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THE NEW REGIME IN POLICE CIRCLES-THE

APPOINTMENT OF W. O. FARMER TO THE

COURT HOUSE - ELECTION PROTESIS -SPORTING EVENTS AND OTHER IMPOR-

TANT LOCAL QUESTIONS.

(Written for the TRUE WITNESS.)

The Road Committee in meeting assembled have decided that the charges of boodling made in connection with the appointment of a secretary to that department are unfounded. In the meantime the appointment will not be made before March. The mills of the gods grind slowly.

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The Shamrock hockey team have played their first championship match and lost it. The forward line of the S.A.A.A. men is their weak point. There is lots of room for improvement on Nick Wall a. a scientific hockeyist, and Bob Wall would prove more effective on the defence.

The Shamrocks, both in hockey and lacrosse, have a surplus of players capable of ably defending the fort, and a scarcity of men who know how to best carry the war into the enemy's quarters. Their power of resistance is great, but their attacks are weak and generally futile. * * *

Chief Detective Carpenter meditates sweeping changes in his department. It is the proverbial story of a new broom. There is, no doubt, room for radical improvement in the detective branch of the police service, and Chief Carpenter, with his unquestionable sagacity and experience, should be as capable a man as any available to put the desired inno-vations into force if—he is let do it.

* * * Our municipal institutions are run by politicians for political purposes, and the detective department is no exception. In his campaign of progress, in the in-troduction of up-to-date ideas, Mr. Carpenter will have a hard road to hoe. and will inevitably encounter large and stubborn aldermanic boulders. If ex Chief Cullen had not been tied

down by the Police Committee, what might he not have done?

It is a favorite amusement of municipal bodies to bind the hands of an old head of a department and render him powerless to put into execution the acts which his intimate knowledge of affairs shows him to be essential to a good service; and then, when things have become effete through the forced inactivity of the head, to dispense with his services, introduce a new man, and give the new comer tull swing—all the un trammelled liberty which was denied to his predecessor!

And the story generally repeats itself.

* * * If everybody got what everybody wants there would be more bridges between Montreal and the south shore than anybody wants.

parties in England and Canuda, and the the Senator for the Lone Star State to Gazette need not be afraid of being ac-oused of faithlessness or treachery to have to hire an organ grinder to comparty if it endorses principles of liberty plete the picture. which are dear to the heart of every true

Cınadian The virtue of Home Rule and British connection w. s never more happily illus-trated than in Canada. What sayeth the Gazette?

The young lady som, ambulist of Denver Colorado, who has been rescued upwards, of 150 times from serious injury or death while walking in her aleep, must b getting used to the experiment. In one of her latest wanderings she climbed a telegraph pole and had to be noiselessly rescued by means of a fire-ladder.

There are other accomplishments preferable in a young lady.

A number of deluded Canadians who sailed from Montreal last summer for Brazil are on their way back via Liverpool, England. They took advantage of a free trip south and were compelled to ask assistance to return. I was at the wharf when the Moravia sailed, and, from what I could judge, Canada could well spare the majority of those who were on board of the vessel.

I see by the papers that Mr. W. O. Farmer has been re appointed to h sold position in the Court House.

Mr. Farmer is an able and true-hearted Irishman, who under all circumstances has been fearless and eloquent in the defense of the principles which are dearest to our people. I congratulate bim on his long delayed vindication.

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Col. Kitson has found it necessary to abolish alcholic liquors for the mess of the Royal MilitaryCollege at Kingston. While the use of intoxicants is never to be commended, the circumstances of their abolition at Kingston are hardly complimentary to the soldiery of the Limestone City.

The protest against Mr. M. J. F. Quinn, Q.C., M.P., will be anxiously watched by his constituents of St. Ann's division.

The outcome of election protests are generally problematic, but I sincerely hope that Mr. Quinn, who so creditably represented our people during the last session of Parliament, will not be disturbed in his seat.

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The Arbitration Treaty between Great Britain and the United States has been signed, and now requires but the consent of the U.S. Senate to put it into force. This treaty must certainly be considered as the greatest stride towards true civilization taken during a century of wonderful progress.

Arrangements are being made by the Irish Political Prisoners' Fund Association for a large amnesty meeting at Grand Central Palace, on February 2, at which the speakers will be John E. Redmond, M.P., and Hon. W. Bourke Cockran.

The Star must be given credit for its enterprise in daily turning out a twelve nowever, the publishers of the Star in their colossal efforts at years later the price was successfully crushing an opponent, should remember that, as a visitor to the family In the last hockey match between the hearth, eight pages of good news are M.A.A. and the champion Victorias, preferable to a paper inflated with news on the American plan.

"General" Coxey, of Commonweal Army fame, is again on deck. He has severed his connection with the l'exple's

Party and decided to form a "grand reform party" of his own. The General is evidently one of these people who believe that the country owes them a living, and he is going to get his somehow or another.

