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In the Days of The Canada Company.

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that would better suit the columns of
the conventional "society" newspaper,
and there are allusions to people of the
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who are of course quite foreign to sociat
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The great bulk of the pages of this volume are taken up with the history of the carliest Goderich families. The central figures are those of Captain the carliest Goderich families. The central figures are those of Captain Robert G. Dunlop, who was afterwards elected to the Provincial Parliament; and his brother D.c. to William Dunlop a man of considerable literary attainments Both were close friends of John Galt who was far and away the most interesting actor to appear upon the boards of the Canada Company. Galt was a great man, a novelust and a poet. But above all a noble character. Doctor Dunlop we first meet as surgeon in the 89th at Fort Eric displaying high courage and humanity that suit him well. He had the name of a wag and a good fellow. Major Strickland, a settler near Peterburo entered the service of the company in 1828 at Galt's suggestion. Dunlop and Strickland were the makers of the Hurou road. Their doings in the wilderness, which does not appear to have contained anything wilder than Dunlop himself, is related the makers of the Hurou road. Their doings in the wilderness, which does not appear to have contained anything wilder than Dunlop himself, is related very brightly. When they had advanced near the St. Clair they met Bishop McDunnell of Kingston, then ruler of a vast diocese, who though acquainted work upon reaching laked the recognise a verifable: wild man of the woods. When the Bishop's companions heard him speak they forgot his appearance in listening to his couvrastion. The appointed work upon reaching laked through the service of the drinking was to clear and lay out the new town plot of Goderich, Guelph having already been carved out of the forcet by Galt. They consumed entermous quantities of their drinking was transplanted Soctish fashiou. We are to judge by the frequent mention made of their drinking was transplanted Soctish fashiou. We are to judge by the frequent mention made of their drinking was transplanted Soctish fashiou. We are to judge by the frequent mention made of their

dant manufacture and consumption of whiskey, in war they suffered inde-scribable misery. After Leard had driven Mackenzle from Navy Island Sir Francis Bond Head described the place thms.

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Seven Nuns Perish in Roberval Convent Fire.

ROBENTAL. Lake St. John, Que. Jauuary 6.—The lives of seven Ursuline Sisters were lost to day in a fire that destroyed the Convent of Our Lady of Lake St. John at this place. The convent was in charge of Reverend Mother Eliza Gesselin de St. Francois de Paule, with the Rev. Mother Fridoline Letourmeau de Marie de la Nativite, as assistant. The seven nuns who lost their lives were engaged in rescue The names of the dead and their religious title, respectively, are:

Mother St. Francois de Paule, nee Eliza, Gosselin, of St. Jeau Chrysostome. Sister Providence, nee En ma Letourneau, of Quebec.
Sister St. Visule, nee Corinthe Garacau, of St. Foye.
Sister St. Anne, nee Laure Hudon, of Hobertville.
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Sister St. Louise, nee Rose Gosselin, of St. Jeau Chrysostome.
Silla another nun was badly burned in trying to extinguish the fire. The convent and the school are nothing but a mass of ruins.

The buildings on the Experimental Farm were saved.
The loss is estimated at \$75,000, with only about \$12,000 of insurance.

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Roberval is 191 miles north of Quebec city and situated on the east side of Lake St. John. The place bears a name famous in Canadiau listory, being that of a French governor sent out to Now France more than three and a helf centuries ago, whose mission, however, ended in disaster, while hisself is srid by some authorities to have been finally massacred in Paris, while others assert that he never returned from his last voyage real, he Segients, village of the state of the lake where the convent is situated, about a mile cast. None people at first thought it was the course, to there dealed the state of the case. The church and outper the state of the st

ROWENTA, Q., Jan. 7.—The remains of three of the unus burned to death yesterday were found last ovening in one of the towers of the convent.

Search is still being kept up. Six of the nuss who perished were seen outside of the couvent when the fire broke out. They lost their lives in trying to save the valuables and archives. The funeral of the three sisters recovered will take place to-morrow morning.

