

whole *Witness* establishment, from the editor down, at reading, writing, arithmetic, algebra, geometry, geography, etc., etc. Not only that, but we will not object to our contemporary receiving assistance in the contest from the pupils of any secular school. It is now for the *Witness* to show up or shut up. Speculative argument goes for naught when facts are at hand, and facts prove that Catholic schools are fully abreast of the best secular schools. In fact, the superiority of the former over the latter has been demonstrated in more than one clime. In Paris the pupils of the schools of the Christian Brothers usually carry off the chief prizes at competitive examinations. A large proportion of the successful candidates for the Civil Service in England come from such schools. For years back all the competitive examinations for positions in military and naval academies of the United States, in which Catholic school pupils had an opportunity of taking part, attest the equality of the latter with the best product of the public schools. This is a matter of record and cannot be gainsaid.

Under the circumstances, we consider we are justified in assuming that the same is true of the Catholic schools of Montreal, and of Canada generally; at least we are giving the *Witness* a fair chance to prove, if it can, that the pupils of our Catholic schools know less about reading, writing and arithmetic than they do of their catechism. If our contemporary undertakes the contest, we will further venture to say that he will be most badly beaten by the pupil that will know his catechism the best.

#### A BLUNDERING JOURNAL.

The Toronto *Mail* has again returned to the insane, uncalled for and disreputable course it pursued during the Marmion controversy, in heaping insult and indignity on Archbishop Lynch. The excuse for renewing the disgraceful attacks, which brought discredit on itself and worked serious injury to its party, is the publication of a letter which the *Mail* claims to have received from a correspondent and which it is alleged Archbishop Lynch addressed to Mr. W. H. Higgins of Whitby, Ont. The following is the letter as published in the *Mail*:

ST. MICHAEL'S PALACE,  
Toronto Dec. 9, 1882.

MY DEAR MR. HIGGINS:—We are now anxious to sustain the Mowat Government. If it goes, then we shall have Orange rampant, and we may as well quit the country. The first act of the new Government will be to incorporate the Orange Order, and then, indeed, the Catholics will suffer. If Catholics do not wish to vote for Mr. Drury they need not vote at all. I would be ashamed of Catholics changing politics for mean purposes, and some so-called Catholics are doing so, and playing into the hands of the Orangemen. Alas, there will always be traitors! You, I know, Mr. Higgins, will keep staunch.

Yours faithfully,  
(Signed) J. JOSEPH LYNE,  
Archbishop of Toronto.

Mr. Higgins has since denied that he ever received such a letter, and it is doubtless a clumsy forgery, yet the *Mail* has daily for the past two weeks reiterated that it is genuine, and its columns reek with the most offensive and insulting allusions regarding the interference of the Archbishop with the politics of his flock. Referring to the alleged letter the *Mail* says:—

It is, as we have already said, an unfair letter, an untruthful letter, a most un-Christian letter, and a most discreditable letter in every respect. It is a letter which interfered on false pretences with the views of the people. It is a letter which deprived the Catholic people of a representative. It is a letter which opens up Archbishop Lynch to the charge of being himself a "renegade Catholic" and a "traitor," with a hundred-fold more effectiveness than any conduct of the consistent, honorable, educated body of Conservative Catholics whom he denounces.

Again, speaking of the Archbishop, it says:—

And when in becoming a politician he writes scurrilous letters which are not true, and makes use of the very dirtiest instruments reeking of whiskey and redolent of lies, then he places himself quite out of the pale of that courtesy, for which his "friends" (the maledictio imbeciles who are defending him) call with such pretended indignation.

We might quote whole columns of this silly and disreputable language which the *Mail* is now daily using towards the venerable head of the Catholic Church in Ontario. In its stupid recklessness it has the audacity to assert that it is speaking the sentiments and has the sympathy and support of all the educated and respectable Catholics of Ontario. We have no hesitation in stating that there are not a score of Catholics, Conservatives or Liberals, who read its attack with feelings other than disgust and indignation. It is high time that the Catholics members of the Conservative party, and especially the Catholic members of the Dominion Government, had used their influence with their colleagues to place a gag on the *Mail* or to regulate its utterances altogether. It is doing serious injury to the party whose interests it professes to serve, and unless it ceases its folly the Catholic people will be forced to show their resentment in a manner that will be felt both by the journal and the party. Let the warning be heeded ere it is too late.

