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Our Weekly Letter.

From Our Own Correspondent.

March 10th (Delayed in Montreal, March 10th). Bishop Joseph Alex. G. R. Apostolic Administrator of the Archdiocese of Montreal, has been named as Archbishop. His title is "Archbishop of Yvonne." The right of succession to Paul Deschamps, the present Archbishop, has been ill for two years of an incurable disease. When the Pope will arrive in Montreal and what they will be read in public Basilica of St. James, but there is no ceremony until his Grace receives the Pallium as Archbishop of Montreal.

Right Reverend Monsignor Joseph Alexandre George Gauthier, D.D., D.C.L., honorary LL.D., LL.M. (a degree which was given at the McGill Centennial, October, 1912, although just a little over years of age has shown such talents of administration and energy as to draw upon himself the attention and interest of superiors at Rome and in Canada. Besides being a powerful speaker, he speaks both French and English fluently, having in this respect, it is said, no superior in the city.

In Montreal on October 9, Monsignor Gauthier was educated at the Montreal College, and remained as a priest on September 18, 1894, by the late Archbishop. For two years thereafter he studied at Rome, obtaining there the degree of Doctor of Canon Law. He was Professor at the Grand Seminary of Montreal in 1896, remaining there for two years, when in 1898, Monsignor Gauthier was appointed to the staff of the Archbishop's Palace. He was Chaplain of the Cathedral from 1902 to 1904, was made curate, or parish priest, in 1904, becoming also a canon of the cathedral.

In 1912, a cable from Rome announced the appointment of Monsignor Gauthier as Auxiliary Bishop of Montreal in place of Monsignor Deschamps, who had resigned on account of ill health. Two months later, on the 24, 1912, in St. James Cathedral, Monsignor Gauthier was consecrated as Bishop by Archbishop Bruchest, a great gathering of prelates and priests being present in the sanctuary, while numbers of people filled the church. The Archbishop was assisted in the consecration by Bishop Emard, of Valleyfield, and Bishop Larocque, of Sherbrooke, the deacon and sub-deacon of honor being Canon Dauth and Canon Lepailleur. In the official communication from Rome the new prelate's title was announced to be Bishop of Philadelphia, and he was given auxiliary jurisdiction in the Archdiocese of Montreal.

In September, 1917, when Monsignor Dauth resigned as vice-rector of Laford University (now the University of Montreal), on account of ill health, Monsignor Gauthier was appointed in his place, and later he became Rector.

Owing to Archbishop Bruchest's poor health, Monsignor Gauthier was named Apostolic Administrator of the Archdiocese of Montreal, in an official communication, dated November 4, 1921, from the Apostolic Delegate at Ottawa.

His place as Rector of the University will be filled by Mgr. Piette, formerly pastor of St. Stanislas Church in the Northeast part of the city. Only a few months ago, Mgr. Piette was appointed as Vicar General of the Archdiocese to succeed the late Mgr. De LaDunantye, who died suddenly in the Hotel Dieu Hospital. Mgr. Piette has resigned the Vicar Generalship in order to take up his duties as the new Rector of the University of Montreal. He will be succeeded by Canon Deschamps, pastor of St. Bridget's Church.

At the 75th anniversary of St. Patrick's Church, held last fall, Bishop Gauthier delivered one of the finest discourses ever heard in the old historic Irish Church of the city. The auxiliary Bishop has not as yet been named, but Mgr. Piette may be appointed. The names of Canons Harbour, Rector of St. James Basilica, Sylvestre, Arch Priest of the Diocese, whose work is to examine the finances of each parish in the large Diocese, and Rev. Gerald J. McShane, S. S., pastor of St. Patrick's Church, are also mentioned. The Irish Catholics claim that they should have a Bishop. The Archdiocese is to be sub-divided, and a new see called, Montreal South,

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with headquarters at Longueuil, across the river, has been contemplated for some time, but owing to the illness of Archbishop Bruchest, the change did not take place.

"We call him strong yho stands unmoved—
Calm as some lamp-post-beaten rock—
When some great trouble huris his shock
We say of him, 'His strength is proved.'"

The trials and tribulations encountered by the missionaries in the wild country north of Lake Superior during the 19th century were unravelled to members of Montreal Historical Society in the Sulpician Library when Rev. R. Melancon, S.J., read the Journal of Father Dominique Chardon du Rasquet.

For 58 years the latter labored in the inhospitable country of the north endeavoring to persuade the inhabitants of that area of the virtues of Christianity. Unfortunately for the cause of religion, the half savage creatures were more interested in bargaining, fishing and games, but when sickness visited their homes, the missionary was the one whom they sought first. By his kindly and practical manner he won the confidence of these men, the speaker said, and as a result turned their thoughts toward religion.

