quence he thanked the members for their gift, acknowledging the kindly feeling that had prompted them. He spoke with fervor of his interest in the Club, and whilst not claiming any great ability, admitted that he had put energy into his work as president, and he asked where was there an institution in Winnipeg more worthy of a Catholic's energy and zeal than the Catholic Club. He looked upon the Club both on account of its present achievement and its future promise as one of the most important of the Catholic institutions of the city, and therefore one that any man might be proud to work for. In choice language he expressed his deep obligations to the executive and members for the loyalty and good-will with which they had ever supported him, and he bespoke the same support for his successor. Again thanking them for their handsome gift, he resumed his seat amid tumultuous applause.

A hearty vote of thanks was then tendered the ladies and gentlemen who had taken part in the programme, and the most enjoyable evening was brought to a close by another selection by the orchestra.

Mr. F. W. Russell, the ex-president of the Club, is an Englishman by birth and came to Canada in July, 1885. Of a prominent Protestant family, he was brought up a member of the Church of England, but six months before leaving the old country he was received into the Catholic Church, by Rev. Father Arkell, P.S.M., at the church of St. Mary-Star-of-the-Sea, Hastings. Although a newspaper man by training, he entered the service of the C.P.R. almost immediately on his arrival here, and now fills the position of Chief Clerk in the important Land Department of that company. During the whole period of his residence in Winnipeg he has taken a most active interest in Catholic affairs. In the fall of 1885 he contributed to the columns of the first issue of the Review and from that time has been a staunch friend of the paper and a prominent contributor, often doing important editorial work. The various offices he has held in Catholic organizations in Winnipeg are almost too many to enumerate, but amongst them may be mentioned :--- Financial Secretary, Recording Secretary and President of St. Mary's Branch, No. 52, C.M.B.A; Pres-No. 163; representative at the Ottawa St. John's, went down into the Arena convention of the Grand Council in 1896; Chief Ranger of St. Mary's Thursday, February 1st. What with Court, No. 176, of the Catholic For- the boisterous cheering of a determined esters; representative at the Foresters' convention at Minneapolis and Stillwater; Recording Secretary for several hit him," the scene was worthy of the years of St. Vincent de Paul conference; President for two years of St. Joseph's the game as if they had some notion of Union; President and active member of the Catholic Truth Society; President of the Newman Literary Guild. tall figures in sable sweaters and grue-The St. Joseph's Union, Truth Society, some emblems was probably more than and Literary Guild all flourished for a time and did good work, but they had first half the boys from across the river accomplished their main purpose when seemed satisfied with standing on the promoters believe that these markets the Catholic Club was formed, and, defensive. They barely held their therefore ceased to exist. Mr. Russell ground, and at half-time the score was was one of the founders of the Club 2 to 2. It is but right to mention that these things show why Ireland is lookand from its inception has been constant and active in working for its certainly told powerfully on the result of work upon her greatest exhibition. interests. He was the first Secretary, of the game. One of the Medicals went holding that office for three years, and off the ice limping; after all they were was then elected President in 1903, and only flesh and blood. With this enwas unanimously re-elected President couraging assurance the St. Boniface in 1904 and 1905, retiring this year, much to the regret of the members, who have, however, made him an ex-officio the enemy's headquarters. This time member of the Executive. Three years ago he was one of the two delegates tory was not for one moment doubtful. elected by the Catholics of the city to At the end of the game the score stood wait on the Federal Government at Ottawa re the School Question. He May a like success attend them in their still holds several offices, notably Sec- game against the Pharmacists on religion. retary of St. Mary's School Committee | Thursday, February 8. and Chairman of the general Catholic committee representing the parishes of the city. Mr. Russell was married in 1887 at St. Mary's church in this city. and Mrs. Russell is also very active in Church work, being at present President of the Altar Society, and a Vice-President of the Ladies Aid.



The St. Boniface College team, still to join issue with the Medicals on

crowd of backers from each college, and the unmistakable shouts of "Hit him, arenas of old. The doctors started into preparing their opponents for the dissecting table. The very sight of those even Saints could bear, for during the

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players resumed the game with a will which kept the puck spinning around they had it all their own way and vic-6 to 2 in favor of St. Boniface College.

WORLD'S FAIR AT DUBLIN

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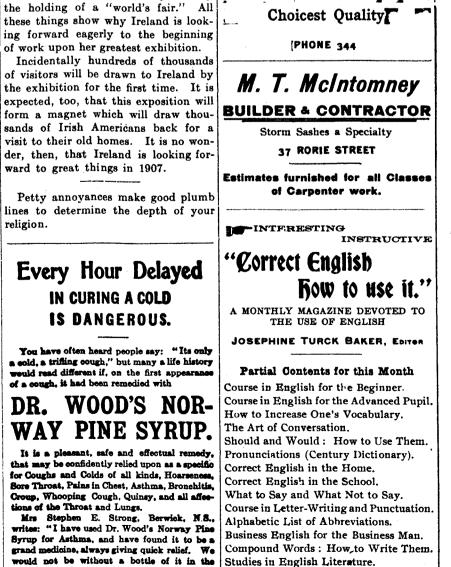
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