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"Truth is Catholic; proclaim it ever, and God will effect the rest."—BALMEZ.

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The Catholic Church In the Niagara Peninsula.

LAYING THE CORNERSTONE OF THE NEW ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, MERRITTON.

ELOQUENT AND IMPRESSIVE ADDRESS BY REV. FATHER HARRIS.

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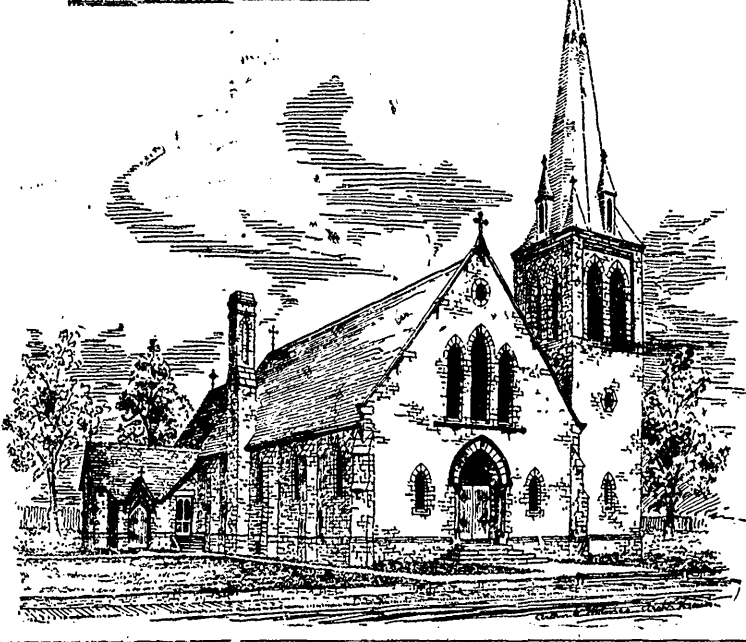
MERRITTON, June 12.—To day under most auspicious circumstances the corner stone of the new church of St. Patrick in this town was laid with all due ceremony and solemnity by the venerable Archbishop of Toronto. The occasion marks another forward step in the history of the Catholic Church in the Niagara peninsula. A representative gathering of the Catholic clergy and a large concourse of the people of the town and district, Catholic and Protestant, attested the general interest which the proceedings evoked. The new church will be the most imposing and architecturally the most beautiful edifice in the town. The style is early gothic and the material local mottled brown stone with dressings of Queenston limestone. The principal entrance will have a richly moulded cut stone arch, supported by polished granite columns with carved foliated caps. The dimensions are 100 by 40 feet with a spacious sacristy. There will be seating capacity in the church for 400. In the basement there will be a morning chapel with accommodation for 250. The building will have a tower 100 feet high. The windows will be filled with figured stained glass and the altar and furniture will be of oak. The heating system will be hot air and hot water. A glance at the drawing of the church on this page will give an idea of its architectural beauty. It will constitute still another monument to the genius and Catholic scholarly taste of Mr. A. W. Holmes of Toronto, the architect whose churches now beautify very many of our Ontario towns and cities. The hour appointed for the corner-stone laying was 4 p.m. The morning mass at which the Archbishop was present, was celebrated by Rev. Dr. Treacy of Toronto. The following clergy were in the sanctuary: Rev. Father Ryan, O.C.O., Niagara Falls; Rev. Father Murphy, O.C.O., Niagara-on-the-Lake; Rev. Father Brennan, O.C.O., Niagara Falls; Rev. Father Allaine, St. Catharines; Rev. Father Sullivan, Thorold; Rev. Father MacDonald, O.C.O., Niagara-on-the-Lake; Rev. Dr. Harris, Dean of St. Catharines. The following were among the laity present at the corner-stone laying: Messrs. Henry Hory, John Giblin, William J. Reilly, P. Ryan, James Cogan, W. Williams, J. McLean, and P. Phillips (local committee); R. D. Dunn, Dr. J. Sheehan, W. T. Kernahan, J. R. Casey, Sheriff Dawson, Edward McArdee, J. K. Kernahan, T. Nicholson, J. Joy, T. Fitzpatrick, M. Brennan, M. McCort and others. An Archbishop's seal contained a copy of *The Catholic Record*, *The Globe*, *The Mail and Empire*, *The World*, and *Catholic Record*; also the coins of the Dominion and the following parchment scroll:

