratic spirit abroad among the nations. And of ed, or it will become a burning fever that number we find that twenty-one are Catholic republics. "This does not look as if the Catholic Church was opposed to a government of the people, by the people, and for the people," says a contemporary. No doubt the Catholic Church is by long odds the most powerful organization on earth to-day-even from a temporal point of view.

GREAT DISASTERS. -How little we can depend on the morrow, and how completely we are in the hands of God, are matters that are brought home to us by the accounts of the terrible disasters and the sudden losses of vast numbers of lives, that are brought to our notice with tonishing frequency. Not long since had we to record the fearful catastrophe, within sight of New York, when the passenger, or excursion steamer, the "General Slocum." was burned, and hundreds of lives, especially of children, were lost. The death list ran into the thousands, and the majority were drowned in attempting to escape from the burning vessel. Scarcely has the reading world had time to recover from the shock experienced on perusing the story of that awful disaster, than we are in. formed by cable message of the going down of the "Norge." The story may thus be condensed:

"Over 700 Danish and Norwegian emigrants bound for New York are believed to have been drowned in the North Atlantic. Out of nearly 800 souls on board the Danish steamer Norge, which left Copenhagen, June 22, only one-tenth are known to be alive, and for the rest no hope is held out. When last seen the Norge was sinking where she struck on the Islet of Rockall, whose isola-ted peak rises itself from a deadly Atlantic reef some 200 miles off the west coast of Scotland. Two boat

into the sea and were drowned.' No necessity for us to enter into scenes that took place. All we need to know is that, in one fatal moly all emigrants on their new homes in a new world, were

Without entering into any further great dangers that lurk constantly in

The world seems to have gone mad with movement of late. The advent of electric motor-power, and the other inventions of the age, seems

mily on one perpetual rush from is not apparently one thought given to the great hereafter. along our rails, or we glide our waves, just as if the rest of the world might possibly be lost or injured, but that we are exempt from all such fatal encounters. Yet are on the edge of the abyss every hour of our lives, and far more so in this new century than ever wa the case in the past. We must learn to reflect to curb our rush after the Kings on earth. And yet she is so new, the sensational, the unattain-democratic that the lowliest born able. If we do not do so there is not the least doubt that sooner later we must come to a crash! There is room to-day for serious reflection on this vital subject-more need of it than there ever was in the past. The ardor with which we pursue gain or pleasure, or license, must be calmcontagious and destructive.

> FR. McGARRY'S PROMOTION. -It is with the deepest of pleasure that we congratulate Rev. Father M. A. McGarry, D.D., C.S.C., on his recently announced promotion in the Order of the Holy Cross. For some promotion in the twenty years past, Father McGarry (as we love to call him) has been connected with St. Laurent College He has occupied a chair of profes sorship in that institution, and has also been the Superior of it. He has now been appointed Assistant Superior-General of the Order. Fathe McGarry is a native of Sydney, C.B. A few days ago he left for Notre Dame, Indiana, where he will future reside. at the Mother House of the Order. While we rejoice with all the clergy, and especially the Irish clergy of Montreal, in the wellearned and richly-deserved promo-tion of Father McGarry, we cannot but join with them in their great sorrow at his departure from Canada. He has done noble work in the cause of education; he has gone about doing good in every sphere of life, he has never stinted the people of Mon treal, when occasion arose to be of service to them. His name is household word in almost Irish Catholic family, and not a few owe him deep debts of gratitude for the interest he has manifested in their prosperity, both temporal and But it was in the field spiritual. greatest degree of success and has left behind him the greatest amount blessings. The and prayers of the whole community will follow him to his new home and cheer him in the exercise of his new and important duties; and in those good wishes and prayers none join more heartily than the "True Witness."

CO-OPERATION OF PARISHES. emigrants who were left on board, —On this very important theme much might be said. For the present we will merely reproduce a summary of a discourse preached by Rev. Father details concerning the terrific fight Fletcher on the occasion of the an-for life that followed, nor the sad nual open air procession of the Guild nual open air procession of the Guild of Our Lady of Ransom, held London, England. The remarks of ment, hundreds of poor people, most- Father Fletcher are well worthy of meditation. He said: Thanks were due to those who had come from dissent, without any warning, to the "home beyond the confines of time." about that success. It was such a good thing to know you had the sympathylof your fellow Catholics Sometimes to the Richelleu Company's steamer of the Richelleu Company's steamer cannot at Sarah or the frances. about that success. It was such a good thing to know you had the sympathyl of your fellow Catholic Canada at Sorel, or the frequent crashing of trains, with varied lists of fatalities. The very day that the press was filling columns with the story of the Norge eisaster, the following news flashed over the wires: "Low Church," and the lowing news flashed over the wires: "Low Church," would have nothing 'A special from Litchfield, Ill., says that the Ohicago Limited, on the Wabash Railroad, due in St. Louis at 7 p.m., and half an hour late, was weeked to-night inside the city limits. The train struck an open switch and was overturned,

very Protestant, and they never fall into such a snare. It was a snare the devil, no doubt, wanted ex-to get them into, but they should re-the sist the devil with all their power when he tempted them to get such a state of things as that. On the present occasion many Catholic missions-some of them a long way off, had assisted them, and it was right that one mission should help another, that they should show, as they had done then, that they were ready to help their fellow.Catholics

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DEATHS IN RANKS OF CLERGY.

