

CANADIAN NEWS

Mr. Anson, a Montreal merchant of the Ontario set, in a sermon at a meeting with the question, Why Church of Canada become Protestant, admitted that Mr. Anson, Archbishop of Montreal, had made a great mistake in instituting a retreat for non-Catholics in Montreal.

Archbishop O'Connor has made the following appointments: Rev. Father O'Donnell, to be assistant priest to Rev. W. Beagin, Toronto Junction, Rev. Father O'Leary, to be assistant to Vicar-General McConn, St. Mary's, Toronto and Rev. Father Williams, to be assistant to Rev. Father Sullivan, at Thorold.

Miss Margaret C. Macdonald, who has been appointed one of the nurses to accompany the second Canadian contingent, being Lieutenant Phelan, is thoroughly qualified for the position, is enthusiastic, and has been trained in the best hospitals in the United States. Miss Macdonald is a daughter of J. C. Macdonald, of Halifax, N. S., and is the niece of J. C. Macdonald, barrister, of Halifax, N. S.

The County Judge on Saturday held a recount of the ballots cast for Alderman in the Fourth Ward at the request of Mr. S. W. Burns. The vote as declared by the City Clerk gave Ald. Wm. Burns 2,147 votes and Mr. S. W. Burns 2,148 votes. In the recount Mr. S. W. Burns gained 8 votes, and Ald. Burns lost 2 votes previously counted for him, making a net difference of 10 votes. The final result of the poll, as certified by the Judge, is: Ald. Wm. Burns, 2,157, S. W. Burns, 2,170. Ald. Burns with 20 votes confirmed in his seat with a majority of 10 votes.

Archbishop Bruchel announced that he has just appointed, at the request of the Canadian Government, a chaplain to accompany the second contingent to South Africa. His Grace, in making the announcement, remarked that upon receiving the request, he at once put himself in communication with the priest whom he regarded as the best qualified for the duties of any available in the diocese. The priest selected for this post is the Rev. Father Sinnott, a native of Ontario, who has spent a number of years in active work in the Northwest. He was born at London, Ontario, in 1855. He was educated at Fordham, N. Y., and was ordained priest at Three Rivers.

Wednesday, Jan. 10.—The new Macdonald Cabinet was sworn in by Lieutenant-Governor Patterson at 11 o'clock this morning. It is constituted as follows: Premier and Attorney-General, Sir John Macdonald; Provincial Treasurer and Minister of Agriculture, Mr. John A. Davidson; Provincial Secretary and Minister of Public Works, Dr. McEwen; Ministers with portfolio, Colin B. Campbell and James Johnson. The new Minister of Agriculture and Provincial Treasurer has not a seat at present, but will contest beautiful Plains in the event of R. C. Ennis being unseated. Business engagements prevent Mr. B. B. Robinson from accepting a portfolio, though it is generally understood that he could have had any portfolio he desired.

On Sunday, the 11th of February, a very interesting ceremony will take place in the Cathedral of St. John, N. B., when two Bishops will be consecrated. Rev. Dr. Casey as coadjutor to the Right Rev. St. John, St. John, also a coadjutor to the Right Rev. Dr. Rogers, of Chatham, N. B. Archbishop O'Brien, of Halifax, will be the consecrating Prelate. Archbishop Bruchel, of Quebec, Archbishop Bruchel, of Montreal, and Bishop Cameron, of Charlottetown; Bishop Cameron, of Antigonish, as well as the venerable Bishops of St. John and Chatham will be present on that important occasion. It is understood that Bishop Cameron of Hartford, Conn., will also attend the consecration. Bishop McEvoy will preach the sermon.

The report of the Inspector of Separate Schools on his visit to Hamilton in December, 1899, shows that those schools are in a high state of efficiency. After the individual reports for each school, the following general information is given: "All the buildings are well and neatly kept; some of them are old and of poor design, but they are kept in such excellent condition that one almost fails to notice the age of the buildings and the rooms and corridors are laid out. The schools are well organized, they are managed as a single system under one head, and to this is due much of their success. All the teachers are working earnestly and conscientiously. Thirty-three pupils were successful at the high school entrance examination last July, four at the public school leaving, eight at the high school term I, and four at the University matriculation examination."

The inaugural meeting of the Separate School Board of Toronto for 1900 was held on Saturday evening. With the exception of Rev. Father Walsh, who takes the place of Rev. Father Cruise, all the retiring members were re-elected. Rev. Vicar-General McConn was unanimously re-elected Chairman of the Board. The following honor conferred upon him, and he hoped the work of the board would proceed as satisfactorily during the coming year as it had during the past twelve months. The following other resolutions were unanimously made: Local Superintendent, Archbishop O'Connor; Secretary, Father Robinson; Assistant Secretary, Mr. Hall; Inspector, Brother Olo Baldwin; Solicitor, J. J. Coy, C. F.; and P. D. Millin. The standing committee were then appointed, the following being elected: Finance, Mr. D. A. Carey; Management and Supplies, Rev. Father Walsh; Sites and Buildings, Rev. Father Walsh; and nominations were made for the position of representatives to the High School Board, Mr. T. F. Slaters and Rev. Father Ryan, and the reverend gentlemen's

resolution was passed that through the aid of the Catholic Committee the Committee recommended the payment of accounts to the amount of \$530. News was received in the city of the death from pneumonia of Rev. Bro. Tobias at Marquette on December 22 last. The deceased was well known and highly respected in this city as the Roman Catholic chaplain of the Christian Brothers in Toronto. He then became Inspector of Separate Schools, and was afterwards appointed Provincial of the Christian Brothers in Ontario in 1891. Brother Tobias was transferred to England, but on account of failing health he was ordered to France. After staying there for a time he proceeded to Baltimore, U.S., where he was for some time one of the chief directors of the Order to which he belonged. The condition of his health again obliged him to return to France, where he passed away as stated. The late Bro. Tobias was of Irish parentage, and was born in Quebec 61 years ago. He was an cultured man, and the author of the course of lessons in English and French literary works in use by the Christian Brothers.