ecclesiastical and social order that an event of so much importance to the citizens of Merritton, and in a special manner to the members of the Catholic Church, as the laying of a corner stone of an imposing religious edifice dedicated by public rite and prayer to the adoration and praise of the living God, should be witnessed and approved by the people of this prosperous town and its neighborhood. This is not an ordinary occasion. Considering the character and extent of the projected building itself, considering its relation to the religious and growth of your beautiful town, the present ceremony is without

influence expanded, the power for good became manifest, society progressed in knowledge and the arts and refinement of civilized life supplanted the rude worship and uncultured tastes of barbaric ages. But coming to our own day this far-seeing business man, searching for a locality where he may invest his fortune, and having a financial interest in the stability of the local government which is to afford and protect his interests, looks not more inquiringly to the natural advantages of soil, climate and trade than to the high consideration of personal security and the guarantee of safety that may be offered to his property as well. And these considerations are not from the stringency of the laws, not from the number or rank of the local magistrates, but from the proof he may be able to discover that the people amongst whom he proposes to cast his lot acknowledge, by the number of churches they have erected to His honor and glory the existing prevalence of God, and their duty of worship, prayer and sacrifice. So also, and in still larger degree, with the man who seeks not mere temporary relaxation from worry and care, or a temporary abiding

dwelling, ornament and improvement to your young and growing town. In the name of His Grace, the Archbishop, who has honored this important ceremony by his distinguished presence, in the name of the visiting clergy and on behalf of your Catholic guests who partake of your welcome and greeting this afternoon I feel myself authorized to extend to the Catholics of Merritton our sincere congratulations upon the commencement and progress thus far of the projected church, our sympathies with the efforts yet to be put forth in its erection and adornment, and our hopes of its speedy completion. We have witnessed the ceremony of laying the corner stone and have heretofore scattered within its sacred keeping important records and notes. Also thought naturally excited itself—when shall mortal look upon these treasures again? Whoso had shall resurrect them from the sacred tomb where they lie buried to day, and who shall then be laid to rest, and who shall then be buried in whose presence these offerings were committed to their resting place? Dean Harris then dwelt on the many splendid edifices devoted to Catholic

Church of St. Patrick Merritton Ont.



doubt an extraordinary and unusual event. It is a matter of just pride and sincere congratulation that our separated brethren in this enterprising and commencing town will go forward already so many comfortable and commodious edifices where all the different religious bodies—each according to its own judgment and conscience—may assemble to offer to the ever-living, true and immutable God their services of prayer and thanksgiving. This occasion is therefore not the first time upon which you have gathered to witness and participate in the exercise attending upon the laying of a sacred corner stone. But the circumstances which give to this occasion an exceptional and commanding importance are that the edifice of which we now behold the foundation promises to become not merely a commodious structure, well adapted for its contemplated use, but an ornament of which any community might justly feel proud, and in the further fact that this congregation has outgrown its first garments so as to require additional accommodation for its members and a building of such imposing dimensions as this whose first dedication we have met to celebrate. No more satisfactory evidence of the real prosperity of a community, or of the health and permanent growth of a city or town may be desired than is found in the number and character of its places of public worship. This was also true even before the great light of the Christian religion had broken upon the earth. When men bowed down upon their worshiped gods which their own hands had made and which they could destroy at will, the temples in which their idolatrous rites were celebrated constituted in their number and magnificence the highest evidence of the material wealth and advanced civilization of their cities and states. When the darkness of those ages began to roll by and disappear for ever, and the great truths enounced by our Blessed Lord and Saviour began to be understood and appreciated, and to govern the religious and political actions of men, when the influence of this gospel began to penetrate the dark places of the earth and His religion to supplant the temples of the sun, the number of churches in any given state or district was accepted as the best possible evidence that the locality thus adorned was advancing in the new civilization which brought in its wake commercial, social and moral prosperity. As these churches increased and as their