The plea for a cessation of agitation, which is generally made at the present juncture by the opponents of separate schools in Manitoba, reminds us forcibly of the boy, who, having cowardly beaten of the boy, who, having cowardly beaten a smaller ad, turned his eyes skywards upon the approach of the lad's bigger brother, and solemnly asserted that he did not want to fight, that he never wanted to fight, in fact, that the very suggestion of fight was repugnant to his

nature! The enemies of Catholicity have trodden upon a powerless minority in the Prairie Province, and when the Catholics of the country would come to the rescue of their bruised and beaten brethern, when the majority of the Province of Quebec show an inclination to rush to the assistance of the suffering minority of Manit by, the guilty assailants throw up their hands in deprecation and, with ypocritical rant, cry for peace and

plead for harmony. If we remember the story rightly, the bigger brother thrashed the fellow on principle, and there was peace and harmony in that locality ever afterwards.

* * * THE TRUE WITNESS should be in every Catholic household. Wake your friends up, readers.

WALTER R.

Note and Comment.

The course of true love never did run smooth, but it is an exceptional case where difficulties are not at last smoothed over. From Burlington, Ia., comes the information that two parties who had been engaged to be married forty years ago, and had been parted by some slight quarrel and separated, had again met, forgave each other and were married. The bride was 58 and the groom 60.

St. Peter Claver, the Spanish Jesuit missionary who died in 1854, has been declared by Pope Leo XII1. to be the special patron of all missions to the negrocs in both hemispheres.

The Boston Journal calls Justin Mc-Carthy the "brilliant English Novelist " If a man born in Cork is an Englishman Isuppose a man born in New York is a Dutchman.

There are some things that our Mont-real Council might with credit copy. Wheeling, W. Va., is a small city which claims to have solved the cheaper-gas problem through municipal ownership. It is a city of 45,000 inhabitants, not large enough, it may be said, to have invited corruption in the conduct of its page paper. It is just possible that the public business. Up to 1871 the people well; if impure, disease will very soon idea in view is to crowd out its new of Wheeling paid a private concern \$350 overtake you. Hood's Sarsapurilla has Montreal has had several big fires rival in the field of atternoon journal within a recent period. This seems to be ism, to smother the Evening Herald in city 'bought the gas plant for \$70,000, your blood rich and pure. and reduced the price to \$3. A few lowered to \$2 and to \$1 50 and in 1888 it was made \$1, with 25 per cent. discount for prompt payment, practically 75 cts There is hope of even a further reduction. The gas is reported to be of the best quality, and the plant has been rebuilt and modernized with the profite. In addition, \$40,000 has been paid out of the surplus on an expenditure of \$120,000 for an electric light plant for street illumination, and this plant is being run on the profits of municipal gas. There are said to be no restrictions to prevent private gas or electric companies from entering the field, but of course none has attempted to compete with the municipality.

alists. Jackson, Pelk and Buchanan were Presbyterians. Martin Van Buren was a member of the Reformed Datch Church. There has never been, so far as I know, a Baptist President of the United States, though the Baptists of this country are a numerons and public-spirited body of citizens. There has never been a Lutheran Presider t, and there never has been and probably will never be, a Cathonic or Jewish President. Why is it that, in the 'lund of the free," there tever bas and 'probably never will be a Catholic " fr eident? Surely there are no more loyal criizens than the Catholics, and is a rule they sie far better educated than men of other religions, and yet one has never been a president, and the fact that a candidate was friendly to his fellow citizens of the Catholic religion has killed more than one a-piring president's hopes, and yet the constitution of the United States says "all men are free and equal." It would appear that the citiz as of the neighboring Republic forget what they owe to Catholicity.

A Catholic discovered America. The Catholics first Christianized and civilized the savage citizens of this hemisphere. the pioneers of the new world were Catholics. In the declaration of inhimself so that he might be known even in case of failure. Verily this is an ungrateful age.

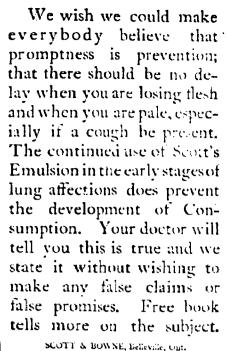
A Michigan man has invented a new trade out of which he is said to be making a comfortable living, with very little exertion. His scheme is based on the system by which the r diroads of that State try to prevent the transfer of mileage tickets from the purchaser of one of them to occasional travelers. This sys tem consists in making the bayer sign his name inside the cover of his mileage book, and then, in the presence of the conductor, sign each ticket that is coilected, the theory being that if the sinatures are alike the book is in the proper hands. The man in question ouys his book and signs it in the regular way. Then, when the conductor comes around he signs a ticket in chirography altogether different. A squabble follows, which ends in the confiscation of the mileage book and the ejection of the traveler from the train. Therepon a suit for damages is brought, and naturally the man has so clear a case that the company's lawyer settles without bringing the matter into court. The game has been worked successfully by this ingenious person half a doz+n times, and in one instance he managed to get himself wronged to the extent of \$750.

On to Westminster, cry the Irishmen of all creeds and politics. The exceesive and unjust taxation has at last aroused the men of the Emerald Isle and for the time being squabbles are ceased. and all are united for the country's good and the whole united party is llying around Hon. Edward Blake, the Irish-Canadian who will lead the reorganized Irish party. From the bottom of our hearts we wish success to Mr. Blake's efforts.