We refer our readers to the prospectus of the Royal Electric Co., which appears on the 8th page. This company starts with very fair prospects. The directors are men of capital and influence in the community. The shares are sold for the sum of \$10, which is within the reach of all. The company invites the public to visit their works on Dowd street, and their lighting station on Inspector street—permits for which will be granted on application to the office, Barron's Block, St. James street.

The Pope has accepted the resignation of Cardinal Ledochowski, of the archbishopric of Green and Posen.

#### CONFLAGRATION IN LINDSAY.

The Loretto Convent, Lindsay, Ont., one of the finest structures of the kind in the Dominion, was completely destroyed by fire on the morning of the 25th April, nothing now remaining but the bare walls, standing blackened and disfigured. The calamity is the more felt for the reason that the building was heated by hot water throughout and was supposed to be free from any danger of fire.

#### THEORY OF THE CAUSE.

How the fire originated is not definitely known. An invalid sister occupied a room on the south-west corner of the upper story, and in the room was a small stove, and from the connections between the stove and chimney the fire may have started. Another theory is that the chimney being on fire the heat fired some clothing hanging in a closet close to the chimney. For twenty minutes after the alarm was given no flames were visible, but a dense smoke poured from the top of the window and crevices in the cornice. The children attending the convent school were fortunately in the basement, and were at once dismissed and taken outside. An effort was made to save the clothing and personal belongings of the young lady boarders, but the dormitories in the upper part filled with smoke so rapidly that very little could be taken out of them. A large quantity of bedding was thrown from the windows. In the lower rooms ample time was allowed to remove everything, and the valuable books, pictures, furniture, and piano were saved.

#### DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING WATER.

Owing to the distance from the nearest hydrant only one line of hose was laid, and with one branch the men endeavored to stay the progress of the fire. The roof was a mansard, covered with slate, and the flames worked their way along, hidden by the slates. To get at them axes were used, but the footing was so precarious that it took some time to make an opening. It was apparent that with only one branch little could be done to stay the fire. Water was carried in pails, but the height of the fire from the ground made this way of quenching it both laborious and almost useless. As the flames crept along inside the roof the ceiling of the room below fell through and added to the fury of the flames. In a short time the tower over the front of the building was surrounded, and after the woodwork and roof had blazed fiercely for some time it fell inward, carrying in its fall the floor of the second story. A cry now arose that the church, distant only about fifty yards, was on fire. The alarm was raised, and under the impression that

#### THE CHURCH MIGHT BE DESTROYED.

a large number of valuables were hastily removed. A few resolute fellows climbed on the roof of the church, and with water supplied them in pails kept the shingles wet. In this work Happy Jack Rogers distinguished himself for the agility with which he crept along the roof and blotted out many a dangerous spark and red-hot cinder. At this juncture the old hand engine, the Cataract, No. 1, was brought up and manned. Water was supplied from a well in the yard. Good service was given by the hand engine, in saving the south wing. For two hours longer the work of destruction went on, the brigade fighting desperately as best they could with only one branch. Several narrow escapes from injury by falling portions of the roof were noted. By four o'clock the fire had somewhat weakened, and it was practically under control.

#### INSURANCE ON THE BUILDING.

The building was insured to the amount of \$25,000, in three companies, the Phoenix, of London, \$14,000; Royal, \$8,000; Western, \$3,000. Through the kindness of friends who threw open their houses ample accommodation was provided for the young lady boarders suddenly rendered homeless. It is not known what steps will be taken towards rebuilding the convent.

#### MADAME CARRARO IN MONTREAL.

The grand concert of the season, under the direction of Messrs. Harris and the patronage of His Excellency the Marquis and Marchioness of Lansdowne, Sir John and Lady Macdonald, and the *clique* of Montreal society, took place in the Queen's Hall, Montreal, on Friday evening the 25th. No such audience gathered in this hall since Alben and Carraro visited Montreal a year ago. Those who were present on that occasion will long remember the scene where the gifted Alben and the great pianist, after dividing the honors, lavished so beautifully by the immense audience, tripped out on the stage hand in hand, the one to sing, the other to play the ever beautiful "Ave Maria."

