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MONTREAL has had a curious organisation, recently exposed as the bogus funeral society. A number of persons became members of this society by paying two dollars on condition that if they died within the year they would receive burial free of charge. It was afterwards discovered on the death of one of the members that the society had not sufficient funds. Whereupon, the head of this remarkable affair was arrested and is condemned to three months' meditation on how hard it is for an aspiring man to make a living.

It has been alleged in Victoria, B.C., that Huc To, Laim Poo, Law Wai and Chong Quong Duck were in a conspiracy to bring the last-named gentleman into the country without paying the head-tax. But what's the matter with the names?

The celebrations for the coming of age of Lord Cochrane, eldest son of Lord Dundonald, are to begin on October 25th at Abergele and will continue for about a week. Several Canadians have "not" received invitations for these imposing festivities.

There's a pleasant feeling between the magistrate in Ottawa and those who are brought before that official, judging from the reply, given by a prisoner of Gallic descent who replied to a question of His Honour: "Well, now, my dear friend, I don't think so." In Toronto, where the population is chiefly Anglo-Saxon, the answer to official queries seldom assumes such a debonaire form.

At a fire in the Amasa Wood Hospital in St. Thomas the nurses had the flames well under control before the fire brigade arrived. The Canadian woman is becoming so resourceful in any emergency that mere man may soon leave her to light the fires, as well as to extinguish them.

The people in the vicinity of the First Baptist Church, Ottawa, had an exciting time watching a steeplejack from Toronto who was engaged in repairing the church spire, and who swayed dizzily to and fro as a high gale arose. But the steeplejack came to no injury as he recognised the familiar sensations of a Toronto street car and fancied himself hanging on to the strap.

The school children of Windsor, Walkerville and Sandwich are getting school buttons and choosing colours for each school. The idea is said to have attained instant popularity and the youngsters are busy over buttons and ribbons, which will no doubt be conspicuous in many a future fray and lend "colour" to school loyalty.

The West has taken big things for its motto. One of the largest and finest church bells which Montreal has seen for many a day is at present in the London and Antwerp shed of the Canadian Pacific Steamship line. It arrived from Antwerp and is consigned to the West. The bell stands more than four feet in height and was made by the firm of Jules Robert of Geneva, Switzerland, famous as makers of bells for nearly four hundred years. Father Hepu of Edmonton will be a proud man when it is installed in the parish church and when it rings for the first time the proverbial "boom" will be once more in town.

The town of Kenora had a little mild excitement lately over seven Doukhobors who were sentenced to jail for trespass on the railway. Upon their removal in a van, the Doukhobor women forgot their principles of peace and soundly pummelled the Kenora policemen who were, for a few moments, at the mercy of their fair (!) assailants.

The Dominion Government will "install" fog horns on Welcome Island and Point

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