To those brave missionaries who underwent such awful hardships to bring the "Light of the Gospel" to the Red Men and to others, their work was:

"A dream of happiness
And every to-morrow a vision of hope."

A pathetic scene was witnessed at the graveside of the late Sir Thomas Roddick. As the mahogany casket had been enclosed in a steel shell, and was being lowered into the grave, the late Doctor's faithful old coachman, who had been his trusted servant for over 40 years, said in mournful tones, "Good-bye, Doctor, good-bye." The farewell message of that good servant rang clear and true, and made a deep impression on the many notables, including titled heads of Universities, Doctors, and others. With the flowers banked seven feet high around his grave.

"After life's fitful fever, he sleeps well."

Four days after his burial, a novel request was made in Superior Court when the bench was asked to order the remains of a deceased person exhumed in accordance with the will of the dead person.

The Royal Trust Company, executors of the estate of the late Sir Thos. Roddick, presented a motion before Acting Chief Justice Martin in Chambers, with this request. The petition was opposed by the widow of deceased, on the grounds that the clause in question had been tacitly revoked by her husband, and that he had abandoned the idea expressed in his will that his remains should be cremated.

"Keep him in our memory green
While life's dull path we plod,
He is resting from his labors now,
He has answered the call of God."

The new Executive Committee at the City Hall has an extensive programme for 1923 in the paving of the city streets. Over fifteen million dollars have been borrowed and spent on paving, and yet more than half of the city streets have no permanent pavements whatever. With Montreal's past record of bungling, hoodling, and dishonest methods used, it is no wonder that so small an area has been paved and so large an amount spent. The patronage granting Alderman of a few years ago have left their marks of incompetence and graft behind them. If the old walls of the City Hall, now left standing over the ruins of that building, could only speak, Oh! what a tale they could tell. Very clear proof was adduced in the courts that not only did the city suffer heavy monetary loss by the incompetence of these men, but that many of these convicts with dishonest contractors to palm off inferior paving materials on the corporation. The new administration of the city have decided to adopt the "fiscal improvement" plan which means that proprietors shall pay for pavement laid in front of their respective properties. Practically all progressive cities have adopted this system and it has been found to work out satisfactorily. Montreal would have less civic debts if the pernicious habits of bungling, hoodling and dishonesty were not adopted and the old maxim the worth over followed.

"In vain we call old notions ruder,
And bend our conscience to our dealing;
The Ten Commandments will not budge
And stealing will continue stealing."

A man's body found on the banks of the aqueduct, Cote St. Paul, frozen stiff, was at first thought to be a case of suicide, but the Coroner's jury decided that it was a case of poisoning by some unknown person. Another one of the many mysterious and unsolved deaths in this big city.

In the annual reports of St. Vincent de Paul Penitentiary at Bordenau, Col. R. de la Bruere Girouard, Warden of the institution states, "It has been clearly demonstrated by many penitentiaries that an institution of this sort cannot only be put on a self-supporting basis, but actually be made to pay a revenue to the State,

ade answered 3,952 calls during the year.

For backdrafts and similar causes there had been 648 useless calls; 689 false alarms from street boxes; 82 false alarms by automatic sprinkler systems; and 119 false alarms by telephone.

Twenty times the brigade responded to calls for assistance from outside municipalities, and minor duties such as flooding rinks, flushing drains, and duty performed at meetings and demonstrations are also detailed.

Nine fatalities occurred during the year among the force, on which point the report states:

"I regret to report that four of our members passed away during the year, two of whom were killed while on duty, Lieut. N. Deloge and Fireman Paul Presseau. Seven persons were burned to death, while 85 firemen and 42 citizens were more or less seriously injured or asphyxiated."

The juvenile court here finds that the number of bad boys and bad girls seems to be on the increase.

Cincinnati has opened a clinic to find out how bad children get that way.

An habitually bad boy is bad because of mental disorders, according to Dr. Emerson North, social worker, in charge of the clinic.

"We learn what's wrong with their heads, and after we have found out, we treat their heads," Dr. North said. "Thus far we have had success. We hope there will be fewer men later on to put in penitentiaries, reformatories and electric chairs."

Dr. North said his associates believe the ounce of prevention proverb applies exceptionally to crime. It is striking," said Mrs. Rebecca Boye, social service assistant in the clinic, "that we get more children from worried parents than from the police."

