

Obituary

MR. FORTUNAT LETOURNEAU.

On the 14th inst., at St. Eustache, Man., after a protracted illness, died Mr. Fortunat Letourneau, in his thirtieth year. While his parents were residing at St. Boniface, he spent eight years in the college, being always near, though not quite at, the head of his class. As a mere boy he was a leader among his fellows, having been prefect of the Sodality of the Holy Angels and captain of the Junior Cadets at thirteen. He graduated at eighteen in 1893 with first class honors in Philosophy. In 1896 he took his M.A. degree. Some years later he was president of the first French Normal School under the 1896 act. He was for some time school teacher at St. Eustache, but of late he was doing business as a general merchant. He represented his parish in the municipality of Assiniboia. He leaves a widow and an infant to mourn his loss.

The funeral took place on the 16th inst. at St. Eustache. Rev. Father Campeau was celebrant of the Requiem Mass, with Rev. Father Camirand as deacon and Rev. Father Perisset as subdeacon. The pallbearers were Messrs. B. Prefontaine, L. Picard, M. Loney, M. St. Germain, H. Lamontagne, J. Normandin. The music was grave and impressive. Among the large gathering in the church, representing practically the whole parish, were noticed Mr. Joseph Prefontaine, M.P.P., Mr. Joseph Bernier, classmate of the deceased, Mr. A. Benard, Mr. William Burke.

MR. E. J. O'REILLY.

On Monday, the 19th inst., occurred the death of Mr. Edward J. O'Reilly, the well-known member of the Grain Exchange in this city. He was 56 years old and a native of Wolfe Island, Ont., in which place his early days were spent. As a young man he served on the county council of Frontenac. Deciding, in the early eighties, to come west, he first of all engaged in the cattle trade, but soon drifted into the grain business. He was first connected with the James Richardson Co. of Kingston, Ont., with headquarters at Neepawa, from which place he removed to Portage la Prairie. Eight or nine years ago, the business under his successful management having so increased in volume, he took an office in the Winnipeg Grain Exchange, with which institution he has been definitely connected ever since. While serving as a member of the Grain Exchange council, he was ever the foremost for the good of the institution and the welfare of trade in general. His never failing geniality so endeared him to his business associates that it will be a long time before anyone will occupy his place in the affections of the members of the exchange.

Mr. O'Reilly's illness lasted only five or six days, during which Rev. Father McCarthy, who visited the patient frequently, administered the last rites of the Church. Complications set in and death resulted at six o'clock on Monday morning. Mr. J. O'Reilly, of Portage la Prairie, Patrick O'Reilly and Thomas O'Reilly, both of Wolfe Island, are brothers of deceased; his sisters are Mrs. Joseph Carey, Mrs. John O'Day, this city, and Mrs. John Boyle, of Ganonoque, Ont. A large number of friends throughout the country will mourn his death, deceased being very widely known throughout the province. The funeral left the family residence, 490 Smith street, Monday evening at seven o'clock, for the C.P.R. depot, whence the remains were sent east for interment at Wolfe Island, Ont. A short service was held at the house just prior to the departure of the cortege, Rev. Father Cahill, parish priest of St. Mary's, officiating. The remains were accompanied east by Mrs. O'Reilly, and her two sons and Mr. J. O'Reilly, the well-known Portage la Prairie merchant. Interment will be made at his former home on Thursday morning. Owing to the short time which elapsed between the death of Mr. O'Reilly and the departure of the train which carried the remains, the sad news was not generally known, nevertheless a large number of friends assembled at the home to pay their

final tribute of respect, and many beautiful floral remembrances were placed on the coffin, among them being wreaths from Mr. and Mrs. Charles Forester, members of the Grain Exchange, Mr. and Mrs. Stack, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Mellon, and firemen of the south fire hall, and a cross from the office staff.

The pallbearers were Messrs. A. Wickson, manager of the Merchants bank; N. Bawlf, C. Tilt, Massie, Bruce McBean, and Franklin, of the grain exchange.

R.I.P.

Clerical News.

Rev. John Beigert, S.J., arrived at St. Boniface College on Friday of last week from Galicia. As he is a native of the diocese of Przemyśl, his mother tongue is Polish. By special appointment from the General of the Society of Jesus in Rome, at the request of Archbishop Langevin, he comes to labor as a missionary among the Galicians of this country. He will await His Grace's arrival to learn his destination. Father Beigert is no stranger to America, for from 1898 to 1900 he ministered to the Poles and Germans in St. Joseph's Church, Biddle and Eleventh streets, St. Louis. He comes, however, direct from Czernowitz, in Galicia, where he has spent the last four years.

