

## Our Montreal Letter.

From St. John's. The 17th verse: "If ye, happy are ye." Bennett delivered a remarkable force. The relationship of the will. The Chorus was "as an anthem."

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First two years of surgical work is the remarkable record of Dr. A. Groves, of Fergus, Ontario, who, at the age of seventy-six, is still performing intricate operations at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, which he founded twenty-three years ago.

Dr. Groves was a pioneer in the field of surgery, and is credited with the introduction of the practice of holding of instruments prior to operations.

The first operation performed in Canada, for the removal of an appendix, was conducted by Dr. Groves in 1888. During the fifty-two years of his practice he has performed more than 20,000 operations, an average of nearly 400 a year. He is the author of several pamphlets and treatises on medical subjects.

The 75th anniversary of St. Mary's College, Blouy St., was carried out with elaborate ceremonies, both religious and social. The college opened in 1847 with thirteen pupils. At the end of the first year sixty-nine pupils were in attendance. In 1859, there were one hundred and twenty. To-day there are six hundred and eighty on the roll. No doubt, a few of your Newfoundlanders received their education at the big institution on Blouy Street, and will recall happy memories of the past spent under the guidance of the able sons of St. Ignace Loyola. Among the distinguished old pupils present were Rt. Rev. Bishop Feehan, Fall River, Mass., the Hon. Athanasius David, Provincial Secretary, the Hon. Mr. Justice Anglin of the Supreme Court of Canada, Louis Boasblen, Emile Montbott, Alister Laundersen, Rene T. Leclerc, Rev. Fr. Brodeur, Col. Leduc, Henri Letondel, Maurice Forget and Rock Bergeron.

Pontifical High Mass was sung by Bishop Feehan and the sermon was preached by Mgr. Deschamps, Vicar General of the Archdiocese. He reviewed the early efforts of our education under the French regime, saying that as long ago as 1635, in a college established by the Jesuits, pupils were studying these in philosophy and other subjects in the presence of the religious and military authorities. When the revolution was raging in France the Society of Jesus was moulding statesmen, men of letters, and men of counsel for Canada. The preacher told of the untiring work of the greatly beloved Mr. Bourget in bringing about the establishment of their Alma Mater. He told of his voyage to Europe in 184, with this purpose in view, and how in 1848 the project finally succeeded. Mgr. Deschamps read a pastor's letter addressed by Archbishop Burget to his Faithful with reference to the College, in which his prophetic vision beheld the day when in his own words, Montreal "would become one of the most important cities in America."

Mgr. Deschamps then congratulated the Fathers of the College on the success which has crowned their work and, turning to the "old boys," he reminded them that the education they had received was not destined to make them merely banal and vulgar personalities living isolated lives, but to give them Christian training to prepare them for leadership, both in helping their fellow-men and in the public life of the country.

In conclusion the preacher appealed to his hearers to remember that they owed their Alma Mater devotion to her religious traditions, everlasting gratitude, and best wishes for her continued prosperity.

High Mass was followed by a banquet in the College, to which nearly one thousand "old boys" sat down.

A new college at the slope of Mount Royal will be built to replace the present St. Mary's College on Blouy St.

Under the heading of "Beware of Labrador," the "Franciscan Review," a monthly magazine has the following:

The public is subject to periodic attacks of gold fever, usually brought about by gratefully tales of wealth to be made in far-off lands as a result of speculation in the share of gold-mining companies. So many people, however, have been swayed in faked gold-mining companies that it was necessary to devise some new method of luring the public.

Labrador seems to be furnishing the latest infection for a mild type of gold fever. Although Labrador enthusiasts are acting in a more or less frantic manner in their endeavor to secure ill-gotten gains, the thin disguise of enthusiasm is very easily penetrated right down to the rock-bottom dishonesty underlying most of these schemes.

For example, the Government of Newfoundland is selling mining claims in Labrador, covering 320 acres for \$160.00 each. When a Labrador speculator secures a claim of this kind, instead of organizing a company and selling the stock, he otherwise divides each acre into four small claims which he endeavors to sell for \$1,000.00 per one-quarter acre, payable as follows: \$200.00 in cash and the balance of \$800.00 to be paid out of the first gold mined or washed. In addition to this, a royalty of 10% is demanded on the first \$100,000.00 taken out of the quarter acre; 20% on the second \$100,000.

