

AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE.

THE ARCHBISHOP'S LETTER.

THE IMPORTANCE OF ENCOURAGING THE STUDY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE.

His Grace Monseigneur Fabre has forwarded the following letter to the different Parish Priests of his Diocese:

ARCHBISHOP'S PALACE, MONTREAL, JANUARY 21, 1896.

REV. SIR,—The Archbishop and Bishops of the Province of Quebec, in their collective mandement of the 6th January, 1894, showed the importance of the agricultural movement, and called the attention of our rural population to the necessity of bringing the soil to its first fertility, as well as to the different means that might be adopted to attain this desirable end. Amongst these means, the chief is, incontestably, the diffusion of agricultural instruction in our country; without possessing the art of good cultivation, success can never be serious or durable. In order to popularize and to propagate, without delay, this theoretical and practical science of agriculture, we have not only encouraged the clergy to use all their influence in favor of agricultural schools, but we have also founded the work of agricultural missionaries. This work has already produced very satisfactory results and is destined to do a great deal of good if it is sufficiently sustained and developed. I myself gave the example by attending, some months ago, a large meeting evoked at St. Jerome, with the object of giving a free impulse to this agricultural movement. His Honor the Lieut.-Governor of the Province of Quebec was also present at this important reunion.

I profited by the occasion to ask the heads of families to send to the agricultural schools those of their children whom they knew to be intelligent, active and having a taste for the work of the farm. I expressed, also, the desire to see each parish represented at least by one pupil.

This was the opening of a real mission, which I ardently desire to see carried out, and I again ask you, Rev. Sir, to give it your recommendation, your zeal and your devotion.

It is urgent to open to the young of our country an agricultural career, as the learned professions are encumbered. Very often we have been pained to see those who have embraced the latter, at the greatest possible sacrifice by their parents or protectors, abandon these professions, and go seek in a strange land, the pecuniary resources which they could not find at home. This is so many citizens lost to the State, and as many sons taken from our mother, the Holy Church.

This danger does not exist among the agricultural classes, for never will they be encumbered. The soil will always be fertile, and will give an honest livelihood to the educated and intelligent farmer, who knows how to vary the products of his farm according to the variations of the market.

It belongs to the clergy, whom we have seen at all epochs of our history at the head of all national movements, to favor, and even direct the development of the agricultural science, as they have favored and directed higher education in this Province, and thus to crown its mission in society. It is the best reply that we can make to our enemies, and it is one of the most glorious titles that we can have from the State, and from future generations. Be, therefore, persuaded, dear brother, that the personal sacrifice that you will make for this work, to which we attach so much importance, will be most agreeable to me. God will bless your labors and will recompense you. Assisted in your good work by your parishioners, and by the members of agricultural societies, you will powerfully contribute to the success of the movement, which is receiving the blessing of our Holy Father the Pope, and from which we expect prosperity and riches for our country districts and for our cities.

One of the Cathedral canons and two priests of the Diocese, acting in concert with the Government Agricultural Lecturer, will visit your parish. Kindly prepare for their visit, and, after their departure, complete the work yourselves in speaking to your parishioners of the utility and necessity of agriculture. The head of a family should impose upon himself the necessary expense for the agricultural instruction of the son, who is destined to inherit his property and his homestead, not less than in favor of the son who is to become a member of a learned profession.

The Government grants, it is true, fifteen prizes for each school, as a recompense to the most meritorious among the pupils, but all will commence by paying their board, which is \$7 per month. Kindly look to the choice of the pupils sent to these schools, and see that they are young men of good characters, intelligent, and probable heirs to a farm, which they will one day have to cultivate themselves. I permit, also, that the works in connection with this agricultural movement, in your parish, will commence by a blessing of the Very Holy Sacrament followed by a few words to the faithful. Let it be well understood that the agricultural lectures must never take place in the church. The names of the young men of your parish who are already pupils of one or the other of our agricultural schools might be communicated to the Rev. Canon Racicot, which will permit me to follow, with greater interest, the movement in question.