Rev. Alexander Munro, a convert, who began his classical studies when over twenty-one, in St. Boniface College, some ten years ago, and studied theology in the College of L'Assomption, Que., having been ordained there a year ago, returned here for good at the end of last week. Father Munro, whose mother, brother and sister live in this city, is a valuable acquisition to the diocese. The pluck and energy which he displayed during the ten years of his preparation for the priesthood augur well for his future usefulness.

Rev. Father Lecompte, Superior General of the Jesuits in Canada, returned east on Wednesday evening and stops over at Fort William three days. One result of his visitation here is the determination to greatly enlarge St. Boniface College next year.

His Grace the Archbishop of St. Boniface is expected home on Sunday, Oct. 2. The St. Boniface College Cadets, accompanied by a number of other Catholics, will go to meet him at the C.P.R. station and escort him to the palace.

VACATION TIME.

"O, I'm so glad that school is out," exclaimed Nellie Burke to her favorite companion, Annie Shea.

"Why, what are you going to do in vacation?" asked Annie.

"Nothing," was the reply; "nothing at all. I'm just going to take a good time."

"And won't you have any fun?" queried Annie.

"Oh, yes, plenty of it. I'm going into the country to my Aunt Kate's for two weeks; then I'm going to the seashore with Cousin Margaret for ten days; next, Jennie Casey is to visit me for a week, and, after that I may go to the World's Fair in St. Louis for a week or two, with Louise Kelly and her mother. That's as far ahead as I've planned so far. What are you going to do?"

"Well, mamma is not well, and although she was thinking of sending me to the mountains for a month, I begged her not to do it."

"Why not?"

"Instead, I'm going to a dressmaker's and take paid lessons in sewing."

"The ideal!"

"Yes, and it's my idea. Mamma is sick, and the sewing for the family is too much for her now. So I've resolved to learn how to make my own clothes and the clothes of my two little sisters. That will relieve her a great deal."

"It will be a queer vacation for you."

"Oh, I don't mind that so long as it enables me to help mamma."

Just as they had said, Nellie spent her vacation in visiting around, in going to picnics and excursions, in attending dances, and

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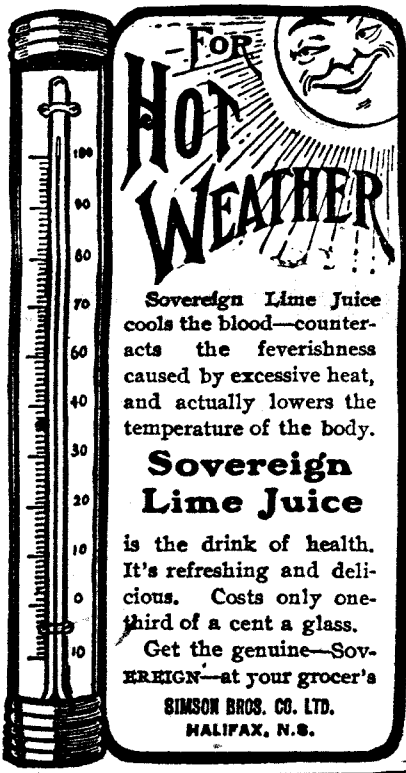
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in other forms of diversion, while Annie Shea went day after day to a dressmaking school and very soon was able to use patterns, to cut out garments, and to make plain gowns.

Nellie was in such a whirl of excitement, made so many new acquaintances, and was so often away from home, that she speedily got out of the convent academy custom of fortnightly communion. In fact, she did not go to confession once that summer, although, sad to relate, she had more to tell than if vacation had never come to take her away from the peace and regularity of school.

Annie had the pleasure of seeing her mother improve in health and of feeling an increase of affection towards her on the part of both her parents on account of her unselfish and loving desire to be of use. Besides, she had a number of days' outing, trips to the park, car rides with her sisters, and other little treats that her mother provided for her. It was, however, mostly a quiet home vacation, spent in acquiring a useful accomplishment that would be of benefit to herself all her life.

Moreover, she kept herself innocent, and was as unspotted in soul when vacation ended as when it began.

Which of these young girls do you think, in the sight of the angels, had the "better time" that summer?—The Leader (San Francisco).

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