

CHURCH NOTICES.

CATHEDRAL, ST. BONIFACE.

Sundays—Masses at 7.30 and 10 a. m. Vespers at 3 p. m.

Week Days—Masses at 6.30 and 7.30 a. m. ST. MARY'S CHURCH.

Situated on the corner of St. Mary and Argave Streets. Rev. Father Ouellette, Rector; Rev. Father Cahill, assistant.

Sundays—Masses at 7.00 8.30, and 10.30, a.m.: Vespers at 7.15 p. m. Catechism for perseverance at 2.30 p. m.

Week Days—Masses at 6.15 and 7.30 a. m. IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.

Situated in Point Douglass. Rev. Father Cherrier, rector.

Sundays—Masses at 8.30 and 10.30 a.m. Vespers at 4.00 p.m.

Week Days—Mass at 7 a.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 8 1886

CITY AND PROVINCIAL NEWS

The close season for all kinds of wild ducks, sea ducks, pigeons, teal; wild swans and wild geese, except wavyes begins on May 1st and continues until September 1st.

Over one hundred settlers left for the west Tuesday morning. They are of a good solid sort, and just the kind for whom there is plenty of room in this country.

The Brandon Machine Works had a very narrow escape from being burned down on Tuesday evening last.

The Provincial Department of Agriculture has leased a lot on the north side of the track opposite the C. P. R. depot on which there will be at once erected a building to be used as an immigration office.

Mr. Wm. Bell, known in Winnipeg as the "sheep king" went to Montana a short time ago and is now on his way back with 3,000 head of four year old wedders.

On Thursday Mr. Morrison shipped from Woodstock, per Canadian Pacific Railway, between 700 and 800 young cattle. They go forward to stock a ranch at Fort McLeod, N. W. T.

Mr. L. A. Hamilton, Assistant Land Commissioner of the C. P. R., has laid out the site of the future city of Kamloops. An allotment of the property between the railway company and the private owners, it is understood, has also been made.

Mr. T. C. Sorby, of Montreal, who arrived in the town a day or two ago, left for Vancouver, the new C. P. R. terminus on the Pacific coast, yesterday, to superintend the erection of the hotel, private houses, blocks of stores and offices, and other buildings about being started by the C. P. R. Co. and various private persons.

The first Chinaman to enter Manitoba since the passing of the Act by the Dominion Parliament putting a duty of \$50 per head on all Celestials coming to the Dominion, arrived the other day, having come direct from China.

Baron Von Hemert, a Dutch gentleman has arrived in the city with the intention of settling in the province. Talking to a reporter, the Baron expressed himself hopeful of a large immigration to Manitoba this year, from Holland and Belgium.

Dutch and Belgians, and band themselves together to make known to their people at home the advantages offered by Manitoba.

David H. Scott, the defaulter of the Merchants Bank here, is now in jail and will stand his trial at the next assizes. He stands indicted on number of criminal charges.

A splendid tombstone to the memory of the late Mrs LaRiviere, wife of Hon A. C. LaBiviere, is in course of erection in St. Boniface.

A retreat preparatory to the Jubilee will be preached the week after next at St. Boniface Cathedral. All Catholics are especially invited to attend.

A Deputation from the county of Shoal Lake, consisting of Messrs. Menzies, Thompson, Scott, Findly, Ingersoll and Hamilton, arrived in the city last evening and is interviewing the Government to day in regard to the proposed redistribution of the counties of Shoal Lake and Russell.

A Brandon correspondent writes under date of the 3rd: "Farmers had all their wheat in ten days ago, and a great many have all their oats in now, and spring plowing is the order of the order of the day. The weather has been simply grand. I have never seen a season like it yet, and this my fifth spring here. Farmers are very hopeful and sanguine of their best hopes being realized this year. A great feature, and a very pleasant this year, I notice this year is the number of farmers who are planting trees, Maple, Russian mulberry and willow, the latter for wind breaks, seem to be the favorite varieties.

MAN. AND N. W. T.

Minnedosa.—D. McDonald, who lived six miles west from town, committed suicide in a most determined manner. After cutting his throat with a razor he threw himself into a deep gough where he soon drowned, life being quite extinct when taken out. No reason is given. He was buried yesterday in town cemetery. He was 50 years old.

Dominion City, Weare having delightful growing weather. Several of our farmers are through seeding. The crops are looking well and the prospect is bright for all.

Our new steam grist mill has closed down for the season.

Mr. Robert Taylor, post master contemplates building an addition to his store.

Our popular C. P. R agent, Mr. Cruise has let the contract for his dwelling, on Isabella Avenue.

Messrs. Agnew & Co. has just shipped a car of oats to Winnipeg. This makes some 15,000 bushels of grain they have bought and shipped since January. Stonewall, The mill bonus voted on in the municipality of rockwood yesterday granting \$10,000 towards the election of a roller mill, was carried by 65 majority.

Carberry.—May 4.—We came near having to recount a couple of disasters last week. Mr. Purdy, senior miller in the Carberry roller mill, finding one of roll choked, supposed the belt to be off the pulley down stairs. He put his hand in to clear out the rolls before going down to adjust the belt, when all at once the rolls started, the belt having been slipping. The rolls caught his finger and took the end off one and lacerated two others badly. As the rollers were corrugated he had a very narrow escape. His fingers are doing well.