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the former should have won, but did not. Luck was with the Vics, who came out ahead with a score of five games to four.

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The Daily Witness states the probability of a bill being introduced at the next session of the Dominion Parliament next session of the Dominion Parliament to "nullify the effects of ecclesiastical We are not revengeful, but if they threats" on electors. The idea is to deprive any person of his vote who admits days they would be given a frigid rethat he has been influenced by his priest or bishop.

In the meantime, of course, the voter may be influenced and guided by the opinion of anti-Catholic journals, and exercise his heaven-given (?) liberty of voting against candidates who show an thing is tempered with mercy. inclination towads those who are guilty of the heinous crime of Catholicism !

It is stated that the bill will be a "private" one. It will, doubtless, never be made public.

Of all the contemptible imposters, the most to be despised and the one who should be most severely punished is the type of individual who goes about soliciting alms under the guise of a representative of a Charitable Society. A however, and of incr couple such persons have been arrested ing to the assessors. in St. Henri.

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There have been numerous cases of measles reported in the city of Montreal recently. The measles, in itself, is a familiar and not very formidable disease as a rule, but its after effects are often very serious. It has an unhappy knack of finding out the weakest spot in one's constitution and leaving a lasting impression thereon.

There is likely to be another contest in Winnipeg between Hugh John Mao-donald and Joseph Martin, as it is stated the former will void his seat, admitting illegal practices on the part of agents in

the last election. Outside of any question of politics, I hope Hugh John will give 'fighting Joe' another good, sound thrashing.

Wonders will never cease. It is seri ously stated that Montreal's City Council ran last year's business without improving upon this year's appropriations. I wonder if they owe anything.

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Why does the Gazette show such persistent anti-home rule propensities on Irish questions? Is it because as a recognized Canadian Conservative journal it feels called upon to support the Imperial Tory party as a matter of consist-

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The party of Americans who came to Montreal during the holidays to enjoy the truly Canadian luxury of sleighriding went home disgusted with the would drop around this way any of these ception, if not altogether snowed under.

In previous years we were in the throes of a municipal election about this date. Times are hard, but every-

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I hope the TRUE WITNESS will not let the Unity question drop. Keep ham-mering at it. The people sleep soundly, but they are not dead.

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In real estate transactions in the City of Montreal the year just ended makes the poorest showing of any year in the last decade. The property is still here, however, and of increased value accord-

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There is said to be a combine in snow-shovels. We may expect to hear of some patriot in Louisiana hollering on the subject.

Attention is called in London, England, to the fact that not a single Canadian name appears on the list of sub-scribers towards the relief of India, although Canada has derived great bene fit from India's crop failure and resultant famine.

Those who made money through the rise in the price of wheat might consistently give assistance to the people whose misfortune brought good luck.

* * * Archbishop Cleary, of Kingston, has one South for the balance of the winter. His Grace is still, as ever, a sturdy de-

fender of the rights of his people, but he suffers acutely from rheumatism.

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Skaters on the bay near Hamilton, Ont., have found gas emitting from airholes in the ice. Hamilton is known as the Ambitious City, and the people up that way talk big, but I never thought things were as bad as this.

Senator Mills, of Texas, has referred

ency? There is no anomaly, other than im-agination; between the Conservative organs.—Mills do not as a rule. Were lian. The Adamses were Congregationto Italy as a nation whose symbol is a

Who says Canadians are not enterprising? From an English Insurance Journal comes the news that the Canadian e presentative of a Canadian Insurance Company in Asia has secured a large policy on Li Hung Chang's life. The man of the "yellow jacket" was so pleased with the insurance man's scheme that he made him a Knight of the Double Dragon.

Amongst the things not generally known is the fact that Cardinal Vaughan, Archbishop of Westminster, has been a prisoner in his time. The circumstances are narrated in a little history of St. Joseph's Missionary College, Mill Hill, written by Lady Herbert of Lea, and recently published. The Cardinal was practically the founder of that now extensive institution. and as an ardent young priest he trampted over the greater part of North America and collected enough money to give the College a start. When he arrived at Panania he made two startling discoveries-that all priests had been banished by the civil authorities and that an epidemic was ranging in the place. He promptly devoted himself to the spiritual succour of the dying, and while engaged in this work was arrested and incarcerated by the authorities. His release was eventually affected, but not without considerable difficulty. St. Joseph's is now a flourishing college, and regularly supplies priests to a number of foreign mission fields, including the blacks of the Southern States of America and the Maoris of New Zealand.

Writing of the religion of the various Presidents of the United States, a correspondent in the New York Sun has this to say :-

"All the Presidents in office from 1861 to 1881 were Methodists, during what was perhaps the most eventful period of the nation's history. Gen. Garfield was a member of the Church of the Disciples. Gens. Harrison and Cleveland are both Presbyterians. Gen. Arthur, like the early Presidents, with very few excep-

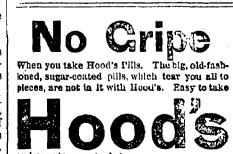
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