



**EDITORIAL NOTES.**

THE EMIR OF CABAL has sent a London tailor an order for uniforms amounting to \$280,000. A contemporary says that he can afford to go to Afganistan and take his measure to insure a good fit. It is a pity that the eastern potentate has not learned the method of awarding contracts by tender. He might be more impartial than some people we know when there is question of uniforms.

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IN THIS ISSUE we publish the report of the Jacques Cartier Bank, and we feel pleased to be able to refer encouragingly to the operations of that institution during the year just elapsed. It is evident that the Bank is under good management and that great care has been taken not only to further the prospects of all connected with the establishment, but also to safeguard the interests of the public. Glancing over the report it will be at once apparent that the Jacques Cartier Bank is upon a solid foundation and that it bids fair to enjoy many long years of financial prosperity.

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A ST. JOHN, New Brunswick, despatch tells of two conversions to Catholicity during last week. The Rev. Finlow Alexander, sub-dean of the Fredericton Cathedral, and Mr. W. B. Stockley, professor of languages and English literature, in the University of New Brunswick, are the two converts. It appears that sub-dean Alexander had intended making a public declaration from his pulpit, but Bishop Kingston saved him that trouble by announcing his suspension. Prof. Stockley is said to be a very learned and clever young man, and it is believed that the two converts had been studying up the Church together. We merely mention the fact of the conversion as a piece of news; there is nothing surprising or extraordinary in two learned and clever men becoming Catholics. Their action is merely the logical outcome of their serious study.

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RELIGION is holy; advertising is wise, but when both are blended and the former made subservient to the latter, religion is desecrated and advertising becomes a plague. A friend from the West sent us a wrapper that he took off a lobster can. It serves to announce to the world "The Crown Brand of Canned Lobsters." It is red, gold and white. On one side is a red crown, on the other a red lobster, a blue crown and a naked cupid shooting the arrows "good," "truth," "love" and "wisdom." In the center is a medal, on which are three keys and the firm's name. Along the top are quotations from the Gospels and the Apocalypse. Others, from different parts of the Scriptures, are along the bottom. Under the red crown, with the claws of the lobster picking at it, is a sermon, entitled, "Theology from Heaven." This opens by stating that "The Lord Jesus Christ is the only God of the heavens and the earth;" it pro-

ceeds to tell us that "Saving Faith is to believe in Him as the Redeemer, Regenerator, and Saviour from sin—united with good," (how these two can be united we fail to see); and it closes with the important announcement that the Noble Company cans these lobsters and that you can get for \$13.50 "The Lord's new Revelations." No person has greater respect for religion than we have, and no one is more anxious to encourage advertising, but we draw the line at "Lobster-can Religion." We would prefer to know that the Noble Company can guarantee the lobsters as good than to be told by that establishment how to save our souls.

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BEFORE the next issue of our paper Canada will have celebrated the real national day of the Dominion. The first of July next is the twenty-seventh anniversary of our confederation. Throughout the year there are numerous festivals and holidays, both of a religious and of a national character. In the Catholic Church there are many feasts peculiar to our religion; in the general Christian world there are others celebrated by all the branches of Christianity. Each race has its own special day of rejoicing, when its children honor their patron saint and recall the glories of their ancestors. But for all the nationalities that go to make up our cosmopolitan society, Dominion Day has a great significance. No one race can claim it as exclusively its own. It is a day that belongs to all—the birthday of our young country. Let it then be celebrated in a worthy manner by each and all without exception—for we are all Canadians and proud of the title.

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WHEN Mgr. Satolli recently visited New York, he received the Rev. J. H. McMahon, director of the League of the Sacred Heart, and chairman of the executive committee of the Summer School. It is thus the Apostolic Delegate spoke of the School:

"From the experience that I have gathered in America I do believe that it is the country of all others in which the Catholic truth may have the largest field of action. We only need freedom of speech, and this is most ample in America. But the expedition of truth must be plain and clear. I regret that sometimes the truth has been set forth incompletely. Truth possesses in itself the power to reach the intelligent; it needs only to be presented clearly and entirely. It will then be accepted, not only by Catholics, but also by Protestants and Infidels."

We desire here to inform our readers that we have on hand a couple of hundred circulars and pamphlets concerning the Summer School, and we will only be too happy to give numbers of them—*gratis*—to any persons desirous of obtaining full and exact information regarding the coming session, which opens on Saturday, 14th July next.