I remain, very sincerely, Rev. Sir, Yours in Our Lord.

EDOUARD CHARLES FABRE, Archbishop of Montreal

DILLON AND DAVITT.

REMARKS AND VIEWS OF THESE PROMINENT IRISHMEN.

Speaking recently at a Federation meeting in County Dublin, Mr. John Dillon, M.P., said that a time had now arrived when, now that Irish National forces were united as in the past, an almost unparalleled opportunity was offered the Irish nation to secure its rights. There were many English statesmen who were very prominent in opposing the Irish cause in past years, but who would now feel more comfortable if the Irish race all over the world were the

friends of England. Since the time of Napoleon so dangerous and evil a situation had not arisen for England as existed at the present moment. If it were proposed to drag these countries into a war with the United States on grounds that appeared to be grossly unjust the voice of the Irish National party would be heard—and it would be no bated voice—in the floor of the House of Commons before such an iniquitous war would be commenced.

Mr. Michael Davitt recently landed at Queenstown. The Commissioners of the Queenstown Municipal Board were sitting at the time, and when a boy put his head in at the door of their council chamber, and shouted that Michael was coming ashore, they at once adjourned and sallied forth to present him with an address, as though he were a royal personage. Mr. Davitt declined the address. He said he had made up his mind not to accept addresses from public bodies nor to take part in any demonstration intended to compliment him. He added that he had not yet decided whether he would accept the seat in Parliament with which the good people of Kerry were kind enough to provide him during his absence from Ireland.

IRISH BARDS.

We have been asked, time and again, for the real names of some of the writers, who used *nomina de plume*, or merely initials, in the columns of the Dublin Nation. The Irish Monthly gave some years ago a pretty complete list, and the Boston Pilot reproduced it. It is taken from papers contributed to Young Ireland entitled, "Random Notes and Gossip from the Old Nation." In Haye's Ballads of Ireland (edition of 1856) quite a number of the poems are given which bear only the initials, or *nomina de plume*, of the writers. This is the list alphabetically arranged:—

- Andragoole—Thomas Davis. Amergin—Thos. D'Arcy McGee. Antonio—Denis Florence McCarthy. A. S. M.—Alexander S. Meahan. Bellfastman, The—Francis Davis. Ben Hodder—Sir Chas. Gavan Duffy. Beta—Michael Joseph Barry. Black Northern, The—Sir Chas. Gavan Duffy. Brutus—Michael Joseph Barry. Carolan—Dr. Campion. Carolina Wilbermina Amelia—John O'Hagan. Carroll Malone—J. McBurney. Celt, The—Thomas Davis. C. G. D.—Sir Chas. Gavan Duffy. Clarence—Jas. Clarence Mangan. Clarius—Rev. C. P. Meahan. Clarius—Rev. Michael Torney. Courtney, D. F.—Denis Florence McCarthy. Curlew—James McKeown. Desmond—Denis Florence McCarthy. Donnall Na Glanna—Donny Lane. E. W.—Edward Walsh. E. M. P. D.—Ellen Downing. Englishman, An—George S. Phillips. Eizenmach—Dr. Sigerson. Eva—Mary Eva Kelly (Mrs. Kevin Izod O'Doherty). Fermoys—John Edward Pigot. Fionnula—M. E. Kelly (Mrs. K. I. O'Doherty). Gracelus—John Cornelius O'Callaghan. G. H. S.—Gerald H. Supple. H.—Hugh Harkin. Horemion—William Pembroke Mulchinock. Jerne—Dr. Madden (Author of Lives of United Irishmen). Jib—Maurice O'Connell. J.—John Frazer. J. B. (Cork)—Joseph Brennan. J. Dejean—John Frazer. J.—John O'Connell. J. C. M.—Jas. Clarence Mangan. J. F. W.—Rev. Joseph Fitzgerald. J. O.—John O'Hagan. J. K.—John Keegan. John Fanshawe Ellis—Lady Wilde. J. S. D.—Dr. J. S. Drennan. Karl—Ernest Jones (Chartist Leader). Lageniensis—Jas. Clarence Mangan. Maire—John Fisher Murray. Man in the Cloak, The—Jas. Clarence Mangan. Maria—John Frazer. Mary—Ellen Downing. M.—William Pembroke Mulchinock. M. D.—Michael Doherty. Milton Byron Scraggs—Richard Dalton Williams. M. J. B.—Michael Jos. Barry. M. J. Mc.—M. J. McCann. M. Macd.—Martin MacDermott. M. O'N.—Michael O'Neill. Monos—Jas. Clarence Mangan. Montanus—Thos. D'Arcy McGee. M. R. L.—Maurice R. Leyne. N. N.—Rev. John Kenyon. O.—J. O'Hagan. O'Donnell, The—Sir Charles Gavan Duffy. R. V. (Cork)—Ralph Varian. Shamrock—Richard Dalton Williams. Shiah Cullinan—John O'Hagan. Southern, The—Bart. Dowling. Spartacus—W. J. Linton. Speranza—Lady Wilde. Stranger, A.—Richard Oulahan. T. D.—Thomas Davis. Torquil—Gerald H. Supple. True Celt, A.—Thomas Davis. Vacuus—Jas. Clarence Mangan. Vacuus—Thomas Davis. Vig—Denis Florence McCarthy. Wilhelm—James C. Mangan. W. O'B.—Wm. Smith O'Brian. W. P. M.—Wm. P. Mulchinock. Yankee, A.—James C. Mangan. ***—Arthur G. Geoghigan (Author of the Monks of Kilerca).

