

## EDITORIAL NOTES:

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RECENTLY Rev. Thomas Hughes, S.J., Detroit, was summoned to Rome to act as an assistant in the Vatican Library. The learned and eminent Jesuit was to be an auxiliary to Monsignor Carini. Since this piece of news came to us, we learn that Monsignor Carini's useful and brilliant career has been cut short by a premature and sudden death. He had won high honors and the position which he held was due to his great talents. He was only fifty-two years of age when the summons to rest and reward came. The sudden character of his death recalls that equally sudden demise of Padre Denza, the director of the Vatican observatory. Great men, and great mental works, as a rule, die very suddenly. The machinery is worn out for want of rest; they do not perceive the danger until it is too late; a sudden collapse and all is over.

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The Baltimore Sun, referring to the recent Brooklyn troubles, says:—

"In a strike of this kind, the railroad companies are apt to consider the questions involved as being one between the companies and their employers alone, with which others have no concern. In this they fall into a grave error. The people are deeply concerned in it, and the right to use the streets are granted to the companies with the understanding and upon the condition that cars were to be run at certain rates of fare for the public convenience. The people, whilst they have no right to demand impossibilities, have a right to demand that the franchise shall be used and that business shall not be suspended because of a refusal of trivial concessions."

To this the Catholic Review adds the following remarks:—

"The demands of the men have been reasonable and the strike could have been ended in five minutes at any time since it was started, if they had been conceded. But the companies thought nothing of justice or of the welfare of the public. They were going to run the business to suit themselves, and in reference to the community from which they have obtained the valuable franchises they operate, they mentally echoed the phrase attributed to the late head of the house of Vanderbilt."

We are of opinion that nine times out of ten strikes could be prevented by a little judgment and agreeableness on the part of large companies. These Companies owe their prosperity and very existence to the public that they serve, and they should be as desirous of doing justice to that public, by reasonable concessions that will prevent strikes and all their consequences, as by going to extra expense in fitting up cars, or in procuring extra accommodations.

## SALT AND SAND.

Evidently our article of the week before last, on the subject of salt and sand upon the streets, has had the desired effect. The "vets" of the city have given their opinions and they all correspond with what we stated regarding the effects of salt upon the horses' feet. We notice, also, that the daily press has come out, with no uncertain sound, upon this abuse. It is pleasant to know that when the public attention is called to such dangers, the desired effect is produced. Still it seems to us that the Corporation, or the Street Railway Company, or whosoever has charge of the city thoroughfares, should not require a special monitor to point out to them the most elementary truths and indicate for them the risks that they run and the dangers that they incur. We were under the impression that almost every person in Canada was aware of the effects of salt on horses' feet; it was only when we saw no likelihood of a move being

made to check the abuse that we found it necessary to call attention to the fact. We trust, for the sake of the poor animals, if for no other consideration, that the "salt and sand" business is over and for good.

## OUR SOUVENIR NUMBER.

Several of our Canadian Catholic contemporaries have expressed their glad anticipation of our St. Patrick's Day Souvenir. These kind words we appreciate most highly. Amongst others, United Canada says:

"THE TRUE WITNESS of Montreal will issue a special number on St. Patrick's Day this year. Our confederate of other days, Editor Foran, is working hard."

The Antigonish Casket remarks:

"Our bright contemporary, the Montreal TRUE WITNESS, which brings out annually a special souvenir number for Saint Patrick's Day, announces that the number for this year will eclipse anything it has heretofore issued. 'No pains, no talent, no artistic ability will be spared,' it says, 'to procure a gem that will glitter in the diadem of Canada's choicest journalistic efforts.' We shall await its appearance with interest."

The Catholic Record, of London, Ont., has the following gracious editorial note:

"The Montreal TRUE WITNESS will issue a souvenir number on the 17th of March. If the promises in regard to it are carried out—and we have no doubt on this head—the work will be of a most attractive and valuable character. THE TRUE WITNESS, under the editorial management of Mr. J. K. Foran, has taken place in the front rank amongst the Catholic journals of the continent. We wish our confreres abundant success in its enterprise."

## OBITUARY.

THE LATE MR. JAMES CONNAUGHTON.