Of Madame Carraro's playing on Friday night, the *Gazette* says: "She received an enthusiastic reception, and played grandly, the rendering of the 'Rhapsodie' was simply magnificent and called forth a perfect storm of applause." The *Witness* says: "Carraro never appeared to better advantage. The power exercised by this lady over the piano (a small Weber Grand) reminds one of the magic skill of Ole Bull on the violin. There seemed no end to the beauties she elicited from the music of Liszt, and the house fairly shook with pianists such as no other artist has ever received within the walls of the Queen's Hall."

The Montreal *Star* of Saturday, after reviewing the performance of the other artists in detail, says of Carraro: "The great attraction of the evening, however, was undoubtedly Madame Carraro, who with unfailing hand scores new triumphs at each appearance before Montreal audiences. Last night she was greeted with a perfect storm of applause, and played with an abandon and force that astonished even her most fervent admirers; her every motion and look showed the artist thoroughly absorbed in her conception of a great master's great effort. This made her rendering of Beethoven's 'Andante in F' a perfect representation of the composer's idea, and her execution of the 'March from the Ruins of Athens' was a masterpiece in a different style. In the immensely difficult 'Rhapsodie Hongroise,' No. 6 (Liszt), she had an opportunity to show her wonderful execution and the charming sweetness purity and power of the instrument on which she played. It is superfluous to say that each time she received enthusiastic recalls. She responded with admirable grace."

The piano used by Madame Carraro was a Weber Grand, similar to one lately purchased from the house of Weber by William H. Vanderbilt. It is beautifully laid with wreaths and flowers of rare and costly woods, and is said to be valued at over \$4,000. It will remain on exhibition for a few weeks, at the rooms of the New York Piano Company, St. James street, who are the Weber agents in Canada.

Several young ladies in Detroit will start a school of journalism.

#### ST. MARY'S CHURCH.

##### CONSECRATION OF THE NEW ALTARS.

Presentation of Addresses to His Lordship Mgr. Fabre—His Lordship's Reply—Mgr. Lorrain's Address to the Congregation—The Music, Attendance, etc., etc.—Vespers and Benediction in the Evening—Sermon by His Lordship Mgr. Lorrain.

Probably never in the history of the new beautiful little church of St. Mary's Parish, in the East end of the city, and the popular and highly esteemed pastor, the Rev. Father S. P. Lorrain, and his assistant priest, the Rev. Father Kieran, whose great zeal and interest in the promotion of the religious and social culture of the parishioners of St. Mary's has been recognized on more than one occasion, more cause to feel proud of the results of their labors and those of the congregation, who have worked well and earnestly since the first stone of the Holy Temple was laid, to make it what it now is, than on Sunday morning, when the new altars recently placed in the church were consecrated by their Lordships Mgr. Fabre, Bishop of Montreal, and Mgr. Lorrain, of Pembroke, Vicar Apostolic of Pontiac. The services were carried out on a grand scale, and will mark an epoch in the history of the church which will always be looked back to by the parishioners with a pride and pleasure that will associate their thoughts with the happiest recollections, and inspire them with that true love of God which will afford them an easy means of offering up at these altars the sacrifice of which His Lordship Mgr. Lorrain spoke in such touching and eloquent language.

At 10 o'clock their Lordships arrived at the Church-door, and, alighting from the carriage, ascended the large steps, the vast crowds of people who were standing around falling upon their knees and receiving the blessings of their Lordships as they entered the sanctuary by the Rev. Father Lorrain, the pastor, and a few minutes afterward the impressive ceremony of the Consecration commenced, His Lordship Mgr. Fabre, officiating at the Altar of the Immaculate Conception, and His Lordship Mgr. Lorrain at the altar of St. Joseph. His Lordship Mgr. Fabre was assisted by the Rev. Father Rankin of St. Charles and Rev. Father Pincus of St. Bridget's, and Mgr. Lorrain by the Rev. Father James Lorrain of St. Bridget's and Rev. Father Trole of the Montreal Grand Seminary. The Rev. Fathers Donnelly and Vallant of the Bishop's Palace acted as masters of ceremonies.