The house of Mr. James Dixon had a narrow escape from being destroyed by fire, the roof having caught from the pipe. Neighbors were promptly on hand and water being plentiful, the fire was soon got under control.

Mr. Huckle, late of Carberry, the lessee of the Duffin House, lately kept S. J. Thompson, entered on his duties the 1st of May.

The fields about here are showing a lovely green, and the prospects at present are all that could be desired.

Portage la Prairie, May 5.—Messrs T. W. Newman and the H. B. Co. who have a large trading store at the extreme west end are arranging for stores in the eastern part of the town, and other merchants on Main Street are moving to a central locality to compete for the general trade. Thus the dull times are benefiting the town by forcing the centralization of business giving the business street a more compact appearance.

D. Mann took another gang of 100 men out to his contract on the M. & N. T. this week.

Rat Portage.—It is not generally known but at the same time it is the fact, that about half a mile from Rat Portage extensive water power exists, capable of running several large mills, and it is surprising that among the many enterprising Canadians that steps have not been taken before this to establish one or two mills in this district. The general impression is that a flour mill would not succeed inasmuch as the expense of transporting grain would be great but although in the neighborhood of Rat Portage the land is rocky, still the rainy river district, about 80 miles from here, is first class agricultural land

and is equal to any part of Canada, and it is expected, at an early date, will produce a large amount of grain, capable of keeping a flour mill in full working order. The Ontario and Rainy Lake Co lately incorporated propose to run a branch line to Rat Portage, and will probably be surveyed this summer from the Rainy River district to Rat Portage. A paper mill would also flourish, and the water facilities of the Winnipeg River from the Lake of the Woods require only to be utilized to develop their wonderful power cannot be over estimated and to think that not over four years ago Rat Portage was not known, but to see the popularity of Rat Portage has attained, and will attain throughout Canada and the United States in the near future will be great, and no doubt will be one of the largest cities in the Northwest. It requires only energy and perseverance to make this district prosperous, and will no doubt create jealousy in towns of a more recent growth but this district possess natural facilities that cannot be overcome.

CURIOSITIES

An infant with four ears it attracting attention at Lathrop. Cal.

A 13-year-old girl who died some time ago in North Georgia, had never, her father said, heard of death or knew there was such a thing.

Last week Edward Dunmore, who is said to be 102 years old, were married at the residence of the latter in Avondal Pa.

A strange fish, resembling a sperm whale with an animal's head, but only about eight inches in length, has lately been on exhibition in a jewellery store at Clouster, Mass.

There is an old man residing on the Soquel road, Santa Cruz, Cal, who is at present cutting his third set of teeth. The process is attended with all the pain and annoyance with which a child suffers when it cuts its first teeth.

A Smith county, Kansas, hunter fell into an old dry well, 40 feet deep, one day last week. He was not hurt by the fall, and at once began trying to get out by cutting steps in the side with his knife. At the end of 24 hours, when he was discovered and rescued he had got about half way out.

It is related that a lame ox, in Gloucester, England; had been turned out to grass, but he broke pasture and made his way to a blacksmith's shop. Here he took his place in the shoeing frame, and held up a crippled foot to the curious smith. The difficulty was a small stone under his shoe.

The arithmetician Dase, who died in 1691, declared that he could count thirty objects of the same kind as easily as other people could count three or four. The truth of this assertion was often proved when the arithmetician, with lightning rapidity, gave the correct number of a herd of sheep, of the books in a library, or the window panes in a large house.

A Lock Haven blacksmith named Bush the other day performed the rare feat of knocking himself down, He and a helper, the latter used a sledge hammer, were welding a piece of iron, when, by a miscalculation, he struck the helper's hammer, which flew up and hit him in the face, knocking him senseless; He recovered consciousness in two hours, and his beauty is spoiled.

THE EFFECT OF CARRYING A PISTOL

An interesting story is told of Judge Branham, of Georgia: The Judge frequently reproved one of his clerks for carrying a derringer pistol in each of his vest pockets, but could not induce him to abandon the unlawful habit. One day a client came into the office, with whom the clerk got into an altercation, winding up by calling the client a liar. The latter picked up a pair of tongs with the intention of braining the clerk; he quietly pulled out a deringer and requested the client to lay down the tongs, which he did and took his departure. Turning to the Judge the clerk said, 'You have always insisted that I should not carry a pistol, as I would have no need of it. Now suppose that I hadn't had that weapon, that fellow would have killed me with those tongs.' 'Not at all probable,' replied Judge Branham. 'Why' interrogated the surprised clerk. 'Because' replied the Judge, 'if you had been without a pistol you would not have called the fellow a liar.'

NOTICE.

Weights and Measures

The following balances only are to be admitted to verification: A. Balances having equal arms and on which the load is suspended below the fulcrum. B. Balances commonly known as steelyard or Roman Balances, having equal arms. C. Weigh Bridges. D. Balance with equal arms and on which the load is placed above the fulcrum. DD Hydrostatic balance for weighing coal.

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The conveyance to be made on foot or in a suitable vehicle.

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