place for the improvement of his fortune, but a permanent home where the remainder of his life may be spent, where his children may grow up to manhood and womanhood, a spot around which all his interests and affections are to cluster, and with which his very existence is to become identified. While he may scan narrowly and with the utmost interest, the natural advantage which any given locality may offer him, he does not pitch his tent there, however satisfactory these may be, until further investigation has shown him that there also he can enjoy the fellowship of Christian men, the refining influence of Christian society, and a certain protection to life and property of which these furnish the surest possible guarantee. The best tangible and visible evidence of the existence of these conditions he finds in the number of institutions erected by the people as testimonials of their religious character. Men do not contribute to the construction of religious or charitable structures only as they are moved by a strong conviction of their duty to do so. Religious edifices, whether temples for adoration and praise, or houses consecrated to the assuagement of physical pain and debility, or of mental sorrows and afflictions, are proofs of sacrifice and self-denial on the part of the builders. They bear constant witness to the living faith and unselfish zeal of those through whose voluntary offerings they have been reared and maintained. It is not alone therefore the Catholic citizens of this interesting town who have reason to feel a lively interest in the great and sacred undertaking whose formal commencement we commemorate to-day. All of you citizens irrespective of religious belief or opinion, have an interest in seeing this work carried to a successful completion. All should feel—and this vast audience is proof that all do feel—a sentiment not alone of interest but of pride in the church that shall rise to remain as a perpetual monu-

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SAID ENGLAND UNTO ERIN.
(WITH A KIPLING.)
Said England unto Erin, "I must make a friend of you."
"So you'll help me for to play my little game."
"I'm no longer your oppressor, but your guardian fond and true."
"And I've really got no soldiers worth the name."
"I have dukes and lords and earls and vicounts."
"I've a dozen 'big brass generals' to boot."
"But the men to fight and bleed, and a leader skilled I need,
"And your Irish are the proper stuff to do it."
Said Erin unto England, "You'll get pounded to the wall
"If your officers be empty-pated snobs."
So she introduced her Boreforths to Britain once for all,
And shouted out to Caudahar for "Bobs."
She called the "Royals" and the "Innikillens"—
Three thousand Tipperary men in line!
And tho' Roberts swore a lot and the atmosphere grew hot,
He was pleased to call the raw material fine.
Said Erin unto England, "I have helped you out before
"With a Wellington, a Wolsley and Gough;
"But if you'll watch my Roberts he can show you something more—
"He knows his little business right off."
"You've wronged us when you could and when you couldn't;
"You've made the land a very bit of hell;
"Let us see if now at last you will remedy the past
"And remember we can fight you just as well."
Said Britain to her captains, "You may use my soldiers good
(Britain used 'em cheap and nasty from the start);
So they swept at Tel-el-Kebir on a most astonished foe
And the "Royal Irish" broke old Pharaoh's heart.
It was ever thus—as well in hapless Egypt—
At Crimes, at Scinde, at Measee;
Irish genius led the front, Irish valor stood the brunt;
And a burning shame that such a thing should be.

For old Ireland's still in bondage with her life-blood flowing fast,
And her faithless friends, the British, hate her most;
While the sable spectre Famine hovers ever on the blast
And exiles' wailing echoes round her coast.
She must furnish men and money unto England,
But she's "not allowed to forward any claim."
Tho' she gives her all away, kicks and cuffs are all her pay,
And the world it is the witness of her shame.
Vain her Wellington, her Wolsley, her Roberts,
For the everlasting tyranny's the same.
—SLIAY-NAMON.

General Lord Roberts, the hero of Candahar, Commander of the forces in Ireland, and named commander of the British army, in a special order of the "Fighting Role" by the troops, and is a native of the City of Waterloo, Ireland.

ORDINATIONS AT MONTREAL.
MONTREAL, June 11.—The following are the Ontario names of those ordained by Archbishop Bruchési at the last general ordination at the cathedral, and the diocese to which they belong:
RONSURELS.
Hamilton—J. F. Groulx, J. A. Lenhard.
London—M. J. A. Hallon.
Toronto—J. J. McGrand, T. J. Stanton.
SUB-DEACONS.
Hamilton—E. J. Cummings.
Ottawa—P. J. Fay.
Toronto—T. O'Donnell, A. O'Leary.
DEACONS.
Ottawa—J. Proulx.
Montreal—J. J. Cully.
SEMINARY OF PHILOLOGY.
Peterborough—T. Crowley.
MINOR ORDERS.
Alexandria—J. E. McRay.
Hamilton—O. M. Brohmenn, W. C. Gehl.
London—E. O. Ledouneur.
Peterborough—J. J. O'Brien.

