

WEDDING BELLS.

A very pleasing function took place at St. Ann's Young Men's Hall on Monday evening, when Mr. John Mahoney, a charter member of the Society, was presented with a well-filled purse of gold, accompanied by a beautifully illuminated address, on the occasion of his approaching marriage.

Mr. Mahoney was married to Miss Margaret Cummings, one of the best known young women in St. Anthony's Parish, on Tuesday morning.

On Wednesday morning at St. Patrick's Church, Miss Kate Kavanagh was married to Mr. George W. Singleton, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Father Martin Callaghan.

The happy young couple were the recipients of numerous and pretty presents from their many friends and they departed for their future home with hearty congratulations from all.

A very pretty wedding ceremony took place at St. Patrick's Church on Tuesday morning, 11th instant, when Rev. J. J. Quinlivan, P.P., united in the holy bonds of matrimony, with all the beautiful and impressive ceremonial of the Church.

A large number of friends assisted at the nuptial Mass. Among the many beautiful and substantial tokens of esteem received may be mentioned a pair of valuable steel engravings from the Car Accountant's Department.

After the wedding breakfast, which was given at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Altimas left by the 9 a.m. train, from the C. P.R. Windsor Depot, for Boston and New York.

It is announced on what seems to be good authority that the famous American Catholic novelist, F. Marion Crawford, is at present engaged upon an authorized biography of his Holiness. This is likely true; for there is no other English-speaking Catholic

layman better qualified for the great task than he. His recent scholarly monograph on the Eternal City, "Ave Roma Immortalis," was received with great favor in Vatican circles.

St. Patrick's Court, No. 95, C.O.F.

At a regular meeting of St. Patrick's Court, No. 95, Catholic Order of Foresters, Montreal, held April 3, 1899, the following resolutions were adopted:—

Whereas, it has pleased the omnipotent Judge of all things to remove from our midst our worthy and esteemed brother Patrick Carroll; and Whereas, in the death of brother Carroll, St. Patrick's Court, No. 95, C. O. F., Montreal, has lost a valuable and energetic member, his wife a devoted husband, his children a kind and loving father, and the community an upright and exemplary citizen; be it, therefore

Resolved:—while bowing in humble submission to His Divine will, we desire to extend our heartfelt sympathy and condolence to our deceased brother's wife and family, and pray that God in His Infinite mercy may console and grant them strength to bear their great loss.

Resolved:—That as a tribute of respect to the memory of brother Carroll, our charter be draped in mourning for thirty days; that these resolutions be spread upon the records of our Court; that a copy be sent to the family of our deceased brother and a copy be sent to the "Catholic Forester" and "True Witness" for publication.

IN MEMORIAM.

To the memory of John Dooley, a former class-mate of Mount St. Louis College, who died March 31st, 1899.

Our hearts overflow with sorrow and the silent tear-drops fall. As we mourn a friend and class-mate who endeared himself to all. Well may his loving parents grieve, an only child has died; The stay of their declining years, their future hope and pride.

In youth's full bloom he's called away to his eternal rest; We'd rather he'd been spared to us, but God knows what is best. But still we cannot check our tears, our grief, our woe and pain; Altho' we know our heartfelt loss is his eternal gain.

And oh, how grateful we should feel, he died so happily, Amidst the ones he held so dear when called by Death's decree. We then should bow to Heaven's will, in prayer seek relief; For methinks 'twould pain him now to know our misery and grief.

And tho' his youthful face is hid beneath the graveyard sod, His soul is now residing in the mansion of his God; Where from his seat in glory he will guide our weary way, And prepare a place when we are called to share his endless day. Mount St. Louis Lit. Society, April 11th, '99.

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BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR THE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL.

An important meeting of the incorporators of the Catholic High School was held on Wednesday evening, at St. Patrick's Hall, for the purpose of electing a Board of Governors for the institution.

In accordance with the terms of the charter recently granted by the Quebec Legislature the Board is to consist of nine members; the pastor of St. Patrick's Church to be chairman "ex-officio"; of two other members of the clergy, to be named by His Grace the Archbishop of the diocese of Montreal, from among the clergy of the English-speaking parishes; and six members to be nominated by the life governors.

His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi, shortly after the charter had been granted at Quebec, named Rev. E. Strubbe, C.S.S.R., pastor of St. Ann's Parish, and Rev. P. F. O'Donnell, pastor of St. Mary's to represent the clergy; and at the meeting on Wednesday evening the Incorporators elected the six others. They are Hon. Mr. Justice Curran, Hon. Dr. Guerin, M. L.A., Mr. C. F. Smith, Mr. Frank J. Hart, Mr. William McNally and Mr. Martin Eagan.

The new Board held a meeting immediately after the general meeting and decided to proceed without delay with the interior work of the building in order to be ready for pupils at the beginning of the next school year. A sub-committee consisting of Rev. Father Quinlivan, Rev. Father Strubbe, Mr. William McNally and Mr. Martin Eagan, together with Messrs. W. E. Doran, architect, and Felix Casey, as a consulting committee, were appointed to take steps to carry out the decision of the governors in regard to the completion of the building. Other committees were also named, so that the arrangements for the administration of the school are now complete.

HIGH SCHOOL BAZAAR, TO BE HELD IN JUNE.

The ladies have decided to hold a grand bazaar during the month of June, in aid of the Catholic High School. This decision was reached at a large and enthusiastic meeting held at St. Patrick's Hall a few days ago.

Rev. Father Quinlivan, who presided, explained that the idea of holding the bazaar had been under consideration for nearly a year, but for various reasons the undertaking had been deferred from time to time during

that period. The bazaar, he said, had been sanctioned by his Grace Archbishop Bruchesi, last summer; and the pressing demands for money in connection with the work of the building made it necessary to make an appeal to the ladies.

