

In and Around Toronto

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.

This issue of The Catholic Register greets its readers on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, the day for which the Catholic world has been making ready for a twelve months past.

BLESSING OF SAINT MARY'S BELL.

Beautiful and solemn was the ceremony attached to the blessing of St. Mary's new bell, an event which had been looked forward to for some years as the final circumstance in the building and erection of the tower and belfry of the parish church.

in the spiritual order in the greatest of mankind, the Blessed Virgin alone excepted. We learned that St. John the Baptist was no "reed shaken by the wind," but one who maintained Christ and his doctrine even at the cost of his head.

ASSOCIATED CHARITIES.

The annual meeting of the Associated Charities of the city took place at the city hall on Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

At the meeting of Associated Charities, Comptroller Hubbard struck a chord congenial at least to the minds of some of his listeners when he referred, though only in passing, to the objectionable wording of the plan now employed to designate the plan now under consideration for the relief of the congested districts of our city.

THE LATE MR. JOHN ENGLISH.

With the passing of Mr. John English the life of one who was known, respected and liked throughout the province, passes to its reward.

Dr. Gilmour, Warden of the Central Prison. A large concourse were present, many of the officials of the jail being amongst the number.

FUNERAL OF MRS. RUSSELL.

On Monday the funeral of Mrs. Russell took place from her late residence, 176 Seaton street, to St. Paul's church.

Last week the death occurred of Miss Mamie Fanning at the residence of her parents on St. Clarens Ave.

THE QUEEN'S DAUGHTERS.

Mr. J. J. Murphy of Toronto, on his return from his late trip to St. Louis, brought with him news of a seemingly delightful Association, in which all women's societies may be, and are to a great extent, banded together under the beautiful name of the "Queen's Daughters of Heaven."

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ST. MICHAEL'S CHORAL, LITERARY AND CALISTHENIC ASSOCIATION.

At the Cathedral Parish a new society is in process of formation which will without doubt have considerable bearing on the musical, mental, moral, religious and physical development of the men of the congregation.

BEST QUALITY COAL AND WOOD

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ple," will be undertaken. Two meetings have already been held, the last one on Wednesday of this week, when it was arranged that a general meeting should be held on Sunday afternoon at 2.30 for the purpose of electing officers and putting things on a systematic footing generally.

A particular point in the objects of the organization will be the study and acquiring of the Old Chant, to which as possible it is recognized that the study of its history and contemporary music and musicians is desirable literature which embodies the text of the Mass and Vespers, both in Latin and English, with a view to its fullest understanding.

The lines as already laid down, and the undoubted, though foregone, success of the organization are a guarantee that the object of the "Motu Proprio" with regard to the study and interpretation of the Old Chant, will be attained at the Cathedral.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN FOY

In the death of Mr. John Foy which occurred on Tuesday morning, Toronto loses one of its best esteemed citizens, and the Catholic community one of its most respected and influential members.

Faith precedes repentance. Hope, not despair, is the mother of godly sorrow. The goodness of God is before the badness of man.

JOHN RUSKIN

On the Blessed Virgin's Influence on Domestic Life

Of the sentiments which in all ages have distinguished the gentleman from the churl, the first is that of reverence for womanhood, which even through all the cruelties of the middle ages, developed itself with increasing power until the thirteenth century and became consummated in the imagination of the Madonna, which ruled over all the highest arts and purest thoughts of that age.

But after the most careful examination, neither an adversary nor as friend of the influences of Catholicity for good and evil, I am persuaded that the worship of the Madonna has been one of its noblest and most vital graces, and has never been otherwise than productive of true holiness of life and purity of character.

JOHN RUSKIN.

How many think of thanking God during the day when you receive some signal blessing? You may be very fond of praying to Him for favors, but how often do you thank Him for favors received? And yet you know you cannot move a finger without His help; you cannot perform a single act which merits for eternity unless He gives you the grace necessary.

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THE CANADIAN NORTHWEST

HOMESTEAD REGULATIONS

Any even numbered section of Dominion Lands in Manitoba or the North-west Territories, excepting 8 and 26, which has not been homesteaded, or reserved to provide wood lots for settlers, or for other purposes, may be homesteaded upon by any person who is the sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years of age, to the extent of one-quarter section of 160 acres, more or less.

ENTRY

Entry may be made personally at the local land office for the District in which the land to be taken is situated, or if the homesteader desires he may, on application to the Minister of the Interior, Ottawa, the Commissioner of Immigration, Winnipeg, or the Local Agent for the district in which the land is situated, receive authority for some one to make entry for him. A fee of \$10 is charged for a homestead entry.

HOMESTEAD DUTIES

A settler who has been granted an entry for a homestead is required by the provisions of the Dominion Lands Act as amended to perform the conditions connected therewith, under one of the following plans:

- (1) At least six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each year during the term of three years. (2) If the father (or mother, if the father is deceased) of any person who is eligible to make a homestead entry, under the provisions of this Act, resides upon a farm in the vicinity of the land entered for by such person as a homestead, the requirements of this Act as to residence prior to obtaining patent may be satisfied by such person residing with the father or mother. (3) If a settler was entitled to and has obtained entry for a second homestead, the requirements of this Act as to residence prior to obtaining patent may be satisfied by residence upon the first homestead. If the second homestead is in the vicinity of the first homestead. (4) If the settler has his permanent residence upon farming land owned by him in the vicinity of his homestead the requirements of this Act as to residence may be satisfied by residence upon the said land.

The term "vicinity" used above is meant to indicate the same township or an adjoining or cornering township.

The privilege of a second entry is restricted by law to those settlers only who completed the duties upon their first homesteads to entitle them to patent on or before the 3rd June, 1899.

Every homesteader who fails to comply with the requirements of the homestead law is liable to have his entry cancelled, and the land may be again thrown open for entry.

APPLICATION FOR PATENT

Should be made at the end of the three years before the Local Agent, Sub-Agent or the Homestead Inspector. Before making application for patent, the settler must give six months' notice in writing to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands at Ottawa of his intention to do so.

INFORMATION

Newly arrived immigrants will receive at the Immigration Office in Winnipeg, or at any Dominion Lands Office in Manitoba or the North-west Territories information as to the lands that are open for entry, and from the officers in charge, free of expense, advice and assistance in securing lands to suit them. Full information respecting the land, timber, coal and mineral laws, as well as respecting Dominion Lands in the Railway Belt in British Columbia, may be obtained upon application to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior Ottawa, the Commissioner of Immigration, Winnipeg, Manitoba, or to any of the Dominion Lands Agents in Manitoba or the North-west Territories.

Deputy Minister of the Interior.

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