It is with deep regret that we record the death of a good, popular and highly esteemed citizen of Montreal, in the person of the late Mr. James Connaughton. No better and more fitting notice of his demise could be given than by stating what took place at the last meeting of the St. Patrick's T. A. & B. Society, of which deceased was a distinguished member. On Sunday afternoon the members assembled in St. Patrick's Church after Vespers for religious exercises conducted by the Rev. Father McCallen. In the course of his sermon he made a feeling allusion to the death of James Connaughton, who for more than fifty years had been a total abstainer, as a model Christian. The pledge of total abstinence was afterwards administered. The members adjourned to their hall, when the regular business meeting was held. Mr. M. Sharkey occupied the chair, who, on opening the meeting, made a brief address on the loss sustained by the society by the death of Mr. James Connaughton, which took place on Friday. The deceased had reached the age of 82 years and 4 months, and was one of the best known of St. Patrick's congregation, and had been for over 53 years a faithful and energetic member of the society, seldom or never absenting himself from the meetings of the society, and had served the society at various times as president, treasurer, and in other offices, ever ready to advance by all the means that lay in his power the interests and objects of the society. Mr. J. J. Costigan also spoke feelingly on the late member. Mr. John Walsh moved a series of resolutions of condolence on the loss sustained by the society by the death of the late Mr. Connaughton. It was also decided to attend the funeral, in a body, with regalia, six of the oldest members of the society to act as pallbearers. The motion was seconded by Mr. A. T. Martin, who also made a touching tribute to the memory of the deceased.

The funeral took place Monday morning and was a large and representative one. The St. Patrick's T. A. & B. Society, with which the deceased had so closely identified himself during his lifetime, turned out in a body and with regalia. The cortege left the late residence of deceased, St. Edward street, shortly after 7.30 and proceeded to St. Patrick's church, where a solemn requiem

Mass was celebrated. Rev. Father McCallen, S.S., officiated, and amongst the rev. fathers who assisted were the Rev. Father Quinlivan, pastor of St. Patrick's; Rev. Father Hudon, S.J., rector of the Jesuits; Rev. Father M. Callaghan, Rev. Father James Callaghan, and others, and amongst those who attended the service were the Rev. Mother Aloysius and the rev. sisters of St. Patrick's academy, the rev. sisters of St. Patrick's Orphan asylum and the children of the asylum, and the Ladies of Charity of St. Patrick's congregation. After the service the procession was reformed and proceeded to Cote des Neiges cemetery. The chief mourners were Mr. Frank Connaughton and Mr. James P. Connaughton, sons of deceased; Master Frank Connaughton, grandson; Mr. Joseph Bedard, M.L.A., of Richmond; Mr. Thomas Connaughton, brother; Messrs. Edward McGauvran, E. T. McGauvran, James Cuddy, E. J. Bedard, advocate; T. Orsali, Chas. Bedard, D. Logan, J. J. O'Brien, and other relatives. The pallbearers were Mr. M. Sharkey, Mr. John Walsh, Mr. A. T. Martin, Mr. Jas. Milloy, Mr. T. Smallshire, Mr. T. O'Connor, officers of the St. Patrick's T. A. & B. society. Amongst those taking part were Hon. Senator Murphy, president St. Patrick's T. A. & B. society; Mr. Jas. J. Costigan, secretary; Dr. W. H. Hingson, Dr. J. J. Guerin, ex-Ald. Donovan, Mr. James McShane, ex-Ald. Cunningham, Messrs. Martin Eagan, W. P. McCaffrey, Edmund Guerin, P. Reynolds, P. Wright, B. Connaughton, B. Tansey, Owen Tansey, W. P. Doyle, Wm. Booth, W. E. Doran, F. McKenna, J. McKenzie, James Callahan, H. J. Ward, Edwd. Ward, Thomas F. McGrail, J. Shea, John Barry, F. B. McNamee, Thos. O. Collins, J. R. M. Laughlin, G. McAndrew, F. Dillon, John Howard, E. Eagan, Jas. Meek, P. Crowe, J. T. Henderson, Sub-Chief Jackson, Capt. W. Mann, A. B. Fraser, John Mason, Wm. Selby, Frank Collins, James O'Malley, J. Collins, Jas. Scullion, John T. McCaffrey, E. McShane, John O'Leary, P. Casey, James O'Brien, Z. Young, L. C. O'Brien, T. E. Breen, P. Mansfield, P. Emerson, Joseph Dowling, and about two hundred others. The floral tributes included a handsome cross and anchor from the St. Patrick's T. A. & B. Society; floral star, Mrs. T. C. Collins; cross, Mrs. Guerin, and other offerings from Miss N. Lanning and others.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE MRS. DRURY.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Owen Drury took place Sunday afternoon from her late residence, No. 41 St. Alexander street, to Cote des Neiges Cemetery. There was a large attendance of relatives and friends of the deceased and her family. The chief mourners were Messrs. James Drury, son; John Murphy, son-in-law; Denis, Bernard and Owen Tansey, brothers; Frank Drury, Owen Callery, Thomas Callery, grandchildren; B. J. Tansey, D. Tansey, jr., M. J. Tansey, T. D. Tansey, O. J. Tansey, F. Tansey, James Tansey, O. Tansey, jr., D. Tansey, jr., and B. Tansey, nephews. Among the others present were Mr. J. S. Hall, Assistant Chief Jackson, Chief Detective Cullen, Chief Engineer Nolan (M.F.D.), Messrs. T. P. Owens, Campbell Lane, William Glendinning, W. H. Cunningham, Thomas Conroy, F. B. McNamee, P. Donovan, John Slattery, J. O'Shaughnessy, Arthur Jones, T. J. Finn, James McShane, James Cochrane, John Beckingham, jr., John Campbell, Wm. Kydd, John Conway and many others. On Tuesday morning, at 8 o'clock, the requiem Mass was chanted in St. Patrick's Church, which was largely attended by the relatives and sympathizing friends of the deceased lady, to all of whom we extend our deep condolence, while praying that her soul may rest in peace.

