

Mr. John S. Ewart, K.C., of Winnipeg, has temporarily retired from the practice of his profession. Mr. Ewart intends to devote some time in the field of literature.

The Marconi wireless telegraph system will be installed at four stations down the gulf of the St. Lawrence, in order to protect navigation to Montreal.

Smallpox has again broken out in the city. So far, however, it has not proved very dangerous. Every precaution has been taken to prevent the spread of the disease.

If present indications may be taken as a criterion of what building will be done on Portage Ave. this summer, it will yet, and in the near future, rival Main St. Nearly every vacant lot on both sides as far as Kennedy St. will be the scene of activity, and almost before Winnipeggers are aware of the fact, the street will be lined with handsome and commodious stores and office buildings.

To judge from the demands for space by eastern manufacturers at the forthcoming Dominion Exposition to be held at Winnipeg it would appear that the manufacturing exhibit will be the most comprehensive ever shown in Canada. It is impossible to over-estimate the important bearing the holding of this great Fair will have on the future development of the west. From many standpoints it will be beneficial but especially will it be beneficial to the Eastern manufacturer, who will have an opportunity of judging as to the trade requirements of the west. If the Canadian manufacturer is to hold his own with his perhaps more energetic rival in the United States it is necessary that he study the requirements of the west carefully and well. The Dominion Exhibition offers him that opportunity.

Attorney-General Campbell proposes introducing the high license system into Manitoba. The license fee of all cities and towns of over 5,000 inhabitants will, if his measure carries, be \$1,000. The object of this increase, as explained by Mr. Campbell, is to enlist the interest of the licensee in the strict enforcement of the license laws, and in the elimination of illicit and illegal traffic.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie has sent the following reply to G. W. Winckler, Sec. Historical and Scientific Society of Manitoba, who informed him that he has recently been elected an honorary member of the Society.

New York, Nov. 21, 1903.

Dear Sir,—Yours of the 14th received. The honor conferred in electing me an honorary member of your society gives me unusual pleasure. First, it is from a branch of my own race; second, it is from Canada; third from the neighbor of the great Republic. You know that I am a race Imperialist. I know the day is coming when Canada, as the well behaved younger son, will take the motherland by the one hand and the rebellious elder brother by the other and reconcile them both.

I also think that Canada will some day annex the republic, just as the Northern part of Great Britain, called Scotland, actually annexed the southern part, called England, and has bossed it ever since.

May this be the history of Canada. Meanwhile with renewed thanks,

Very truly yours,  
(Sgd.) ANDREW CARNEGIE

AMONG THE MAGAZINES.

The University of Ottawa Review has reached the editor's table. It contains as a frontispiece a portrait of Cardinal Gibbons who, a few days ago, delivered the principal address at the laying of the corner stone of the new University. An article worthy of serious perusal is that on Ludwig Windthorst. Another article of very considerable merit is the oft-discussed Shakespearean character—Brutus. The students are to be congratulated on the general excellence of this issue.

We also acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the Canadian Messenger of the Sacred Heart, the Messenger Monthly Magazine, the Labor Gazette, and the Viatorian.

The May numbers of the Ave Maria are up to their usual high standard, which is saying a great deal. Perhaps the most interesting article is that by the Comtesse de Courson on "the Church in Korea, past and present." Indeed every contribution to this number is worthy of careful reading.

ART IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY.

Persons of much acumen, and indeed, those authorities to whose verdicts we are accustomed to listen in respectful silence, are hesitating still as to Whistler's proper dimensions or analogy in the world of art. Some say a giant; some say only a meteor. Brilliant in mind, with a sense of satire unspeakable, his art, too, was eccentric, paradoxical and unconventional, in the extreme for all its distinction and elegance. We feel some inevitable subjectivity between the production and the producer, and then comes the anomaly—or was it still the true Whistler?—that this caustic and deviltry-loving cynic never painted so great a picture as the "Portrait of My Mother." Before it we stand awed at its immense simplicity, its whole freedom from professional juggling, its purity and its pathos. As to method it is absolutely Whistler-like, he is preoccupied with his usual tonal schemes, arrangements and harmonies; but the Whistler who painted this beautiful dim-eyed, gray woman of Virginia, had never curled his lips to sneer.—Gabriel Francis Powers.

English critics have warmed to enthusiasm over the portrait of Cardinal Rampolla. This is, indeed so fine and discriminating that it would stand on its own merits were there no name attached to it. As a picture it is masterly in technique, broad, subdued in effect and profoundly interesting. The head quietly and powerfully drawn is one of the strongest studies in portraiture we have seen for many a long day. Sargent would have no reason to be ashamed of the figure drawing and sumptuous treatment of material; and in the hands, M. Laszlo has proved how he himself will broach the problem of character in hands and depict it admirably. It would be impossible to praise the "Cardinal Rampolla" too highly; it is difficult to praise it enough. That tense, deep-thinking, melancholy face will long haunt the beholder.—Gabriel Francis Powers, in the Messenger for May.

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The New Century.

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But the world do move, and it was shown in the Senate last Saturday that now one acre is ample for the purposes indicated—provided you have it under the proper conditions of soil, climate and markets. The little one-acre farm submitted as a shining example of the truth of this proposition is situated in the Sacramento Valley, California, and has been tilled by its present owner for thirty years, who has made a snug little fortune from it, he saving an average of \$400 a year from its products. These are the figures that verify the statement, and they make interesting reading; House and porches cover 30 by 30 feet; barn and corral 25 by 25 feet; two wind-mill water towers 16 by 16 feet each; garden 46 by 94 feet; blackberries 16 by 90 feet; strawberries 65 by 90 feet; citrus nursery 90 by 98 feet, in which there are 2,300 trees budded; dewberries, one row 100 feet long; 4 apricot trees, 3 peach trees, 6 fig trees; 12 lemon trees, 7 years old; 4 lime trees 9 years old, which bore last year 160 limes; 8 bearing orange trees; 4 bread fruit, 5 pomegranate, 4 prune trees; 4 grape vines, 1 seed bed, one sage bed, two tomato vines, 13 stands of bees, and an assortment of choice flowers, violets, calla lilies, geraniums, honey suckles, etc. In addition he has a poultry yard and a few high grade cows.

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