

tracks without an excessively steep grade could be overcome by beginning the rise on the St. Boniface side of the river and raising the roadway of the bridge to meet that rise. This is obviously the solution of the problem, and one that would present the additional advantage of elevating the bridge floor above all possible floods, an advantage that may become a necessity next year, since, with the unusually high level of all water-courses and the frequent rains this summer, another and still higher flood may occur next spring.

On Tuesday evening the Tribune clinched the argument by direct appeals to the pockets of Main street south-enders.

There is one point about the closing of Broadway East, which seems to have been entirely overlooked, but which when stated may have some effect in rousing people to action as it affects their pockets, and that seems to be the only consideration that will appeal to a large percentage of the public.

Have the owners of property on Main street, say from Portage avenue south, ever paused to consider the effect on values that will result from the closing of Broadway?

Nothing is surer in the course of events than that St. Boniface will one day be incorporated into Winnipeg. Unless it is, property on Main street will deteriorate in value, because the city cannot expand towards the East, and Main street will degenerate into the fringe, and property will go down in value. If on the other hand, what is almost inevitable happens, and St. Boniface becomes incorporated into the city, then there will be a tremendous expansion east, and Main street, instead of going down in value and becoming the eastern fringe of the city, will enormously increase in value and continue to be what it has been the chief thoroughfare of the city. But what will happen if Broadway east is closed? Main street from Portage avenue to the Assiniboine will be ruined. This is an aspect of the case that should not be overlooked. When the time comes to annex St. Boniface, the magnitude of the blunder will be realized, if Broadway is closed now. That the public do not see these things and do not protest with all their might and save the situation is past understanding. As a contemporary says, it is not that the subject has not been fully ventilated. Much has been done to arouse the people from their lethargy. A grave crime will be perpetrated against the city if the closing is consummated. It looks as if the most effective way of blocking the intended surrender would be for several thousand citizens to go down to the city hall and let the aldermen see what public feeling on the question is. Just why the aldermen should want to perpetrate the crime against posterity is one of those things that, like the ways of Providence, are "mysterious," although it should not be past finding out.

To be sure, all intelligent readers understand that this final touch about "mysterious" motives is pure rhetoric. The Tribune itself, put its accusing finger on those motives last Saturday when it said that Mr. Hugh Sutherland "had noses counted and knew that his corporation was safe."

GOLDEN JUBILEE OF EIGHT NUNS.

On Monday morning at 6 o'clock, an hour when the majority of Montreal's citizens were preparing for a day of labor, one of those impressive scenes, which are only to be witnessed in the Catholic Church, was enacted in the beautiful and historic chapel of the Congregation de Notre Dame, on St. Jean Baptiste St., says the Montreal True Witness. Eight members of the order who in the same chapel fifty years ago made their first vows and entered upon their career as followers of the saintly Mother Bourgeoys, celebrated their golden jubilee and added their names to the honor roll of jubilarians who now number forty, most

of whom are in active service, some occupying high offices in the administration that guides the destinies of the order, which has its institutions in all leading centres of Canada and the United States.

The scene in the chapel was one of rare beauty and impressiveness. Every seat was occupied by the members of the order. At the main altar the Very Rev. Dean O'Donnell celebrated the Mass of thanksgiving, while at the two side altars the Rev. Father Thibault, S.S., chaplain to the community, and the Rev. Father Bouhier, S.S., of Montreal College, also celebrated Mass. The musical portion of the service was furnished by the novices, and their prayerful and plaintive voices touched all hearts.

The venerable jubilarians were seated near the sanctuary railing. Previous to receiving Holy Communion, each in turn, supported by the Rev. Mother-General Annulet and the First Assistant Mother-General, the Rev. Sister Mary Josephine, renewed their vows pronounced half a century ago. The honor roll is as follows:

Mother St. Cecilia, provincial superior of Ontario, residence in Ottawa.

Mother St. Thomas Aquinas, of the Convent of Our Lady of the Angels, Montreal.

Mother St. Octave, of the Convent of St. Croix, Quebec.

Mother St. Martin, of the Convent of Les Cedres, P.Q.

