

It is often denied that Roman Catholics really pray to the Virgin Mary. It is said they only pray to God through her. A Roman Bishop should be good authority for the practice of his church in this respect. An illustration of this subject we give the following extract from the late pastoral issued by Bishop Bourget, of Montreal, on the day of the burial of Guibord. If it is not a prayer to the Virgin, and therefore, blasphemy, we should like to know what to call it: "O holy Mary, bring your powerful succor to your unfortunate children. Help those who are timorous and inconstant. Invigorate those who are feeble and languishing. Pray for the people who place all their trust in you. Intervene in favor of the clergy who labor to make you known, loved and served. Intercede for all the religious communities, and for all the faithful women who are consecrated to you. May all those who honor and pray to you feel the wonderful effects of your powerful aid."

Deaths, Marriages and Births.

MARRIAGE.
At Monk, on the 30th ult., by the Rev. A. Finalay, Mr. John Biggar of Medora, to Miss Margaret Jackson of Monk.

THE PRODUCE MARKETS.
Toronto, Dec. 8th, 1876.
The Liverpool quotations show a decline of 6d. per quarter for wheat but are otherwise unchanged. The United States wheat markets are generally easier, with a decline of about 1c. and all kinds of produce are dull.

TORONTO.

Wheat, fall, per bushel	\$1 02	\$1 05
Wheat, spring, do	1 00	1 01
Barley, do	0 55	0 58
Oats, do	0 35	0 37
Peas, do	0 78	0 74
Rye, do	0 90	0 90
Dressed Hogs per 100 lbs	7 00	7 25
Blind quarters	0 00	0 50
Eels, fore quarters	3 50	4 00
Mutton, by carcass	0 00	0 00
Chickens, per pair	0 50	0 60
Ducks, per brace	0 50	0 75
Geese, do	0 50	0 75
Turkeys	0 70	1 00
Butter, 1b rolls	0 20	0 23
Butter, large rolls	0 17	0 19
Butter, tub dairy	0 21	0 22
Eggs, fresh, per doz	0 17	0 18
Eggs, hatched	0 15	0 25
Apples, per bushel	0 45	0 50
Potatoes, do	14 00	15 00
Hay, new	9 00	11 00
Straw	0 00	0 00

LONDON.

White Wheat Delhi 1/2 100 lbs	\$1 60	\$1 70
Red do	1 50	1 60
Red Winter	1 50	1 60
Spring Wheat	1 50	1 60
Flour	3 00	3 65
Oats	0 30	0 30
Peas	0 20	0 20
Corn	1 10	1 10
Barley	1 15	1 07
Rye	1 00	1 00
Buckwheat	0 90	1 00
Beans	1 00	1 20
Eggs, Store lots, per doz	0 23	0 23
Farmers' do	0 18	0 20
Butter, crock	0 20	0 23
do rolls	0 18	0 20
do "Arkin"	0 18	0 20
Cheddar, dairy 1/2 lb	0 03	0 10
do factory	0 12	0 14
Lard, 1/2 lb	0 02	0 11
Sheep Skins, green, 1/2 lb	0 02	0 10
do dry	0 15	0 18
Hides, green, 1/2 lb	0 04	0 08
do dry	0 30	0 31
Wool	0 07	0 08
Beef, 1/2 lb	0 05	0 07
Live Hogs, 1/2 cwt	6 00	6 00
Dressed Hogs	7 75	7 00
Chickens, per pair	0 40	0 50
Ducks, per pair	0 45	0 55
Turkeys, each	0 50	1 25
Apples, green, 1/2 bush	0 50	1 00
Hay, 1/2 ton	12 00	14 00
Straw, 1/2 load	3 00	4 00
Potatoes, 1/2 bush	0 30	0 30
Cordwood, No. 1 dry, 1 cord	4 50	5 00

OTTAWA.

Wheat, fall	\$1 10	\$1 15
Wheat, spring	1 05	1 10
Barley	0 50	0 50
Oats	0 33	0 35
Peas	0 65	0 60
Buckwheat	0 45	0 50
Potatoes	0 25	0 25
Turnips	0 55	0 60
Fowls, per pair	0 75	1 00
Turkeys, each	0 50	1 00
Apples, per barrel	2 50	3 25
Butter, tub, per lb	0 17	0 20
Butter, in 1b rolls	0 24	0 25
Eggs, per doz	0 14	0 15
Hay	14 00	16 00
Straw	0 00	0 00

Official Announcements.

ARRANGEMENT OF PRESBYTERIES IN QUEBEC AND ONTARIO, AND APPOINTMENTS OF MEETINGS.

LINDSAY—Next regular meeting in Woodville on the last Tuesday of Feb. 18th, at 11 a.m.

CHATHAM—In Wellington street Church, Chatham, on Tuesday, 28th Dec, at 11 a.m.

OWEN SOUND—Knox Church Owen Sound on the 3rd Tuesday of December, at 11 a.m.

BALCON—Next ordinary meeting of Presbytery at Mount Forest, Knox Church, on the 2nd Tuesday of December, at 3 o'clock.

BARRIE—The Presbytery of Barrie will meet at Barrie, on Tuesday, 7th Dec, at 11 a.m.

KINGSTON—Next meeting to be held in St Andrew's Hall, Kingston, on the second Tuesday of January, 1877, at three o'clock p.m.

TORONTO—Next ordinary meeting in the lecture room of Knox Church, Toronto, the first Tuesday of December, at 11 a.m.

PARIS—Presbytery of Paris meets in Knox Church, Ingersoll, on the second Tuesday of December, at 3 o'clock p.m.

BROCKVILLE—The next meetings of the Brockville Presbytery will be held in St Andrew's Church, on Tuesday, 21st December, in Paris Presbyterian Church, at 3 p.m.

PETERBORO—The next meeting of the Presbytery of Peterboro will be held in St James' Church, Peterboro, on the third Tuesday of January, 1877, at 11 a.m.

WINDSOR—The next regular meeting of the Presbytery of Windsor will be held in St Andrew's Church, Windsor, on the Tuesday after the first Sabbath of Feb., at 2 o'clock.

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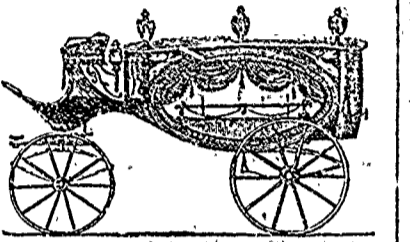
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