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The nuns will re open their classes in a few days in Hotel Dutremblay, which has been management

Convent, and the death of seven needs to the gave notice of a motion that would propose that a bill be pass \$F\$ that the dormitories of all such the subject of the case of fire could people in the case of fire could people in the case of fire could people in the subject. When Hend Peomeor Mr. Flynn crose, and said that as soon as the flowerment would learn all details of the accident, the question would be regularly put before the House; and that, then, the flowerment would learn all details of the accident, the question would be regularly put before the House; and that, then, the flowerment would learn and poverty, and the melanch by feelings was ableded by the knowledge that one of its immates—an aged man—had by harmen Markon's Table The Stores.

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THE FIRE THE STORY BY THE FIRE THE STORY BY COL. Jan. 9—The Roy. Father Marcoux. chaplain of the Ursuluue convent of Roberval, related the story of the fire to a correspondont. At a quarter to 6 o'clock in the morning Shiere St. Reni, whose name was Milo. Hermina Hudon, of Hebertville, was lighting some caudies at the crib which is in Catholic chapels at this cases of the year when the draperies caught fire. Another sister, who was in the chapel at the time, hastened to get some water, ard whoe she returned the whole chapel was in flames. Meanwhile Sister St. Reni had been endeavoring to smodher the blaze, but had only succeeded in getting herself horribly was the single season of the convent had only succeeded.

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At this point the convent bell was sounded and this awoke Father Marcoux, whose apartments were situated immediately over the chapel. The bell only awoke him in time to make his escape is his night gown, carrying his soutane over his arm. The flances burst up through the flooring of his rooms, which were speedily destroyed with their valuable contents, comprising the personal effects of the reverend gentieman.

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Had he got the slarm half a minute later he believed that he would never have got out alive, as the smoke was so thick that as it was he was nearly suffocated. He found the nuns outside and is positive that four at least out of the seven who perished had got safely out, but had goue back again, some to try to recue some of the records of the community and others to see what had happened to those who had gone in, but who did not return. One of the nuns was ill in bed and perished in the flaines.

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The Jour children, Lity and Aunie Councily and Alphoname Gosselin, niece of one and sister of another of the victims and Therese Langlois, daughter of Charles Langlois, of Mounteal, were heroically rescued by sister Marie de la Providence nee Emma Letouriau, who lost her own ille atterwards for having gone to the dorntery on the top story. She roused the little ones from the beda and hurried them out all bare-footed from the convent and again returned inside and was not again seen alive. The charred and horriby mutilated corpses of the seven sisters have been at last all recovered, but of course in such a coudition as to be impossible of identification.

Straford's Catholic Mayor.

Mr. John O'D moghue won a signal victory in Stratford on Monday, says The Mitchel Advocate. He was elected Mayor by a majority of 108 over Mr. E. T. Dultue, one of the most respected men in the city. The fight was a political one from start to finish, and resulted in a triumph for the Conservatives. In Mr. O'Donoghue is worked all the majorities given Mr. Dufton. This is a certificate that any man might feel proud of. Junn has The Advocate's heartiest congratulations. The Her.Id, speaking of one particular feature of the contest, says: "Mr. O'Donoghue is the first Roman Catholic Mayor of the city of Stratford, though not the first Roman Catholic that has sought election. The Roman Catholic people of this city are simust solidly blueral, and on two coossions ex-Aid. Goodwin, a Roman Catholic Liberal, aspired to be Mayor, on the last occasion two years ago with the special approvat of the Liberal caucus. But the Liberals abandoned him right and lett and he was defeated by hundreds. In due time Mr. O'Donoghue appeared as a candidate, but his religion proved no Moman Catholic Liberal, aspired to be Mayor, on the last occasion two years ago with the special approval of the Liberal caucus. But the Liberal was defeated by hundreds. In due time Mr. O'Donoghue appeared as a candidate, but his religion proved no barrier in the eyes of the Conservatives who constituted the bulk of his supporter, and he was elected by a handsome majority over so strong an opponent as Mr. Dufon. Among Mr. O'Donoghue's staunchest supporters were many Orangehine and extreme Protestants, who thus attested that no difference existed between the action of the contract of

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