All present expressed their approval of the idea and the time as stated above was named. Mr. James McShane was elected president.

Spring

Season of youth and verdant blossoming! Herald of summer's bright roseate hours! Thy coming is dear, for thy hastening brings with it blessings reviving earth's powers, The blades and the flow'rs in the ground soon are borne, And leaves on trees are floating to the breeze; Diffusing round on mountain, hill and dale, All thy sweet and tender, infant blooming please.

Nor dost forget the farmer's small bourse, But him reward'st by sproutings of grain and corn; Thy charms are bounteous, we thy advent all hail!

Thy songs are varied, melodiously they ring, And lend the heavens a voice of praise, As when the birth of day a blush doth bring To the clouds and earth smiles beneath her tear's haze, Then from some tree top the lark springs and chants His morning psalm, whose echoes grow faint as he soars, And from some near-by thicket the trills of canary proceed, Elating in ecstacy its heart it pours, While whippoorwill's rise where the torrent pants And voices their sad troubles; doves soft coo in the haunts, And noisy sparrows on branches chirp o'er their feed.

N.B.—The metre is the same as Keat's Autumn with slight variation. R. A.

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MARKET REPORT.

Specially Prepared for the "True Witness."

The week has not presented many notable features in the markets here that are of interest to the farming community. Last week the latter were advised not to bank too much on the possibility of an abnormally short yield of maple sugar and syrup and consequent high prices, but to accept fair offers for their stock, and events since then have proved the force of these remarks. Producers of maple sugar and syrup could not wish for better weather than they have had lately. But from the present outlook all the receipts of the near future will be wanted. One country dealer in the Eastern Townships in response to enquiry refused the orders because buyers in Ontario had anticipated those in Montreal. Orders from the Pacific Coast for maple product have also been a feature lately, one commission house here having an order in hand for 3,000 gallons in tins for a British Columbia firm. Quotations this week on new syrup have ranged from 60c to 65c per small tin in case lots as to quality. New sugar has sold at 7 to 7½c, and receipts both of syrup and sugar have shown a tendency to increase lately.

Toward the close of last week there was a regular boom in the egg market, and prices advanced as high as 26c per dozen for fresh eggs. This was the top price however, and the high figures led to increased shipments to this city, with a consequent tumble in prices, for not only have the domestic Canadian eggs been coming in more freely, but several hundred cases of United States eggs were brought here. At this writing prices are easier, and with larger offerings from points in Ontario for future delivery, a still lower range is expected. Good fresh eggs at present may be quoted at 18c to 20c, which is a decline of 6 to 8c from the high figure.

The expectation is for a strong opening to the cheese market for new make, as 11c and better has been realized here lately for round lots of cheese for export. Reports from producing sections in Ontario state that factories that had intended to make butter until well on into the spring will start this week on cheese, and quite a number of farmers it is said are going to fatten their milkers be-

lieving there is money in it now that the price of meat has advanced. A shipper who has just returned from England, states that when he left London, the impression among cheese importers there was that cheese would sell as high as 60s. This is equivalent to a price of 12c and over on the Montreal market, and possibly is a rather sanguine view of the situation.

The butter market lately has been a declining one and prices this week are from 1c to 1½c below where they were last week. At present choice creamery either in tubs or square boxes sells very slowly at 18c to 18½c per pound, in jobbing lots of 30 to 50 packages. Dairy butter is not wanted just now at any price, and no quotations on it are obtainable.

Dressed poultry are quiet owing to a somewhat slack demand. Still prices have held comparatively steady for fresh killed turkeys at 10c to 11c, fresh killed chickens 7c to 8c, fresh geese, 5c to 6c, and fresh killed ducks, 3 to 3c per pound. Old stock only brings 1c to 2c less than the above figures.

Honey is very dull at present as maple syrup is diverting the demand from this article. White clover in comb at 8c to 9c in round lots, smaller lots, 9½c to 10c. White extracted honey brings 7c to 7½c in large tins, and 8c in small tins. Buckwheat honey in the comb realizes 5½ to 7c, and extracted 4c to 5c as to quality.

The advancing tendency of potatoes last reported has become more pronounced, owing to country purchases for American and Upper Canadian account, and sales have been made in car lots at 72c to 75c per bag of 90 lbs., showing a further rise of 4 to 5c per bag.

Hops rule very quiet, the only sale that was noted in this market during the week being a lot of Ontario hops at 19c, and we quote a range of 18c to 20c as to quality.

Baled hay is quiet but steady. Reports received here from country points state that sales have been made at \$4 to \$4.50 for clover and

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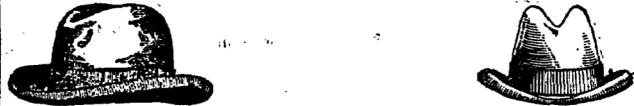
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mixture as to quality. Baled straw is quiet at \$3.50 on track for choice, and \$2.50 for ordinary.

There has been very little doing in grain lately here. Wheat prices are unsettled, but it may be interesting to farmers, to know that millers are the principal buyers of red winter wheat in Ontario, and are paying 69c to 70c for it. Peas are very quiet here, prices ranging from 72c to 73c.

Oats are reported to be quite active in Ontario, 30c to 30½c being realized for them delivered on the cars. Here sales of car load lots have been made at 34½c in store. Barley rules quiet, malting goods being quoted at 52c to 54c. There has been nothing doing in buckwheat or rye and prices are not quotable in the absence of business.

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