High Mass was then celebrated by His Lordship Bishop Lorrain, who had for his assistant priest the Rev. Father N. Trole, P.S., the Rev. G. Latulipe and E. Roy acting as deacon and sub-deacon. During High Mass the following clergymen occupied seats in the sanctuary: Rev. Father Turgeon, Rector of the Society of Jesus, Rev. Father Brunet and Langevin of the Oblats, Rev. Father Singer of the Seminary of St. Sulpice, Rev. Father Jas Lorrain, curé of St. Bridget's, Rev. Father Proulx of the Seminary of St. Therese, Rev. Father Boutin of St. Charles, Rev. Father Pincus of St. Bridget's, and Rev. Fathers Lorrain and Kieran of St. Mary's.

The music for the occasion was furnished by the orchestra of Notre Dame Church, under the leadership of Mr. Edmund Laberge, and was probably never equalled in St. Mary's before. The Church was indeed filled with musical strains of the most beautiful nature, sufficient in themselves to recall to the mind the importance of the ceremonies which were taking place, and the choir is certainly to be congratulated upon the effect produced. The attendance, as was to be expected, was unusually large, the sacred edifice being completely filled, not only by the friends of St. Mary's, but also by hundreds from other parishes, who were anxious to assist at the impressive ceremonies of the day.

After High Mass the following address was presented to His Lordship Mgr. Fabre by Mr. P. Riordan, on behalf of the parishioners of St. Mary's:—

To His Lordship EDWARD CHARLES FABRE, Bishop of Montreal, etc.,

MY LORD.—The gorgeous ceremonies displayed this morning under our eyes evidence in a most striking manner the sanctity of the altar, the power of priesthood. To prepare this new Calvary whereon the blood of the Unspotted Victim will be offered up in future, the Church has called upon her faithful to use their power in consecrating these marble altars. And before your prayers were uttered, before the incense had been poured, they stood out indeed noble and elegant in their proportions, the pride and legitimate satisfaction of the builder. But then they could not claim the privilege which is actually their own, namely, that of being the throne of the living God, the seat of His Majesty, the sacred abode wherein the mysteries of His Lord are unfolded in their awful grandeur and silent love!

Excellent, indeed, are our altars over and above the tables of the Old Law. They share in some proportion the infinite excellence of the Victim of the sacrifice to which they bear so close a relation. They are not merely the Garden of Eden, this first altar built by Divine hands, whereon the kink and pontiff of the day, Adam, presented the Lord with the homage of his love, the tribute of his devotion.

They are not merely figurative, as the stone anointed with oil by Jacob, as the altar erected by his hands foreshadowing the sacrifice to come in the blood of calves, of goats and of oxen. They are more holy than the Holy of Holies, this tabernacle of old, where the High Priest alone, once a year, in blood, offered the sacrifice in awe and trembling. All those were shadows which have vanished and died away to make place for the one altar, to the one victim, Jesus Christ, in propitiation for our sins. Happy are the people, the nations, the individuals, quickened by this Bread of Life, they shall live. O blessed are the nations who refuse Jesus Christ, test down His altars; they shall die with death. But who shall prepare the altar for this grand end? A man! How can he wing his flight into the heavens almost, and soar on so lofty tops? Wonderful are the works achieved by his genius; but how can an unconsecrated hand be raised to bless and consecrate? No man but the priest, the Man of God, the High Priest taken from among men and ordained for men to offer gifts and sacrifice. The High Priest will consecrate the altar; it is the exclusive privilege of the priesthood, not of this figurative priesthood which has died in Aaron and Levi, but of the eternal priesthood of Jesus Christ according to the order of Melchisedech. This High Priest of the New Law is the Bishop, whose ever sanctifying mission exhausts not the treasures of grace and blessing conferred upon his head, centred in his heart. His power of blessing and consecrating is always

new, fresh and superabundant! As the sun loath none of its warmth, although continually pouring its heat on our shores—as God the Father loath none of His substance by eternally begetting the substance of His Son—so, by analogy, the Bishop's power of consecrating remains one and the same after its continual exercise.

Blessed, then, the Catholic priesthood, whose strength and vitality rests principally on the altar. And as we kneel before these altars, we, the congregation of St. Mary's, shall fondly cherish the name of your Lordship with that of the Right Rev. Dr. Lorrain, your own anointed, your own creation, to whom we are to-day most deeply indebted for his excessive kindness in accepting to be present in our midst.