"That is a good sign. It means parents are aware of the importance of nipping the least criminal tendency before it has made its imprint permanent."

Some of the children brought in by parents had been normal until a certain age. Then their parents began to observe gradual changes—slights of temper, piffing.

"This is the type of child we are most successful with," writes Mrs. Boye. "The gradual change is in most cases nothing latent that is 'just coming out on them,' but is caused by some developing disorder. Usually it can be corrected."

In the clinic records children who on police and juvenile court books are classed as "incorrigibles," are listed as suffering from "conduct disorders."

Cincinnati is the first American city to establish a bad boy clinic.

instead of being a burden to the public through taxation. This would enable the authorities to pay an inmate a small wage, thus helping his dependent family, or in the case of a single man, would provide a nest-egg for his re-establishment in civil life, instead of practically throwing him helpless on the community, thereby possibly forcing him to fall back into the criminal ranks. It would be a powerful incentive for an inmate to reform."

Segregation of youthful offenders and first-offence men, adoption of the indeterminate sentence supplemented by the honor or parole system, and the need for a hospital for mental defectives are other suggestions in the report which shows that during the fiscal year April 1, 1921-March 31, 1921, inmates increased from 555 to 678, a jump of 132.

Falling icicles have become a great menace to pedestrians in many parts of the city. A young girl of 15 was almost instantly killed when she was struck on the head by an icicle which fell from a roof on St. Lawrence Boulevard near Prince Arthur Street. She lived only a few minutes after the accident, her skull being crushed. When the ambulance arrived from the General Hospital the doctor found that the girl was dead. A young lady of 22, when walking along St. James Street, when they were struck with icicles. One had his head injured and the other his arm sprained.

Chief Joseph Chevalier of the Fire Department has issued his annual report for 1922, showing that the brig-

the native life of the Indians, as recounted in the most reliable accounts, including Jacques Cartier's own brief record of the incident.

The arrival of Jacques Cartier on the scene, the reception accorded him by the Indians and the general story of the momentous event will be displayed in pageant form. In order that the costumes and the setting may be reliable indications of the circumstances under which Jacques Cartier's arrival at Hochelaga really took place, a committee of artists are studying both the design of the presses and also the details of the little Indian villages which will have to be set up. This will all be compared with the details set forth in Jacques Cartier's own brief narrative.

"You may be great, you may be good, you may be noble, more or less. But all that will be understood as 'Will be your tangible success.'"

This quotation from Bury may well be applied to the newly appointed organist of St. James Basilica, Arthur Letondal, who entered on his duties on Sunday, March 4th. Of the great trio of Catholic organists in this city, R. Octave Pelletier, J. D. Dussault, and Arthur Letondal, only one remains. A little over a year ago, J. D. Dussault, the great organist of Notre Dame entered into his rest. A few days ago the Dean of the organists, one who had taught many of the city organists, and the master-hand, that often made the Cathedral ring with rich and beautiful music, decided to retire from active service. And the choice of a successor was not hard to find. Letondal was "good." Letondal was "great," and his "tangible success" at his work as organist of the Church of the Veuve on Bleury Street had marked him for the highest position in any of the Catholic Churches of this city. Letondal is a very young man, and associated himself with the late J. D. Dussault and Octave Pelletier for years. They became friends, true and sincere. Four or five years ago, I met the trio at the Trappist Monastery, where they came to spend a day, seeing the heights at La Trappe, and listening to the monks chant the Divine Office. Arthur Letondal's father was blind, but ranked as a skilled musician and a great or-

Garages are meeting the fate of churches and other large buildings from the destructive element—fire. 250 automobiles were burned and a three storey building occupying nearly a block was destroyed when the Central Garage on Pine Avenue fell a victim to the flames. A fireman was injured, the street car service, to the east and northeast, was deranged for more than three hours, and \$200,000 worth of damage done. In the east end at Malsouneuve, 150 automobiles were destroyed and damage to the extent of \$150,000 done.

Disappearance of thousands of thousands of dollars worth of silver and linen from the Mount Royal Hotel since the opening, has caused a sensation. Four female employees were arrested in connection with the robbery.

St. Jean Baptiste Society is to have a monster demonstration here on June 24th, at the foot of Mount Royal. It will take the form of a great historic pageant. Over 2000 performers will be required to properly stage this pageant, and several experts in the organization of these spectacles have offered their services to supervise the staging of the event.

The exact spot has been found at which, according to the best historical records, Jacques Cartier discovered the township of Hochelaga as he approached the foot of the mountain, and on this spot the pageant will be unfolded, setting forth

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