Archbishop Fabre has decided to follow the rule laid down in the Diocese of Three Rivers, and hereafter the farmers will have to pay tithes upon hay in cash

at the rate of ten cents per ton, so that a farmer raising one hundred tons of hay will be required to pay \$10 towards the maintenance of the parish priest. The circular letter was read last Sunday in several of the parishes and commented upon.

THE NEW COUNCIL.

AN EXCITING ELECTION OVER.

After one of the hottest electoral contests ever held in Montreal, the new Council goes into harness. There are considerable changes to be noted, and we trust that the city will experience the benefits so long looked for. The new Council—for 1896—will be as follows:—

- Mayor—R. Wilson-Smith. East Ward—Ald. Beausoleil and Marsault. Centre Ward—Aldermen Rainville and Prevost. West Ward—Aldermen Stevenson and McBride. St. Ann's Ward—Ald. Connaughton and Kinsella. St. Antoine Ward—Ald. Costigan and Atwater. St. Lawrence Ward—Ald. Penny and Harper. St. Louis Ward—Ald. Savignac and Renault. St. James Ward—Ald. Brunet and Dupuis. St. Mary's Ward—Ald. Dupre and Charpentier. Hochelaga Ward—Ald. Prefontaine and Wilson. St. Jean Baptiste Ward—Ald. Grothe and Oumet. St. Gabriel Ward—Ald. Jacques and Turner. St. Denis Ward—Ald. Lefebvre and Prevost. The new civil legislators are Ald. Prevost, Kinsella, Atwater, Harper, Charpentier and Oumet. Their actions will be closely watched for the ensuing two years.

There were several big surprises as the result of Saturday's elections in the city: in some instances the majorities were very small, and in others they were overwhelmingly large, in St. Ann's, St. Lawrence and St. Mary's wards.

THE CATHOLIC PROTECTION AND RESCUE SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the above mentioned society was held on Tuesday evening, January 21st, at St. Ann's Presbytery, the president, Rev. Father Gault, in the chair. The financial statement, which was read, proved to be satisfactory, although the large preliminary expenses incurred for the opening and improvements of the Home are not all liquidated as yet. The management of the Home, under the control of Miss Agnes Brennan, was declared to be unexceptional.

The receipts this year were as follows:— From Liverpool, 38 boys, 36 girls; from Salford, 62 boys, 53 girls, 2 women and 2 children. Previous to 1895, 36 boys and 34 girls; returned from city, 5 boys and 14 girls—making a grand total of 208.

Of this number there remain at present in the Home only five small boys and one small girl; two of the boys will be placed in a few days.

