

TWENTY-NINE YEARS AGO.

On July 27, 1876, the Most Reverend Thomas Louis Connolly, D. D., O. S. F., Archbishop of Halifax, answered the last summons. Dr. Connolly was consecrated on August 15, 1852, and presided over the Province of New Brunswick, which formed one diocese then, nearly seven years. On the death of Archbishop Walsh, he was promoted to Halifax on April 15, 1859.

"In after years the new Archbishop of Halifax won an international reputation. He possessed many of the elements of greatness. His bonhomie and sociability are historic. There was a largeness and sense of perspective about him that distinguished him from ordinary men. He might not stop to calculate ways and means, he sought results. And if he forgot at times that the best results are for the most part the sequence of careful, painstaking preparation, it was because he hated plodding. His Celtic impulsiveness sometimes won his rather the approval of his heart than the endorsement of his intellect. His European training removed him in a measure from that close sympathetic touch with the poor which characterized the saintly Bishop Dollard. The one was a missionary trained in the severe school of experience; the other a product of academic conditions, his views and opinions moulded in the Bourbonism of European monasteries. Each did his duty in his own way. Bishop Dollard's policy was, all things considered, better suited to a young and struggling diocese; Bishop Connolly's personality, learning and eloquence elevated the Diocese of St. John to a position of eminence in the ecclesiastical world. In oratorical gifts he was, it is claimed, the peer of Cardinal Wiseman, but he was not always up to his own standard. One monument of his taste and high aims in architecture remains, the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception; but it is a noteworthy fact that while he planned its proportions and laid its foundations, the greater portion of the funds for its construction had either been left for that purpose by his predecessor or were afterwards collected by his successor.—Rev. W. C. Gaynor, in "Fifty Years a Priest," a biographical sketch of the Very Reverend Monsignor Thomas Connolly, Vicar General, during fifty years of his priesthood.

ST. JOHN WEST.

Of recent local events perhaps, in a public regard, nothing has been more important than the highly successful official trial trip of the new steel ferry boat. Everything about the boat, its machinery and connections, its readiness in respect to every test made, its speed, its steadiness all combined, to cause a general surprise to those on board during the two hours' run. The occasion was utilized to make complimentary speeches addressed to naval Architect McLean and to the Messrs. Fleming in whose charge was placed the construction and equipment generally. The fact of the success of this pioneer undertaking in this line in this city is not a matter of particular wonderment to those who know of the well-earned repute of the firm of the Messrs. Fleming. The works of this firm has, since its early days, been always along the line of the best and the young men in whose management the affairs of the firm's business is held today maintain the well-known standard of merit and general excellence. Their employees are all capable men and scientific and thorough in their work and they seem to feel a pleasure in doing their best in the interests of their employers, who know how to appreciate the earnestness and fidelity of the men and who are always ready to accord them their due meed of praise. The skilled mechanic is the man of the period.

Not a little attention has been drawn of late to the Suspension bridge and its vicinity, chiefly through sensational occurrences described in the daily papers. It is a location where so easily a sensational event might become tragical. The government is not without responsibility if any loss of life should occur from this structure. Why? some one might ask. The answer is that half measures of protection are little better than none. A few years ago workmen were employed in making repairs at this bridge, tightening the guys, painting and over hauling it generally. At that time the danger that always previously had existed, viz., that a restless child could fall over through the side spaces, or a quarrelsome or dangerous adult as the case might be, was pointed out and it was then suggested that iron or wire netting be placed on the sides of the bridge, throughout its length and extending from the floor to the top of the railing on both sides. That the powers that were recognized the value and importance of the suggestion is manifested in the fact that wire netting was used. But the government through a sense of cheapness—was it economy?—only had the netting extend half way up the sides. No ser-

ious calamity has happened there yet, but that is no fault of the department in charge of this structure. Prevention is better than cure, it is said, and the public is entitled to all reasonable precautions for safety. Let therefore, the wire netting be extended to the top of the railings of this bridge, as speedily as possible.

Sometimes one sees funny things on our city streets. For instance a smiling undertaker looks funny, especially if about to attend a funeral. It looks just a wee bit inconsistent. A short time ago I saw a well preserved man, dressed in sombre attire, with beaver hat, etc., en route to take his place alongside the driver of an up-to-date hearse. He was apparently en route to either a house of mourning or a train. At all events his face wore an expression of unrestricted cheerfulness and indicated that all his surroundings were happy, so far as he was concerned, and that he was on the best of terms with the world generally. Reflecting on the unusual sight, the writer thought, why should an undertaker be expected to wear an expression of profound grief? It could not in the nature of things be genuine and there is hypocrisy enough in the world at best without the undertakers being required to contribute to the supply. With them a funeral is a matter of business. They meet all the requirements in donning sombre garb while engaged in the sad duty, and a lugubrious face worn for the occasion, should not be insisted upon. Of course a funeral in fact is not generally a subject for joviality but it is none the less a question, if the preferences of the deceased could be consulted,—whether a jolly looking undertaker would not be selected as against one who wore a visage of chronic grief. The question is nearly grave in character, and importance.