We cannot refrain, my Lord, in concluding, from condemning in most scathing terms the sacrilegious usurpations committed on the patrimony of the Church. It is an interference with the rights of Jesus Christ, with the liberty of His spouse, Mother Church! We protest in presence of these altars. May the blood of Christ cry louder than that of Abel, restore unto the Church and its Head on earth the fullness of His power!

Finally, may the stones of the altars bespeak unto the God of the humble the names of their modest and generous donors. Such are our prayers, begging Your Lordship to bless us and our works!

THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. MARY'S.  
St. Mary's, 27th April, 1884.

To the foregoing address His Lordship made a very fitting reply, in the course of which he said:

My Dear Friends,—I feel somewhat bashful to answer your address in English. But the Bishop, as father of all the flock, has the liberty of committing faults against grammar, but they will not be against the heart. I am most happy to be in your midst. The consecration of the altars and churches is the privilege of bishops. It is one of the most important functions. You understand the meaning of these ceremonies which will be explained to you in full if they were not already; it will be a pleasure to know the exact meaning of the incense, incensation and other ceremonies. It is the second time we have performed them in your presence. Your Church is now complete, and you will be glad to see the result of your generosity. I congratulate you on your protest against the usurpation of the temporalities of the Church, particularly against the stealing of the properties of the Propaganda. All missionary countries are under its control; Asia, Africa, Canada, as well as Ireland. You will be generous to this institution.

His Lordship, having been presented with a second address by the St. Vincent de Paul Society, continued:—

I receive with pleasure the report of the St. Vincente Paul Society, their work for the year. The poor are the principal part of the flock, more like Jesus Christ, more in need of the priest than the bishop. We exhort you to be always zealous in your work, and God will bless you.

His Lordship Mgr. Lorrain then delivered a brief but eloquent address to the congregation, during which he said:—I suppose that it is right for a missionary Bishop to speak to you, otherwise you might think he is dumb. But you know he has to speak in motion to the poor Indians as well as by word of mouth, so it would be less matter. I am most happy, continued His Lordship, to be in your midst to-day. The consecration of the altars reminds us all of great things. The one Victim, the one Priest, Jesus Christ, offering himself up for us. You will all be happy to pray before these altars; the old men to learn how to die; the men of mature age to strengthen themselves for the battle of life; the children will remember the day, and this remembrance may touch their hearts and bring them back to God, if they ever strayed. You are in the Church—the Altars. We are ourselves the temple of God, the soul is the altar upon which to sacrifice your passions, your habits. All is done by sacrifice.

In the evening His Lordship Mgr. Lorrain presided at Vespers and Benediction, and preached a most eloquent and instructive sermon on the "Good Shepherd," which was listened to by an immense congregation. The music at this service was again rendered with good effect, and the day was brought to a close in a manner which marked one of the happiest in the history of the Church.

#### READ THIS.

FOR COUGHS AND COLDS there is nothing so good as DR. HAYES'S SOOTHENING EXH. PINE. Every bottle of it is warranted and can, therefore, be returned if not found satisfactory.

#### HARBOR GRACE PRISONERS' DEFENCE.

The following contributions towards the defence of the Catholics of Harbor Grace, Nfld., who were arrested while defending their lives in the Orange riots last December, have been received at the offices of Tax For and Tax Witness:—

J. O. Montreal.....	\$5 00
Mr. Holland, Montreal.....	1 00
Harbor Grace Man.....	1 00
J. K.....	0 50
J. K. O'Connor, Kaituma, Ont.....	1 00
Matthew White, Copleston.....	1 00
Wm. White, Copleston.....	1 00
John Harvey, Copleston.....	1 00
John Norris, Copleston.....	1 00

#### DEATH OF ABBE REGOURD.

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of the Rev. Abbe Louis Regourd, of the Seminary of St. Sulpice, which took place on Wednesday morning in this city. He was born on the 28th of May, 1807, at Joyeuse, diocese of Vivier, France. He entered the Seminary of St. Sulpice at Vivier in 1827 and was ordained priest on the 28th of May, 1831. He was called successively to the Seminary of Autun to that of Toulous and Angers, in which institutions he occupied various positions. He came to Canada in 1850, arriving in Montreal on the 8th of October in that year. He has rendered service to the parish. Abbe Regourd was a priest of exemplary modesty, of an unassuming character, naturally polite, and whose conversation was always agreeable. He was conversant with many sciences, but especially with those of a spiritual nature, and was devoted to God and humanity; he was possessed of the seal of a good pastor, and was indefatigable in the care of souls, and did not take into account the fatigue he voluntarily underwent to inspire penitence in the hearts of those under his care. His exhortations were always full of sympathy, benevolence and compassion, and went direct to the heart.