Mother St. Athanase, directress of St. Lawrence Academy Convent, Montreal.

Mother St. Isidore, superior of the convent at Berthier, P.Q.

Mother St. Francis Borgia, directress of the Children of Mary, residence mother house, Montreal.

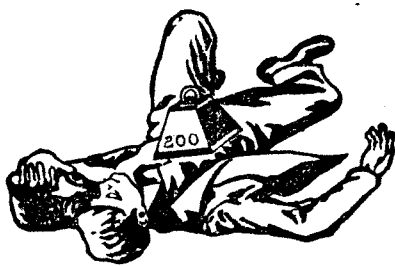
Mother St. Denis, Convent of Mount St. Mary, Montreal.

THE ITALIAN IMMIGRANT.

It is interesting to notice how appreciation of the Italian element of our population grows. It is not so long ago since the Italian immigrant was looked upon as a grave menace to our country. Even labor saw in him one of its deadliest enemies. We well remember a few years ago seeing a transparency in a Labor Day parade openly insulting Italy "as the land of artists and scabs." Recent events, (notably among the subway laborers of New York) prove that the Italians are now as strenuous union men as any. The New York Evening Post, has an article in a recent issue on the "Italian Immigrant" wherein after mentioning some objections to him, it says:—

"In spite of this there is not the slightest doubt that Italians are most valuable additions to our population. No one who has watched them work needs any testimony concerning their industry. They are almost ideal exemplars of temperance. In their own homes they like to sip the light wines of their own country; the public saloon however, has no attraction. They are peaceable too, in spite of their current impressions that they are much given to crimes of personal violence. An Italian associated with the New York Prison Association is authority for the statement that, whereas 75 per cent. of all crimes committed in the United States are unpunished, 75 per cent. of those committed by Italians result in convictions. The reason is found in the open character of the offences. A stiletto is excellent circumstantial evidence. The rapidity with which the Italian accumulates property is a great point in his favor. The savings of Italians in New York banks aggregate \$15,000,000; they hold \$20,000,000 worth of real estate in the Italian sections. In ways not always noticed they are benefitting their adopted country. They bring better manners than ours, greater thrift, a keener social sense, with a considerable adaptability to our manner of living. Already they compare favorably with any other class of immigrant, and when their colonies shall be broken up, and intermarrying becomes more frequent, they will certainly become a very valuable civilizing element in our composite social order."

The Post states that the Italian immigrant has not the passionate attachment to the Catholic Church which made the Irish immigrant of a generation ago conspicuous, but



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the Post forgets that the history
of the Italian and the Irish peoples
has been very different. There is no
reason to doubt that, with en-
larged opportunities for the
practice of their religion in this
religion in this country, the Itali-
ans will become as important an
element in the maintenance and
spread of the true faith as the
Irish have been and are.—Sacred
Heart Review.

PRESENCE OF MIND.

The man who aspires to emi-
nence among his fellows needs to
have a ready wit, not to say nerve
always with him. To illustrate.
In a certain aspiring village—no it
is not Hyattsville—it was recently
proposed to have the town council
prohibit under a heavy fine the
running at large of cows in the
streets. The entire village prompt-
ly divided into two factions over
the proposition and the feeling be-
came exceedingly bitter, the cow
owners, their relatives and friends
being naturally opposed to legisla-
tion which would materially dimi-
nish the pasturage of their charges.
A merchant of the village was run-
ning for alderman and being a politi-
cally as well as a thrifty individual,
he had kept very quiet on the sub-
ject that was agitating the public
mind until one day as he was wait-
ing on a customer a rather greasy
looking delegation filed into
the store, and stood around
with his customer, when the
spokesman addressed him.

"Jimmie, we have come in to see
how you stand on this here cow
question."

The merchant was taken aback,
especially as he had not the most
remote idea as to which side of
the question the delegation belong-
ed. But blood will tell and the
quick wit he inherits from a long
line of Irish forbears saved the
day. Coming around from behind
the counter he slapped the spokes-
man on the shoulder and turning
to the crowd with a genial smile
he remarked:

"Boys, I'm glad you called for I
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The delegation departed perfectly
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turns came in Jimmie's name led
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