The Society received last spring one hundred and five applications for girls, which they were unable to fill.

During 1895, sixty girls have been found homes in the city, and there are at present in Montreal ninety-one girls in good homes and doing well, who have been placed by the society; out of those as many as twenty often visit Miss Brennan at the Home on Sunday afternoons and pass a pleasant hour.

There are only thirteen of the boys in the city, the remainder having been placed in good homes in the country. All the children placed in the city are occasionally visited by the members of the society.

A detailed report of the work of the society has been sent to Ottawa by the Dominion Emigration Agent, Mr. J. Honahan, and the Hon. Minister of Agriculture has expressed his satisfaction thereat.

The society has taken two of the girls aged 16 and 17 years from the Good Shepherd and placed them in good situations, where they are doing well.

On account of insubordination one boy has been sent back to England and two to the Reformatory; the latter came out previous to the society taking charge of the work.

Up to the present time there have been between two and three thousand of these children received in Montreal and placed throughout Canada, and of this large number only two girls and two boys have found their way to the reformatories, which goes to show that they have been carefully trained in the English homes.

The parish priests in the country places cheerfully look after the children placed in their parishes, and their reports which come to the society are very encouraging; many of the girls have entered convents, and their conduct in general is very edifying; the same may be said of the boys, who are generally employed in farming and are all growing up with the promise of making good citizens in their adopted country.

His Honor Recorder de Montigny is a most sincere friend of the society, and has repeatedly expressed his satisfaction to know that there is a home where he can send strange girls seeking situations and having no friends in the city.

The Matron, Miss Agnes Brennan, will thankfully receive any contributions, either in money, clothes, groceries or the like, at the Home, No. 11 St. Thomas street, in aid of this most deserving work.

P. O'REILLY, Secretary.

THE POPE WILL REFUSE.

New York, January 29.—A cablegram from Rome to the "Herald" says:—One of the most influential members of the College of Cardinals assures me that Pope Leo will absolutely refuse to give his consent to Prince Doris's baptism in the Greek Orthodox Church.

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PROVINCE OF QUEBEC, DISTRICT OF MONTREAL, No. 775.

SUPERIOR COURT. Dame Arthemise Huot, of the City and District of Montreal, has this day instituted an action in separation as to property against her husband, Jean Baptiste Robert, of the parish of La Longue Pointe.

Montreal, 7th January, 1896. SAINT FERRE, PELLISSIER & WILSON, 27 5 Attys for Plaintiff.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC, DISTRICT OF MONTREAL, No. 823.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT. Dame Isabelle Brunet, of the City of St. Henri, in said district, wife commune en biens of Alphonse Conville, joiner, of the same place, has on this day instituted an action for separation of property against her said husband.

Montreal, 27th December, 1895. BEAUDIN, CARDINAL, LORANGER & ST. GERMAIN, 24-5 Attorneys for Plaintiff.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC, DISTRICT OF MONTREAL, SUPERIOR COURT.

Dame Adele Lepine, of the City and District of Montreal, wife commune en biens of Jean Baptiste Bureau, hotelkeeper, of the same place, duly authorized a cetera en justice, plaintiff, vs. the said J. B. Bureau, defendant.

The plaintiff has this day taken an action for separation as to property against the defendant. Montreal, 24th January, 1896. AUCE, GLOBENSKY & LAMARRE, 28 5 Attorneys for the Plaintiff.

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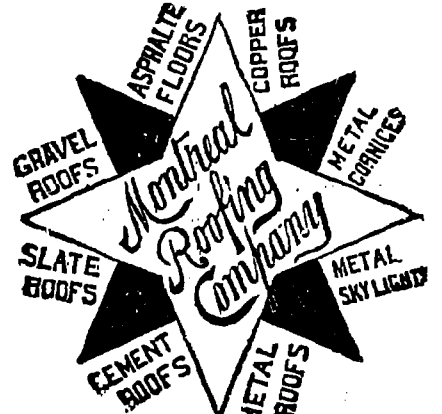
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