

NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL

Interesting Statistics on Adulteration of Food.

Some Important Changes in Catholic Educational Establishments --The New Rector of the Ottawa University.

OTTAWA, Feb. 23.

The report, returns and statistics of the Inland Revenue Department for 1897 have been issued in the usual form. Like most Government blue-books, it has few attractions for the average reader, but to those of a practical turn of mind it should prove both interesting and profitable. The old adage that, "where ignorance is bliss, it's folly to be wise," seems to apply with particular emphasis in some of the cases it mentions. The report is made up principally of the returns sent in by the Government analysts of the several provinces, from Nova Scotia to Manitoba, upon the samples sent to their laboratories for examination in accordance with the provisions of the Adulteration Act.

Out of 929 samples submitted, 541 were reported 'genuine,' 254 'adulterated,' 107 'doubtful' or 'not classed,' and 30 'sold illegally,' or as compound. In the returns from the several provinces individually, these proportions look different; for instance, in the return handed in from Montreal, out of 22 samples of vinegar, 1 only was declared genuine, 10 adulterated, 11 doubtful. At Halifax, out of 15 samples, only 1 was reported genuine, with 7 adulterated and 7 doubtful. St. John, N.B., reports that out of 13 samples, only 4 were genuine, 8 adulterated and 1 doubtful. Everywhere vinegar adulterations are in evidence, the general average throughout the Dominion being, out of 120 samples, 44 only, or a trifle over a third, were genuine, the balance adulterated or doubtful; of 179 samples of pepper, 122 only were genuine; of cream of tartar, two-thirds were genuine; but of mustard, out of 66 samples analyzed, 3 only were genuine.

According to these few cases, selected from the returns of several official analysts, we are revelling in adulterated food. Whether any special diseases follow in the wake of adulterated vinegar and mustard has not been reported, but it would seem to be the duty of some one to enlighten the public as to their effect upon digestion or on the general health. Adulteration is another word for impurity, and impurity is a refined term for filth—ergo—in eating adulterated food we are eating filth, and that is not a pleasant reflection, to say the least. The report concludes with an elaborate statement by Mr. A. McGill, B.A., giving the results of 61 samples of well water from various parts of the Dominion which were analyzed by the official analysts in accordance with the authority of the Department. These results are given in a tabulated statement accompanying the report.

Mr. McGill closes his report by saying, that when it is found necessary to use polluted or suspected waters the danger may be much lessened by artificial filtration or by boiling the water. Boiling, he says, is not the absolute guarantee it is supposed to be, but there can be no doubt it adds very materially to the safety in its use. Boil the water, then, when you have any reason to doubt its purity.

New Superior for Ottawa University.

The Oblat Fathers have appointed Father Constantineau to succeed Father McGuckin as Rector of the Ottawa University, promoting Father Howe from assistant to pastor of St. Joseph's, which position Father Constantineau came to Canada fifteen years ago from Lowell, Mass., and entered the university. He has been pastor of St. Joseph's for fifteen years, and has always evinced a warm interest in educational matters generally.

Rideau Street Convent.

The new Superior General of the Order of Grey Nuns arrived at the Rideau Street Convent on the afternoon of Friday, the 10th, and met with a warm reception from the ladies and pupils of that institution. It took the shape of a pleasing exhibition of the musical and elocutionary powers of the scholars, which was given in the presence of sisters from the various houses of the order in the city, as also of representatives of the houses in Buffalo, Lowell, Ogdensburg, Pembroke,

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Rev. Father Fallon.

The English-speaking Catholics express great regret at the approaching departure of Father M. P. Fallon from the Ottawa University, of which for over two years he has been the vice-rector and virtually the acting superior of the institution. Father Fallon is a man of commanding ability and exceptionally well qualified for the higher duties he has been performing; he is a good priest, a good scholar and a good preacher, and is also possessed of a degree of personal magnetism which has gained him great popularity amongst Catholics generally, but more especially amongst the young men of the city, with whom he identified himself in an especial manner, evincing the deepest interest in everything that tended to develop and advance their spiritual and moral as well as their physical interests.

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