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All matter for publication in the HERALD should be in this office by noon on Tuesday. Persons wishing their advertisements changed *must* advise us Saturday forenoon.

A GOVERNMENT VICTORY.

On the 9th inst., an election, for the House of Commons, was held in Napierville, P. Q., which resulted in the return of Mr. Paradis, the Liberal Conservative candidate, by a majority of thirty one votes. This has always been such a Grit stronghold that ever since confederation, Opposition members have invariably been elected with large majorities, and at the last general election the Grit candidate was returned with upwards of two hundred majority. The Liberal member, Mr. Ste. Marie, resigned last summer to run for the Local Legislature.

The Opposition, led by Mr. Laurier, made a desperate fight to retain the constituency; but to no avail. Hon. Mr. Chapleau took the field in the Government interests, and so powerful was the weight of argument adduced by him and the other Conservative speakers that what was regarded by the opposition as an impregnable stronghold elected a supporter of Sir John McDonald's Government.

This, following so closely on the victory in Montmorency, would, it might be thought, cause Mr Laurier to devote his attention to his own Province instead of coming down to the Maritime Provinces to air his eloquence.

THE EGG TRADE.

The fact that in the course of a few months the virtually new business of exporting eggs to Great Britain has grown till the shipments have already reached the neighborhood of two millions, and have been received most favorably, is highly satisfactory. Such a successful start makes it evident that, as with our cheese and our cattle, a great trade in eggs with the mother country will be rapidly established and will grow to vast proportions, which will relieve even the most skeptical of any false idea that Canada is dependent upon the United States for a market and for existence

Not only is the early success of our egg shipments gratifying in itself, but from it may fairly be drawn the conclusion that in other lines the best results will follow efforts to avail ourselves of the enormous demand in the United Kingdom for what we can produce, instead of supinely contenting ourselves with old channels of trade simply because they have become customary and a matter of course, or because the market is near, although the demand, already oversupplied, is poor and not capable of expansion. Already there are signs that in regard to barley and some other products a larger and more remunerative market is open to us in Great Britain—a market which, for some time to come, may be regarded as practically unlimited.

The cultivation of trade with this immense and ever craving market must inevitably have results that will make Canadians wonder that they ever contented themselves with relying upon the restricted market of the United States, where the chief aim is to find an outlet for its own surplus products. The experience of the cheesemakers and cattle raisers will be repeated as to many other Canadian commodities.—*Exchange.*

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY.

The Charlottetown conference of the St. Vincent de Paul society held its election of officers for the ensuing year on Sunday last, with the following result: spiritual director, Rev. P. A. Macdonald; president, John Caven, re-elected; vice-president, P. Macarey; treasurer, A. A. Macdonald; assistant treasurer, Frank Trainor; secretary, A. E. Maceachen; assistant secretary, Harry Macleod; wardrobe keeper, B. Macrory.

At three o'clock in the afternoon of the same day the annual public meeting of the society was held in the cathedral. The president occupied the chair, and, besides the cathedral clergy and the officers and members of the society there was a fair attendance of the parishioners. The secretary and treasurer submitted their annual reports.

The treasurer's report showed that the receipts of the society for the past year had been $694.71 and the expenditure $608.78. It also contained a detailed statement of the manner in which the expenditure had been made, giving the quantities of the different kinds of provision and fuel that had been distributed. The principal sources of income—the interest on $8,000 donated to the society by the late Owen Connolly—amounting to $120; two collections, taken up in the cathedral, amounting to about $170; a donation of $50 from the League of the Cross; and the proceeds of professor Cassidy's lectures. The balance was made up from the cathedral poor boxes, donations from other societies and private persons and private collections among the members of the society.

The secretary's report showed that during last winter the society had under its patronage eighteen families, comprising thirty-one persons, and during the summer fourteen families, comprising twenty-one persons, to whom weekly allowances of provisions and cash were given. The alms house, opened through the generosity of an honorary member, Mr. Philip Coyle, has proved a good help to the society. Six persons in this alms house have been assisted by the society, by weekly allowances of provisions and fuel. About eighty-six tons of coal were distributed during the year. Several donations of provisions were made by honorary members, which do not appear in the accounts as expenditure.

Besides what has been done by this conference for the relief of the poor, the St. Vincent de Paul ladies and society, known as the Sewing Circle, has accomplished much. During the year they expended one hundred and twenty dollars for the purchase of books and material from which they have made clothing for the poor.

After the presentation of the reports the following officers were declared by Rev'ds Lane and McLeod, P. Macarey, P. Trainor, and Messrs. Macleod, Macrory, and Macdonald, to be the spiritual director, president, vice-president, treasurer, and secretary for the ensuing year:—Spiritual director, Rev. P. A. Macdonald; president, John Caven; vice-president, Thomas Macleod; treasurer, A. A. Macdonald; secretary, A. E. Macdonald; assistant secretary, Harry Macleod; wardrobe keeper, B. Macrory.

Mr. Macleod, in a very neat and appropriate address, presented the retiring president, Mr. Macarey, with a handsome gold watch, as a mark of the esteem in which he is held by the members of the society.

Mr. Macarey, in a very feeling address, thanked the members for their kindness to him during his term of office, and said he was sorry he was not able to do more for the society. He was sure the society was in a good condition, and he was sure it would be in a better condition than it was when he took it.

Mr. Macrory, in a few well chosen words, thanked the members for the kindness they had shown