As a result of his irrefragable zeal, few confessions were more attended than his; he was not only a wise confessor, but he possessed a great deal of public enterprise, and no one was more affected than he was with false doctrines of the wicked press and licentious literature. He was shocked when he learnt that the only public library frequented by the learned youth of Mon-

tréal contained enough of this poison to kill all faith and good manners, and it was in consequence of learning this that he founded "Le Cabinet de Lecture Paroissial" where lectures for the benefit of the rising generation were given.

He published *L'Echo du Cabinet*, to supply the public with literary essays, and always continued to support this publication, and it is well known how sorry he felt when the paper had to be abandoned, more so on account of its not having received that support from the public which it deserved.

If the object of *Le Cabinet de Lecture Paroissial* did not receive that support it had a right to expect, it nevertheless has continued to exist and may bear abundant fruit later on.

#### Telegraphic Summary.

##### FOREIGN AND CANADIAN NEWS.

Wingham, Ont., is troubled with fire bugs. Kingston journeymen bakers are on strike. Over-production is affecting the Prussian iron trade.

An extensive murder league has been discovered in Sicily.

Fanny Ellsler, the celebrated dancer, is dangerously ill.

Hot-house peaches are on sale in New York at 75 cents apiece.

The U. S. bolt and nut manufacturers have formed an association.

Severe drought is causing much loss of cattle in the Texas ranges.

Atchison Nixon, carpenter, has been arrested in Toronto for bigamy.

The Chevalier Wakeoff has had a paralytic stroke at Brighton and is dying.

The Western Union Telegraph Company announces a reduction in the tariff.

Murray will issue the letters of Princess Alice, with the Queen's additions, on May 3rd.

At Madrid there are vague rumors of a revolutionary movement in the eastern provinces.

Some 300 men left Quebec on Wednesday night to work on the C. P. R. in the Lake Superior section.

Steps are being taken at Toronto to form a Dominion liquor dealers' association to oppose the Scott Act.

The value of goods entered for consumption during March was \$3,065,149, and of the exports \$3,005,053.

The International Exposition at Turin was formally opened on Saturday by King Humbert and Queen Margaret.

Boston's tax levy is \$12,466,000, or an advance of 25 per cent over the last year, making the rate \$18 on \$1,000.

A young American prima donna, Miss Emily Brilliant, made a successful debut at Paris in a concert on Saturday.

The story is now told that an attempt was made to blow up the great statue of Germania on the Neiderwald at the time of its unveiling.

The collector of customs at Key West has been removed. He was accused of want of sufficient energy in preventing Agiero calling.

The Glasgow steamship owners have decided that it will be impossible for them to withdraw a fourth of their vessels for four months.

At Louisville, Ky., in the Democratic Convention on Saturday, the expression of preference was about equally divided between Tilden and McDonald.

Besides damage to the railways in the maritime provinces by the recent freshets, several mills and dams and many bridges have been carried away.

A large number of cattle in Western Texas are dying for want of water and grass. Myriads of caterpillars have appeared and are destroying all vegetation.

The Intercolonial Railway employees who were considered at fault in the collision at St. Flavie a few weeks ago, have been discharged from the service.

It is reported that a band of 53 Haytian creoles engaged the past year in the revolt against President Salomon have landed in Cuba to reinforce Agiero.

The condition of the Empress of Germany causes the gravest disquiet in court circles, in which her death is considered a matter of only a few weeks.

The Telephone Company's cable connecting the north and south shores having been broken by the ice, communication with Lewis is temporarily interrupted.

At Perth Amboy, N. J., several pottery manufacturers have received letters stating that they will be killed if they do not raise the wages of their employees.

Forest fires are raging between Deer Park and Biverhead, Ont. Over two hundred acres of woodland has been burned down. The fire is spreading. The loss thus far is \$20,000.

The best "Orange County butter" sold in New York markets comes from Illinois. Next to Illinois Iowa ranks as the best butter-producing state. New York leads in cheese making.