The death of Rev. Father Davis, the parish priest of Perth, Ont., which we regret to be called on to recard, brings to mind the memorable lines written by the late Thomas D'Arcy McGee, on the occasion of the death at sea of Father McDonough, the pastor of Perth, in 1863:

"We who sat at his cheerful hearth, Know the wisdom rare-or priceless worth He bears away from the face of the

earth-Peace to the soul of the Priest of

Perth!

Dead-and the sun of life so high! Dead-with no cloud in all his sky Dead-and it seems but yesterday, When happy and hopeful he passed

away: Ashes to ashes—earth to earth! God rest the soul of the Priest of Perth !

Father Davis was a native Kingston, where he was born in 1845 He was thus in his sixtieth year. About twenty-six years ago he was ordained priest by the late Bishop Horan, and he was one of the oldest graduates of Regiopolis College. He possessed many qualities of heart that endeared him to the people, and many gifts of mind that made him a effective minister of God's most Church. It was in July, 1899, that he was appointed to the parish of Perth. He has left some striking monuments of his zeal, his devotedness and his administrative apility, in the Archdiocese of Kingston. Amongst others we might mention the splendid presbytery of Perth; the enlargement of the Church of St. John the Baptist, and the construction of a vestry to the same; the erection of three handsome altars, the introduction of electric lights, and the painting and decoration of that edifice.

Rev. Father Thomas Davis was the son of the late Mr. James Davis, who was a member of the Church England, who died a Catholic, having been brought into the Church by the influence of his priestly son. Father Davis had three sisters, of whom are dead, one of whom was Sister Mary Vincent, Mother Supeof education that he has achieved the rior at one time, of St. Joseph's Con vent, Toronto. He was the first priest born, educated and ordained in the city of Kingston. He made his theological course at Laval University, Quebec, under the Rectorship of the late Cardinal Taschereau and among his fellow-students the present Archbishop of Kingston, Mgr, Gauthier-who was at his death, bed when his spirit passed to it

As a literary man Father Davis held a high rank, and one work of his, "Claims of Anglicanism," will always remain a standard authority, as well as a memorial of his learning. We join fervently in prayers offered up by all who knew him for the repose of his soul:
"God's rest to the soul of the Priest

of Perth."

REV. LAWRENCE BRENNAN. most zealous of priests of the Archdiocese. He had occupied the office of pastor of, St. Basil's Church for more than a quarter of a century, and the monuments of his zeal are to be seen in, and around the sacred down diffice where he spent the greater the part of his life. Father Brepnan "Low Church," and the "Low Church," and the "Low Church" would have nothing to do with the "High Church" They worked against each other. Of course nothing of the kind could happen in the Catholic Church, but it did some times happen that you found one Catholic parish; the people of one mission looked down upon the people of another mission. That was people of another mission. That was

LOCAL NOTES.

C.M.B.A. - Next week the members of the Supreme Council of the C.M. B.A. of the United States will hold meetings in this city. They arrive here on Tuesday evening. On Wednesday evening, the 13th, an open meeting will be held in St. Ann's Hall, at which addresses will be delivered by the leading officers. Local members are now engaged in making all arrangements for the reception of their distinguished confreres, which will include a visit to Archbishop Bruchesi.

ST. ANN'S YOUNG MEN. - This well known society will hold their annual excursion this month. The tickets are now on sale, and judging by the success of all similar undertakings in past years there is no doubt that this year will behold a large attendance.

THE SHAMROCKS. - The "boys in Green" are bustly engaged in preparing for a second triumph over the ambitious Brantford lacrosse team, which seems to have not lost all hope of capturing the Minto Cup The admirers of the home team are confident that the visitors will again meet defeat and the trophy will remain in the possession of the S.A.A. A. for another year.

PERSONAL. -Rev. Martin Callaghan, P.P., and Rev. James Killoran have gone on a vacation of two

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HOTEL DIEU. - Extensive alterations in the interior and exterior of this historic establishment have been in progress for some time. In the western wing the rooms set apart for the clergy have been renovated and equipped, and improvements in other departments of a marked character are being made. The volume of work performed silently, without any dourish of trumpets, in relieving suffering and disease in the various wards is truly wonderful to contemplate.

PRACTICAL SYMPATHY. - The other day we sent out accounts for subscriptions to our city subscribers. One of the returns came from a pastor of an Irish parish who is known and esteemed for his zeal in all that concerns our race. The account had been made for one year-\$1.50. When returned it had been changed to include another year, and was accompanied by a cheque for \$3.00 This s an example to others-clergy and laity-which if followed would in a few years bring its reward to our section of the community.

REV. L. W. LECLAIR. - This veslowly recovering from the effects the accident which he me with few weeks ago. His medical adviser expects that he will be sufficiently recovered at the eno of this week resume his duties.

CATHOLIC SAILORS' CLUB. -This week the concert of the Club was a great success from every point The attendance was large. and the programme was one of the best of the season.

Mr. Thomas Ireland occupied the chair. St. Patrick's Cadets, ever popular, performed many movements of their fancy drill and received an enthusiastic reception. The followo'Brien, Miss Maggie Walker, Miss Flossie Lynch, Miss C. Ireland, Miss McGoogan, Miss C. Costigan, Miss M. O'Brien, Miss Hazel Coleman,