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WE CALL special attention to the annual report of the Merchants Bank which appears in another column. In no way could we better emphasize the

success of this exceptionally prosperous institution than by quoting the couple of statements from the columns of the Trade Review. The commercial organ says:

"The Bank has just reached a historical point of great interest and of great pride. It has now a Rest equal to 50 per cent. of Capital. This is a remarkable achievement when it is considered that it has all been made in 16 years, and by an institution that, in 1878, had to re-adjust its Capital, part of it being wiped out by losses. The raising of the dividend to 8 per cent. simultaneously with the Rest being raised to \$3,000,000, will render the Report for 1893 as memorable as it is gratifying."

If there is a man in Canada to day, who deserves the congratulations and gratitude of the commercial community, that man is Mr. Hague, the indefatigable manager of the Merchants' Bank. Imagine a financial giant taking in hand a tottering institution and in sixteen years securing its every pillar and creating it one of the most solid and immutable commercial structures in Canada. Well, that is exactly what Mr. Hague did with the Merchants' Bank. During the passage of the great wave of commercial depression, in the mid-seventies, the Bank suffered most severe losses, and the re-adjustment (as Mr. Hague very modestly calls it) was necessary. Just read over the report for 1893-94, and no further complaint will be necessary to establish Mr. Hague's claim to a place in the first rank of financiers.

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IN GIVING the annual report of the Banque Ville Marie, we feel it our duty to congratulate the Board and the manager upon the successful manner in which the financial status of the institution has been kept up, despite a host of difficulties to be contended with and obstacles to be overcome. After thus courageously and successfully getting up the hill side to the level plane of security, we can safely predict a year of marked prosperity for the Banque Ville Marie. During the last year the profits were \$29,319, which covered the usual dividend, and with a surplus, added to an account taken from profit and loss, makes up \$5,000 to write off from real estate. The Louiseville branch was closed this year, but only to be transferred to the Hochelaga bank; while two new branches were established, at Lachine and l'Epiphanie respectively. President Weir regards the operations of the year as satisfactory and a careful examination of the report that we publish will prove that he has every reason for the pleasure expressed and the confidence entertained.

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We have the pleasant duty of congratulating, in the name of our co-religionists and fellow-citizens, as well as in our own, Rev. Brother Noah, of De la Salle Institute, New York, on the occasion of his reception of the high degree of Master of Arts, from the University of Ottawa. All over the Catholic educational world, wherever the English language is taught, or spoken, the name of Brother Noah is a household word. His works

on education and instruction are of the most important that have been published during the past few years. He is a member of that splendid order of the Christian Brothers, and by his efforts in the cause of Catholic education, his lectures and his writings he has won distinction for himself and brought honor to the community of which he is a member. We know of no man in America more deserving of a mark of recognition than is Brother Noah, and the University of Ottawa has done itself credit in recognizing his ability and worth. In Montreal especially is the new Master of Arts well known, being a brother of the Hon. Solicitor General Curran and a member of one of the most talented families of this great commercial metropolis.

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It is quite amusing to notice how some organs treat of Catholic subjects, and it is often astonishing to read their reports of Catholic ceremonies. Recently the Ottawa Free Press contained the death notice of a very remarkable and saintly nun of the order of the Precious Blood. Amongst other things stated we find the following, which we suppose was intended for a compliment: "She was a devoted Christian, much given to good works, and is greatly mourned by her comrades." If she were not more than an ordinary "devoted Christian," and if her life of penance and sacrifice were not deserving of more than a mere mention of having been "much given to good works," we fail to see how she ever became or continued a member of that most strict of orders. When our contemporary speaks of her companions in religion, or the members of her community, as "her comrades," it suggests a regiment of soldiers, a crew of sailors, or a gang of shantymen, and not a body of pious and holy virgins. A queer world is this of journalism.

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THE 29th June is the double feast of Saints Peter and Paul. It is a day of special devotion in the Church. On that occasion we celebrate the glories of the first Vicar of Christ upon earth and of the great Apostle of the Gentiles. The former, after receiving his mission from Christ, went forth to tear down the altars of paganism and plant the cross upon their debris. He preached Christianity in the very heart of Rome; he defied the Caesars under the shadow of their own palaces, and he laid the foundation of a See destined to rule the world long ages after the last vestiges of pagan Rome had disappeared. He was cast into prison, rescued by an angel, and eventually crucified with his head downward. The latter carried the light of Redemption into the cities of Asia Minor, preached Christ from the Hill of Mars and under the portico of the Parthenon in Athens; and finally, as a Roman citizen, but for being a Christian, was beheaded at the command of the pagan authorities. It is therefore a glorious day for the Church, since she commemorates thereon the advent into heaven of the two greatest envoys of Our Lord upon earth.