Death of Mrs. James Heydon.

ALLISTON, June 11. Readers of THE REGISTER throughout Ontario will learn with deepest regret of the death of Mrs. James Heydon, of Elm Grove. Deceased, who was a woman of fine culture and great beauty of character, has been a resident of this neighborhood for the past fifty years. It is impossible to exaggerate the respect and affection in which she was held by all who knew her; and her near connection with more than one eminent member of the Catholic clergy in Ontario brought many and frequent expressions of sympathy from outside places during her long illness. She had been regularly visited by her son Rev. T. Heydon, Director of Studies in Assumption College, Sandwich, and her brother, Rev. Father Ferguson, the learned Professor of Theology and Philosophy in the same institution. Her long life was a noble example of Catholic motherhood, and her death was indeed a peaceful passing away in the richest blessings of the faith. Her husband, Mr. James Heydon, a venerable gentleman of over seventy survives his well beloved partner of so many years, and a family of eight, four sons and four daughters. The funeral was held on Monday at Alliston. A solemn Mass of Requiem was sung by Rev. Father Heydon, son of the deceased, and among the priests present in the sanctuary were the pastor Rev. Father Gibney, Rev. Father Heydon, Killeen. A touching reference was made to the life of the deceased by her brother, Rev. Father Ferguson. The funeral was one of the largest seen in the district for a long time. R. I. P.

Children's Aid Society.

Mr. Remy Elmsley presided at the third annual meeting of the Children's Aid Society held on Monday evening in St. Vincent's Hall. There were present Messrs. Ryan and Minehan, Miss Foy, Mrs. Troman, Mrs. Hynde, Miss Walsh and Miss Macdonell; also Messrs. J. J. Murphy, Hugh T. Kelly, Matthew O'Connor, D. Miller, W. Winterberry, Thomas Winterberry, P. E. Cronin, J. W. McBrady, O. J. McCabe, Mr. Fallon and others. The president read the annual report of the agent of the society, Mr. Hynde. During the year 280 cases were brought to the notice of the society, affecting the interests of 475 children. Of these 128 cases were from the police court and 152 from private individuals. There were committed to the guardianship of the society by the police magistrate 8 children, 11 were sent to the St. John's Industrial school and 7 to the Good Shepherd's refuge. J. J. Kelso, provincial superintendent gave 93 Catholic children as wards; 11 children were placed in Catholic homes and two infants died. The need of extending the work depended on the subscription of funds, and the report went to discuss at length the question of maternity boarding houses now occupying the public attention so much. In connection with the need of a boarding house for poor servant girls, the president said this was a matter of pressing importance, indeed it was a crying shame that in the city of Toronto there is no provision made for Catholic girls of this kind. The report referred with satisfaction to the results achieved by the free intelligence office for servants. Mr. Kelso's report was quoted in praise of the admirable management of Mr. Hynde's office.

Fathers Ryan and Minehan made short addresses on the report, and a check for \$150 from Mr. Hugh Ryan towards the funds of the Society was handed in. Mr. H. T. Kelly's financial statement showed a balance in the bank after the year's operations. The following officers were re-elected for the coming year: Patron, His Grace the Archbishop of Toronto; president, Remy Elmsley; vice-presidents, J. J. Murphy, Thomas Long, Dr. Wallace, Aid Wm. Burns; treasurer, Hugh T. Kelly, 80 Church St.; secretaries; Alex. Macdonell, W. T. Kernahan, assistant secretary and agent, P. Hynde; advisory board, The President, Hugh T. Kelly, Mathew O'Connor, P. Hynde; committee, Hugh Ryan, Eugene O'Keefe, Mathew O'Connor, James J. Mallon, Daniel Miller, Marvin J. Burns, L. Cosgrave, John Rogers, J. W. Hallon, D. K. Haffrey, Mrs. Remy Elmsley, Mrs. W. E. Murray, Mrs. W. O'Connor, Mrs. B. Hynde, Mrs. Madden, Misses Mary Foy, S. Walsh, N. Murphy, M. Macdonell; honorable solicitor, Hugh T. Kelly; Auditor, W. T. Kernahan.

His Grace then introduced Dean Harris, of St. Catharines, who spoke substantially as follows: "It is in harmony with well recognized laws of our