THE LATE MRS. JAMES SHERIDAN.

Only a few months have elapsed since we were called upon to record the death of the late Mr. James Sheridan, the well known and widely popular contractor of this city. On that occasion we extended our deep and sincere expression of sympathy to his bereaved widow. To-day we have the sad duty of condoling with the family on the death of a fond mother and a truly noble Catholic woman. On the seventh of this month Death again visited that good home on Argyle avenue, Cote St. Antoine, and summoned the surviving partner on life's journey to join the departed husband and father. The late Mrs. Sheridan was a daughter of the late Mr. John Smith, of Bedford, P.Q. When the summons came she had exactly attained the allotted span—three score and

ten years. Hers had been a life of devotion and work; her career was marked by a strict and loving adherence to duty and an unostentatious charity. She was a model in every phase of her active life; as a daughter she was the pride and joy of her parents; as a wife she was the faithful and ever devoted companion in her husband's joys and griefs, successes and sorrows; as a mother she was the idol of her children, the fondest of protectors in their early days and the most attached of monitors as years advanced; as a Catholic lady she was a beautiful example of piety, and her charities were truly "past count, untold." The world may not have heard of them; her left hand may not have known what her right hand gave; but in the land to which her soul has gone there is an Angel of Record who has written them all down, and there is a crown of reward that has been long in preparation for her. We can only repeat our sympathy for the family, and to say that our condolence is accentuated by the fact that this is the second severe bereavement that the last twelve months have brought. The funeral service was held in St. James Cathedral and the attendance was large and representative. With the Church we say, "May she rest in peace."

THE LATE MR. THOMAS NEVILLE.

The hand of the grim reaper has fallen heavily on the home of Mr. Thos. Neville, Esq., Missisquoi Bay, Que. A little more than a year ago his eldest son was stricken down by a sudden illness while almost in the full enjoyment of life and strength; now, by the death of Mrs. Neville, which occurred on Friday, Feb. 1st, there is another vacant chair at the fireside, another aching void in the hearts of the family. A few weeks since, whilst visiting a neighbor who was ill, the deceased lady contracted a severe cold which soon developed into pneumonia, and that disease, with a heart complication, baffled the most skilful medical treatment. A fervent Catholic and a devout christian, she carried the precepts of her religion into her daily life. Ever kind and considerate where the welfare of others was concerned, she made her home a sunshine and endeared herself to all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance. Her death is regretted by a large circle of relatives and friends, many of whom braved the inclement weather to attend the funeral, which took place at St. Sebastien, on Tuesday, the 5th inst. The bereaved husband and sorrowing family have the sympathy of the entire community in the great loss which has befallen them. Mrs. Neville was a sister of the late Patrick Corcoran, Esq., of Warden, Que., and of Mrs. Thomas O'Brien, of Cherubusco, N. Y.

MR. JAMES FALLS.

On the 7th instant, in this city, died Mr. James Falls, a native of Quebec. The deceased was, during the past nine years, foreman in the Wagner Palace Car works. His illness was comparatively short, and to mourn his loss he leaves his beloved wife. With her we heartily sympathize in the almost sudden and untimely loss of a good and devoted husband, a hardworking, upright citizen and a fervent Catholic. The funeral, which took place on Sunday to the Cote des Neiges cemetery, was largely attended, and the number present was an evidence of the esteem in which deceased was held by his wide circle of acquaintances. May his soul rest in peace.

THE LATE MR. JOHN RYAN, OF ST. GEORGE'S PARISH, HENRYVILLE, QUE.

On Friday, the 8th instant, a Requiem High Mass was sung in St. Laurent College chapel, by the Rev. Father McGarry, O.S.V., for the repose of the soul of Mr. John Ryan, of St. George's parish, Henryville, P.Q., at the request of his nephew, S. J. McCawiff, a secular teacher in the college. The altar was beautifully draped for the occasion. The college choir, composed of nearly one hundred youthful voices, under the direction of Rev. Father Vian, O.S.V., sang Abbe Ferrault's Mass for the dead. The *Dies irae* and the *De Profundis*, sung during the Offertory, were most solemn and impressive. Besides the professors and religious of the college, nearly all the officers of St. Patrick's Society, also those of the Society of St. Cecilia, and those of St. John the Baptist, approached Holy Communion during the Mass.

Merciful Jesus, take pity on the soul of Thy faithful servant, John Ryan, who departed this life, fortified by the rites of his Church, on the 7th day of January, 1895, in the 65th year of his age. May his soul rest in peace. S. J. M.