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EPISCOPAL APPROBATION. If the English-speaking Catholics of Montreal and of this Province consulted their best interests, they would soon make of the 'True Witness' one of the most prosperous and general Catholic papers in this country.

NOTES OF THE WEEK.

DAINGEROUS CELEBRATIONS. It is natural, and it is patriotic for the people of any country to celebrate, by special rejoicings and demonstrations, the day selected as a national holiday.

ATTRACTIVE FIGURES. The Revue Francaise, a publication of Paris, has just made an analysis of the recent census in Canada, of such a character that we have not found any attempt at the like in this country.

CO-OPERATION OF PARISHES. 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 Fletcher on the occasion of the annual open air procession of the Guild of Our Lady of Ransom, held in London, England.

On the other hand, none can deny 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 festival.

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 credit.

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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 poor. Evidence of the justness of such title is found in the open door and equal welcome for people of all conditions in life.

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 astonishing frequency.

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.

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very Protestant, and they should never fall into such a snare. It was a snare the devil, no doubt, wanted to get them into, but they should resist the devil with all their power when he tempted them to get into such a state of things as that.

DEATHS IN RANKS OF CLERGY. The death of Rev. Father Davis, the parish priest of Perth, Ont., which we regret to see called on to record, 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:

He bears away from the face of the earth— Peace to the soul of the Priest of Perth! Dead—the sun of life so high! Dead—with no cloud in all his sky!

FATHER DAVIS WAS A native of 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.

Rev. Father Thomas Davis was the son of the late Mr. James Davis, who was a member of the Church of England, who died a Catholic, having been brought into the Church by the influence of his priestly son.

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.

From Toronto, comes the sad news of the death of Rev. Lawrence Brennan, one of the best known and most zealous of priests of the Archdiocese.

Mr. Thomas Ireland occupied the chair. St. Patrick's Cadets, ever popular, performed many movements of their fancy drill and received an enthusiastic reception.

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.

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 busily 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.

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

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.

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.

REV. L. W. LECLAIR. — This venerable and much esteemed priest is slowly recovering from the effects of the accident which he met with a few weeks ago.

CATHOLIC SAILORS' CLUB. — This week the concert of the Club was a great success from every point of view.

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