

The True Witness

CATHOLIC CHRONICLE, A WEEKLY EDITION OF THE "EVENING POST"

761 CRAIG STREET, MONTREAL. By M. G. MULLIN & CO. Proprietors.

NOTICE.

Subscribers should notice the date on the label attached to their paper, as it marks the expiration of their term of subscription.

Special Notice.

Subscribers, when writing to this office, will kindly date their letters from the postoffice at which they receive the TRUE WITNESS.

Poisonous Garment Bill.

There is now a bill before the Senate in New York State, called the POISONOUS GARMENT BILL. It is an attempt to legislate against the sale of poisoned or poisonous goods or garments prejudicial to health.

Expected Exodus.

The Government has a chance of doing a stroke of business just now. By the news this morning it will be seen that an exodus is expected from Europe to the United States during the summer.

Legislative Councils.

The feeling in favour of the abolition of Legislative Councils is growing. The example set by Ontario appears to be catching, and we now have British Columbia and Manitoba carrying on their business without a second Chamber.

The Imperishable Race.

An Irish exchange tells us that "a telegram from Vienna says that it is now certain that Count Taffé, the Governor of Tyrol, has been asked to form a Cabinet, and has accepted the request."

certain that the visit of the Empress of Austria-Hungary to Ireland, which is now, we learn, a settled fact, is a happy coincidence to the call to the Premier-ship of the Tyrol the descendant of a gallant Irishman.

The Inspection of Scientific Military Corps.

An evening contemporary attacks Lieut. Gen. Smyth because he pointed out the necessity of placing the scientific branches of the Volunteer Militia under the control of, and to be inspected by, men skilled in special branches of the service.

Bank Defalcations.

There must be something wrong in the management of Banks when the defalcations of cashiers is possible. We can understand a trusted servant making away with a few thousands, but there must be some want of supervision when those few thousands become tens, and sometimes, hundreds of thousands.

Parliament.

We are glad to notice that Parliament has appointed a committee of thirteen to report on the Insolvent Law. When this committee returns with its report, no doubt something will be done to remedy the present state of affairs.

Mr. Costigan, M.P.

The Free Press makes a great mistake. It thinks that the Post has lost confidence in Mr. Costigan, and it insinuatingly compliments the Post on its discovery.

is no more the custodian of Mr. Costigan's principles than we are of the keys of heaven and that is a blessing that all the "Masters" or "Grand Masters" in Canada will accredit us with having the slightest chance of ever obtaining.

Political Appointments in the Civil Service.

The United States authorities are awakening to the necessity of putting a stop to the mischievous system of making wholesale political appointments in the Civil Service.

Mr. Casey, M.P.

There are some men now in Parliament who are exhibiting a desire to place the interest of the country before the interest of party, and one of those men is Mr. Casey, M.P. for West Elgin.

Treating.

It is a mistake to suppose that it is "drinking" that does the harm. Drinking proper has little or nothing to do with it. To be sure a man must drink before he can get drunk, but no man will drink in order to get drunk, if he is let alone.

Immigration.

It appears that 29,807 immigrants came into Canada during 1878. This is 2,725 more than came during 1877. Of these 29,807 there were 17,940 who settled in the Province of Ontario, not including some children brought out by Miss Rye, Miss McPherson, and others.

Protection vs. Free Trade in England.

Protectionist theories advance a pace in England. The reasonings of Cobden, Peel, Gladstone and Bright, are again being seriously assailed, and the policy of Protection seriously discussed.

The Dominion Rifle Association.

His Excellency the Governor-General made a happy hit yesterday when he told to the members of the Dominion Rifle Association that "the secret of successful team shooting is that those members who take part in such contests should have plenty of opportunity of shooting together before they come to the post."

The Dromios.

The Kingston News and the Ottawa Herald are hunting together on the Irish question. The News puts the Herald and the Herald puts the News. They are Dromios just now. On the Irish question, no one can tell which is which.

"Professors."

This is an age of "Professors." That title is the stock in trade of ever Jack-a-napes who is out at elbow, and whose wits are set agoing trying to prove the geometrical problem that two straight lines can meet.

Temperance.

Montreal is doing nothing in the cause of Temperance. Its coffee shop is, if not a failure, of little use; cabmen have no "shelters," and they must make to the grog shop; bars are not only secluded from the public view, but they are made into "restaurants," and the occasional itinerant temperance lecturer who comes to win the people to the ways of righteousness do all sorts of wicked things when their backs are turned upon the people.

Eggs and Egg Culture.