There is nothing specially original in the remark that the Board of Health is an important body. In its charge is supposed to be entrusted the responsibility of securing the health of the body public. The Board sometimes realizes this and is active in the reporting to the police tribunal persons who are said to be neglectful in respect to proper sanitation of their properties in certain directions. In the case of contagious diseases too, when the Board is advised thereof by medical men, nearly always is the dwelling where the subject of the contagious disease is found, placarded with the Board's distinctive warning. This is very prompt and very commendable, but all too frequently, it is feared the activity of the medical attendant of the infected person, and of the Board of Health's official stops right there. There is practically no isolation of the inmates of the house so placarded. Is there any regulation on this point? It would seem there should be as a measure of public protection. There is a house on the West Side bearing a diphtheria placard, but it is apparent to the passerby that the windows and doors of this house are opened wide, and on inquiry one learns that there is no restriction on the movements of those dwelling there who are not ill, and that the children of this house are out and in all the day and playing with other children of the neighborhood. No doubt the theory is right that plenty of air is beneficial, but scientists claim that it is not improbable that the air and the breeze will convey disease germs from one place to another. If this claim is not accepted why is formaldehyde used for disinfecting after the patient recovers? Where is the protection in the interim, in a case such as referred to? If the Board of Health has a regulation covering such a condition, then it is the duty of the Board's official to see that it is honored in its observance rather than in its breach.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL.

Miss Laura McManus of Memramcook is on a visit here.

Miss K. Lynch, of Fredericton, is visiting Miss Finn, Union street.

Miss Minnie McGuire, Main street, is spending her vacation in Boston.

Mr. R. A. Lawlor, K. C., of Chatham, was a visitor here this week.

Hon. H. R. Emmerson left Ottawa on Thursday for a trip over the I. C. Railway.

Mr. Wm. Farrell of Farrell Bros., Fredericton, returned home on Thursday afternoon.

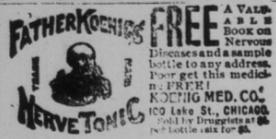
Miss Julia Wilson, of West St. John, is visiting St. Martins and Miss Belle Wilson is in Montreal.

Dr. Edward Murphy, of Roxbury, Mass., is visiting his parents on Rockland Road. He is accompanied by his wife and child.

Mrs. T. M. Gaynor has returned from Blackville, where she spent a most pleasant week with relatives.—Chatham World.

Mr. John McNeilly, the well-known plumber of Chatham, is in town this week, visiting relatives. He is accompanied by his wife and son.

Mrs. Geo. Magee, City Road, has returned after a three weeks' visit to her daughter, Mrs. Maurice Nagle, of Bos-



ton. She was accompanied by her daughter, Margaret Hanlon and Frances Magee.

Miss Bogue, of Boston, was a guest last week of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Breen, St. Stephen.

The marriage of Mr. Edward J. Fitzmaurice and Miss Winnifred Kelley of Calais is announced to take place at the church of the Immaculate Conception, Wednesday, August 2nd.

At the meeting of the School Trustees on Monday night, Miss Mary McMurray, of Chesley street, was appointed teacher in St. Peter's Hall, in place of Miss Buckley, resigned.

B. Mooney & Sons, who have the contract, have completed all the foundation work and are now at work on the main body of the Bank of New Brunswick, at Fairville, which will be of brick.

John Morrissey, M. P. P., has purchased the Stothart store property at Dalhousie for \$1,800. A furniture business will be carried on by the purchaser as a branch of his Newcastle firm.

The St. John Ice Company will soon have under construction one of the best barns in the city. Plans have been completed by F. Neil Brodie and tenders for the work will close on Saturday. The new structure is to be right alongside the big ice house on the Sandy Point road. The barn will be a two-story affair, 94-31 feet.

THE SUCCESSFUL ONES.

Among the list of those who passed the teachers examinations at Fredericton and secured first class license are: Agatha M. Gorman, St. John; Anna C. Kelly, Fredericton; Mary Shaughnessy, St. Stephen; and Josephine M. MacNeil, Chatham.

Second class—Mary Genevieve Gorman, St. John; Lilah T. McManus, Memramcook; Mary Margaret Mitchell, St. John; A. Orla Fitzpatrick, South Nelson; Eugene S. Leger, Richibucto; Margaret M. Sullivan, Kouchibouguac; Alexander C. Gorman and Margaret McGourty, St. John.

IN VACATION TIME.

"The laws of the Church permit of no relaxation in the performance of religious duties during vacation time," says the Southern Messenger. "Punctual attendance at Mass, and the regular frequentation of the Sacraments, are just as necessary in midsummer as in any other season of the year. Catholics leaving home for a vacation should bear this in mind, and arrange their plans accordingly."

THE WHOLE TROUBLE.

Mrs. Starvem—I'm surprised to hear you say you're having trouble to get your money out of Mr. Starboard. He always boasted that he paid as he went.

Mrs. Borden—Maybe he does, but I can't get him to go.—Catholic Standard and Times.



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