A canister of gun powder exploded last evening in the barracks in Dublin. The windows of the back kitchen were shattered. Although the officers were dining in the room directly above, no one was hurt.

General Ferrer and Hidalgo, and several inferior Spanish officers, who were arrested some weeks ago in Madrid, charged with conspiracy against the government, have been released, being declared innocent of the charge preferred against them.

The Anglo-French commission to regulate the Newfoundland fisheries has terminated its labors. France renounces her right of fishing in certain bays of the island, but will exercise strict supervision over the places where former treaties empower French subjects to fish.

In a blue book, containing the correspondence between the British and United States Governments in relation to cattle disease, it is stated that the foot and mouth disease is not indigenous in America, but rather that the outbreak of it throughout the States are traceable to cargoes of cattle from England.

N. Y. PIANO CO. OF MONTREAL.

This wealthy and enterprising company, who are agents for several of the leading pianos of America, among which are the celebrated New York Weber, Decker & Son, Dunham, Yose, Hale, & Co., have now made arrangements by which they can supply a fine new Rosewood Piano, upright or square, for \$225, cash. They also offer a music book, stool and cover for \$5 extra. This piano is guaranteed for five years, and is the same class of instrument which is being sold by country agents for \$300 and upward. We understand the Montreal people are purchasing a great number of them, and that they give unequalled satisfaction.

#### CATHOLIC NEWS.

The Countess de Chambois will enter the Carmelite Convent at Graz.

His Lordship Bishop Cleary will arrive in Kingston about the middle of May.

His Lordship Mgr. O'Brien, of Halifax, is the youngest archbishop in the world.

London *Truth* says Archbishop Gibbons, of Baltimore, will be the next cardinal.

A new Roman Catholic church is about being constructed at St. Nere, County of Bellechasse.

Grand Vicar Legare has been appointed administrator of this archdiocese during Archbishop Taschereau's absence.

The Pope will hold a consistory about the end of June when he will create several cardinals. There are eleven names vacant.

His Lordship the Archbishop of Quebec delivered a forcible sermon on Sunday week against theatres and immoral literature.

Seven hundred children of the Separate Schools presented an address of welcome to His Lordship Bishop Carberry on Monday.

Abbe L. A. Bégis has been recalled to the Quebec Seminary. His successor at St. Jeanne de Quebec will be, it is said, the Rev. F. X. Belanger.

The Pope has decided to create another cardinal in the United States. It is intended to always have two in the States and also one in North America.

The Rev. D. P. McMenamin officiated at High Mass at St. Gabriel church, on Sunday, and also preached his first sermon in this city. The discourse was an eloquent one, and tended to show that the rev. preacher is possessed of high ability as a pulpit orator.

The young ladies attending the Loretto Convent, Lindsay, Ont., which was burned on Thursday, have been temporarily provided for. They will board in the priest's house, and the classes will be held in Vicar-General Lamert's house. It is expected that the convent will be sufficiently rebuilt by the end of next vacation, which begins in two months, to allow classes to be resumed there.

The following young ladies took the veil recently at the *Hopital General*, Quebec:—Miss Bernard, of Chambly, in religion Sister Ste. Bernard; Miss Antoinette Dufréne, Sister Ste. Jean Baptiste; and Miss Beaulieu, Sister Ste. Martine; Miss Dufréne is the daughter of J. B. Dufréne, ex-Deputy Prothonotary of Quebec. The Rev. A. Blais officiated and the Rev. Father Beaudouin preached the sermon.

High Mass was celebrated in St. Mary's Cathedral, Halifax, on Tuesday week, for the repose of the soul of the late Archbishop Hannan. His Grace Archbishop O'Brien was the celebrant, and was assisted by the Rev. Fathers Biggs and Oummanne, who acted as deacon and subdeacon, the Very Rev. Father Carmody acting as master of ceremonies. Several priests from outside parishes were present within the sanctuary, and the sacred edifice was filled with an immense congregation of the faithful.

During the past week Rev. Father Carroll has been conducting a retreat for the young and unmarried men of St. Dunstan's congregation, Charlottetown, P. E. I. Services were held morning and evening, at each of which a very instructive sermon was preached. On Saturday evening Father Carroll, in his closing sermon, spoke very feelingly, and