The United States does an enormous business in egg culture. It is computed that in that branch of industry alone the United States turns over \$150,000,000 per annum. In a single year New York receives 530,000 barrels of eggs valued at \$9,000,000.

The Hon. Mr. Aiken.

The Hon. Mr. Aiken (the representative of the Methodists in the Cabinet) has given notice of an amendment to the Penitentiary Act. He is anxious that the Inspector of Penitentiaries should be relieved from the financial entanglements of Penitentiaries, and that a Dominion Accountant should be appointed, whose business would be to inspect the books of the various Penitentiaries.

Pleuro-Pneumonia.

Some veterinary surgeons contend that cattle suffering from pleuro-pneumonia are good for human food, and one gentleman in this city offers to prove this, if his eating a steak of the diseased meat will be accepted as proof, by a sensitive public.

How they Punished Adulteration in the Middle Ages.

We lately called attention to the adulteration of articles of food in Canada, and we wondered why, it was, that after all the people who were discovered with adulterated articles of food for sale, not one person was punished during the year just expired.

Archbishop Purcell.

The financial embarrassment of Archbishop Purcell is calculated to do harm with unthinking people. Men who have lost their money by the Archbishop's failure may be disposed to rush into extremes, and to question the religious teachings of the venerable prelate.

Sam might get married, and told his wife that she might retain all the change which he had dropped on the floor out of his pockets.

The First Stage of the Passion.

A Lenten Sermon Preached in St. Peter's, Rome, by Rev. Father Ventura.

At the close of the Last Supper, when Divine Wisdom, Infinite Goodness, and Love, by the ineffable institution of the Eucharist, came to fix His dwelling in the midst of us at the very time when mankind had conspired to banish Him forever, the Evangelists relate that the Lord, accompanied by His Disciples, recited a canticle before leaving the Cenacle.

Altogether, these prayers and these psalms, sung by the Apostles in the company of Jesus Christ, "et hymno dicto," after having assisted at the first Mass celebrated in the Cenacle and after having received the Eucharistic Communion, correspond most perfectly.

The recitation of the hymn is followed by the departure of our Lord and His Apostles from Jerusalem. What object had the Evangelists in view in particularly noting the latter circumstance, which, historically speaking, might be called idle or superfluous; as the speaking of it, it might be understood that in order to reach the Mount of Olives, which was outside Jerusalem, one should necessarily leave the city?

Jesus Christ leaving Jerusalem with His Apostles at this juncture is Jesus Christ repudiating, rejecting the world and announcing to us that we belong to Him, to His society, to His family, to His true Church according to its spirit; it is not sufficient to hear it; to profess its teachings, to receive occasionally its Sacraments, to join in its praises and prayers, but we must also leave the world, if not personally, at least mentally; we must renounce its corruption, its usages, its vanities, those worldly ties which are in such opposition to the Gospel; but if we live according to the spirit of the world, which Jesus Christ has formally renounced and excluded from His prayer of goodness and love, we shall also be condemned and cursed, because of the world; we shall perish with the world.

The Evangelists remark that in leaving Jerusalem our Lord, Blessed, said: "This is the torrent of which David prophesied: 'The Messiah will drink of the torrent of His way,' and for that, will He gloriously elevate His Head; that is to say, the torrent of grief and ignominy of the Passion, of which the Redeemer was to drink copiously during His journey through life, and which was afterwards to be transformed for Him into a source of delight, of exaltation, and of glory. This torrent is called Cedron, a Hebrew expression, says St. Jerome, which signifies dark, obscure." Thus Jesus Christ in facing the torrent of obscurity and horror, penetrates at that very moment into a profound darkness, into a black and horrible region of sorrowful thoughts, of cruel hatred, artifices, frauds, calumnies and the hypocrisy of His enemies, to become their victim. Thus, Jesus Christ advancing into the formidable obscurity of so many torments, fatigues, revilings, insults, which, according to the prophecies, like to a rapid current of impure water, after having washed over His Most Sacred Body, was even to reach His Most Blessed Soul, to surround it, to plunge it, into an ocean of bitterness, affronts, and dolours.

Moreover, the Cedron flows at the bottom of a valley which separates Jerusalem on the eastern side from the Mount of Olives. There was in this valley a very thick wood, which, according to St. Jerome, the superstition of the degenerate Jews had consecrated to Moloch. This people had fallen into such an excess of impiety, of cruel madness, that parents, thoughtless of the vicinity of the true God, crowded to this wood, to offer to the infamous idol a holocaust of their young children, by burning them alive in its honor; and in order not to be moved or softened by the cries of these innocent victims, drums