



A RECENT SCENE IN ST. PAUL STREET.

[Vide Montreal Herald.]

CONTEMPT OF COURT.

Mr. Justice Berthelot, of the Superior Court, is renowned in our legal annals for the jealous care with which he shields from profanation the majesty of the law in the person of our Judges, including even Recorders and Police Magistrates. A short time ago, he threatened to strip an Advocate, pleading before him, of his gown, for having, in the hurry of argument, addressed him as "Sir," instead of the time-honored title of "Your Honor." A memorable instance of his praiseworthy efforts in the great cause of etiquette occurred, on Saturday last, in the Court of Review. Soon after taking his seat on the Bench, his Honor, in a state of intense agitation, addressed himself to Mr. Night, Q. C., complaining that that gentleman had just winked at another learned Q. C., and had also presented himself before the august tribunal, then and there sitting, with a red nose! Mr. Night positively denied the winking, and, in explanation of the unusual redness of his nasal organ, declared that he was frost-bitten when coming from church on the evening of the previous Sunday. The Hon. Judge expressed his gratification that the learned Queen's Counsel had purged himself of contempt in the matter of winking, but, with respect to the other cause of complaint, it was His Honor's opinion that gentlemen who had red noses should leave them at home, when they came to Court. He, however, would withdraw the charge against Mr. Night, while warning him and his *confreres* of the profession that he would maintain the dignity of the Judiciary, especially in cases of winking and red noses, or die in the attempt. His Honor further intimated that he was inclined to regard Mr. Night's long beard as a flagrant contempt of Court, but he would not move in that affair until he had consulted his brethren of the Bench on the subject. The members of the Bar are, of course, anxiously awaiting the Judicial decision on this important point.

"O! FOR A FORTY-PARSON-POWER,
TO CHANT THY PRAISE, HYPOCRISY!"

See the Mayor's speech on Moral Reform at the Banquet. [Who paid for the Banquet?] On next public occasion, look out for a speech on Chicago divorcees.

THE CATHEDRAL "SCANDAL."

This very discreditable affair has acquired additional notoriety by the appearance of a roaring article on the subject in a recent number of the *Montreal Evening Telegraph*.

Although DIOGENES dislikes to meddle with such questions, he must give his readers a short summary of the really material facts of the case:—

Canon Baleh and Canon Loosemore, of the Cathedral, had long been on such unfriendly terms that their quarrels and dissensions had created a scandal in the Church and had been injurious to its interests.

Such being the case, a Committee of five gentlemen (members of the congregation) was duly appointed to enquire into the matter.

The Committee enquired into the matter, and reported on it to the proper quarter.

Without entering into details, it is only necessary to say the Committee recommended that the services of Canon Loosemore should be dispensed with in future.

In this recommendation of the Committee, the Dean concurred, the Vestry concurred, a large majority of the congregation concurred, and the Bishop concurred.

DIOGENES again avoids entering into unnecessary details. To all these facts, what is the reply, as we find the same set forth in the roaring article of the *Evening Telegraph*?

It is this, and nothing more:—The Bishop, the Dean, the Committee, the Vestry, a large majority of the congregation,—all are conspirators, knaves, or fools;—everybody except the roaring Editor of the *Evening Telegraph*.
Bosui!

HONOR TO DEPARTED WORTH.

The *Daily Witness*, in a laudatory obituary notice of a late respected citizen of Montreal, states, with pious gravity and unction, that his chief subjects of study throughout life were the Bible and the *Witness*! Our modest contemporary ought to have added, in justice to his deceased friend, that he was also an admirer of the Sermon on the Mount, the Book of Mormon, and *The Clown and Horse-Collar*.

DIOGENES is afraid that the above language may appear somewhat profane to the ignorant and uninitiated. But he is only following, at a humble distance, the example of the *Witness*.

HARD UPON THE "ENFANT."

The *Nouvel Monde* deplors the fact that our leading French Canadians have not entertained the Prince; and the *Star*, commenting thereon, attributes it to stinginess. Both are wrong,—for DIOGENES has good reason to know that the Prince was very much entertained, and, in fact, highly amused, by several leading French Canadians when he visited the Quebec Legislative Halls, some time ago.

In fact H. R. H. has not been so much entertained since he visited the Monkey-House of the Regent's Park Zoological Gardens before he came to Canada!

A HIGHLY MORAL REFLECTION.

Human nature is alike in every place, and in all circumstances. In the theatre, in the church, in the palace, in the shanty, and (especially) in the State;—the grand desideratum is—A GOOD PLACE.