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In White, with fancy insertion and embroidery.

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90 taken out of such claim; and 30% on all receipts over and above \$200,000.00.

Let us suppose that the owner of a claim covering 320 acres only succeeds in getting the first payment of \$200.00 in cash. He will receive \$900.00 per acre or \$288,000.00. Let us also suppose that he has to pay agents 25% commission for this swindling the people. He has still left over \$216,000.00 for a claim which only cost him \$160.00 in the beginning.

It is conceivably possible that gold may have been discovered in Labrador as it has been discovered in almost every part of North America. It is safe to assert, however, that a prospective purchaser of a quarter-acre share in one of those claims has not even one chance in ten thousand of getting any returns. It behoves all sensible people, therefore, to beware of Labrador gold speculation, which at best, is merely a sickly lure weakly propped up by extravagant advertising.

N.B.—In spite of a general belief to the contrary few fortunes are ever made in gold rushes. Gold is a magnet that lures seekers from all the corners of the earth. If it were discovered at the North Pole there would be the same wild stupid rush of prospectors, workers, thieves, gamblers, and women as heretofore. We are told that the precious metal has been found in Labrador and hopes of lucky find may draw large numbers of men from all over Canada. And yet not one in every hundred of those who are ready to spend into those desolate wastes in their search for the yellow treasure will ever realize enough to pay their expenses.—Ed. R. J. LOUIS CUDDHY.

## Jewels Now Made.

The play of light and fire in rubies and sapphires—thousands—even millions—of lovers of jewels are enjoying and are able to possess at nominal sums, has been made possible by chemistry.

"The modern synthetic gems," says Dr. Alexander Silverman, head of the department of chemistry of the University of Pittsburgh, and a member of the American Chemical Society, "are as good as native gems as far as their practical and aesthetic value is concerned."

Dr. Silverman recently collected natural and synthetic gems worth \$50,000 for display before the Pittsburgh Academy of Science and Art. He has also made a study of the history of jewels from biblical times to the present, together with legends concerning their endowment with "talismanic, curative and supernatural powers" and their supposed influence upon the stars and planets.

He has traced the history of the diamond through India, Brazil and South Africa, where the most extensive deposits have been found.

"The South African fields were discovered accidentally by the curiosity of a farmer concerning a bright pebble with which some Boer children were playing," said Dr. Silverman. This pebble subsequently was sold for \$500 in Paris.

After discussing other non-precious forms of diamond used for grinding, cutting and drilling, Dr. Silverman described the Moissan, re Boismenu and Parsons experiments for the preparation of diamonds. He mentioned the Franz Fischer theory, which may in time lead to commercial manufacture of the diamond. Diamond and other forms of carbon were shown to be chemically identical, through combustion experiments.

"The discovery of a method for artificially making rubies and sapphires was made by Albrecht V. L. Verneil in 1893," said he. "The industry subsequently was established by L. Heller at Geneva, Switzerland where rubies are now made by playing the oxyhydrogen blowpipe, through the flame of which various metallic oxides pass on a heated point, to build up the 'boule,' or inverted pear-shaped mass from which the stones are cut by diamond dust."

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## Island Religious Shrines.

Star Island, one of the Isles of Shoals ten miles off the mainland of New Hampshire, has been dedicated exclusively to religious service for 120 years. On its rocky summit is a small graystone church which was built in the year 1800. This has been used ever since as a place of worship first by fishermen's mothers, sisters and sweethearts who prayed for the safe return of their loved ones. During the last 25 years it has been a shrine for Unitarians and Congregationalists.

At ten o'clock each night long lines of men and women, carrying small lanterns, wend their way thither and a churchyard at a time, hang their lanterns on the walls, and bow their heads in prayer or raise their voices in appropriate hymns.

NOVELS.—Bertha M. C. Nick Carter, Merivell and others. 17c. each. Postage 2c. KNOWLING'S.—January 20, 1923.