DOINGS OF THE CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

On Monday, January 8th, the Catholic Truth Society held a concert and lecture in St. Andrew's Hall. The lecture was given by Fr. Francis Lynch, O. S. A., of the same order, and the first class concert was rendered by Miss Moore, Miss Hart, Miss Mad Lacey, Miss P. O. Padden, Mr. A. Moore, and Mr. J. W. O. The chair was taken by Mr. E. Dinko, President of the Society, and on the stage were Vicar-General McConn, Father DeBainard, Father McConn, Father McLaughlin, Rev. E. T. Mitchell, Rev. T. O'Donnell, and Messrs. E. J. Hearn, J. J. Landy, X. A. Carey, Dr. Luffey, Mr. D. A. Carey, as a well-known representation of the Labor Council, and a large number of lay members. A hearty vote of thanks to the reverend lecturer was moved by the Past-President, Mr. E. J. Hearn, and seconded by Mr. J. J. Landy. The next public meeting of the Society will be held the first Monday in March.

LEO COMMANDERY NO. 2—KNIGHTS OF ST. JOHN.

The following is the list of Officers elected and installed in the Leo Commandery, No. 2: President, J. J. Heffug, 1st Vice-President, Wm. Christie, 2nd Vice-President, P. Kinsella; Cor. Sec., Joseph, Fin. Sec., J. J. Coy, Treas., Millward; Messengers, R. J. Brown, J. J. Landy, P. Kinsella, Directors, C. Hall and J. W. Latchford, Board of Trustees, M. J. Brown, C. McEvoy, J. W. Latchford, J. Coleman, Delegate to Provincial Commandery, Wm. Christie, Board of Hospitalities, M. J. Brown, J. J. Landy, P. Kinsella, J. Coleman and Rev. Father Finigan, Provincial Chaplain, Rev. Father Finigan, Provincial Treasurer, acted as instanter for the officers. With those trustworthy members in office the Leo Commandery is in a flourishing condition for the year of 1900.

Under the combined auspices of the Knights of St. John and Foresters, a military ball was held in the Temple Building, Assembly Hall. The ball was the first of the kind in Toronto and was a grand success. The hall was beautifully decorated, and the music furnished by the G. Glonka orchestra. All the members were in full uniform, which, combined with the handsome attire of the ladies, formed a brilliant scene. In all over 200 couples took part in the dancing. We have not space to mention all the guests, but amongst others were H. J. Fries, Supreme President, Erie, Pa.; M. J. Kahn, Supreme Secretary, Buffalo, N. Y.; J. J. Landy, Supreme Treasurer, Detroit, Mich.

A VETERAN OF 1847 PASSED AWAY IN THE PERSON OF JOHN ROY McGILLIS.

Replete in years, deservedly respected, and deeply lamented by a host of relatives and friends, both in Glen gary and Stormont, among whom he, for a period reaching beyond the allotted span, was a familiar, though an unassuming figure, John Roy McGillis died at his residence at 10th street, at the residence of his son, Mr. Martin McGillis, St. Andrew's, where since becoming incapacitated through infirmity and a lapsed years from active life, he received all the comfort, care and attention possible for a devoted son and his affectionate wife and family to bestow upon him. The deceased was one of the few remaining of those who took up arms in defence of Queen and country during the disturbances of 1847, forming one of the stalwart corps of Scottish Highlanders serving under the late lamented Donald McDonald, Greenhill, which for gallantry, valor and endurance was the pride of the Scottish army of that time. The subject of these remarks reached the patriarchal age of 55, having first seen the light in 1815, the year rendered memorable by the defeat of Napoleon whose deeds of daring and valor were the subject of a time-defied and alarmingly many of the European powers until eventually overtaken with disaster by Wellington at Waterloo. In his lengthened career the deceased was privileged to have witnessed the greatest military operations of the century and the various conditions which crowned with such remarkable success the industries of the people of Canada. The late Mr. McGillis survived his wife by 44 years, and by a remarkable coincidence he reported this life of 85 very day and month corresponding with that of his companion in 1847. His death was peaceful, having retained his mental faculties to the last, buoyant with hope in the mercies of our Divine Redeemer to conduct his soul to the regions of bliss. By the untimely death of the deceased, without number of children, Rev. Father McDonald, the beloved pastor of the parish, he received, previous to his demise all the sacred rights of the

Church. The body of the deceased was interred in the St. Andrew's, where it was buried in the presence of a large number of friends. The funeral, which was held at 11 o'clock on the morning of the 14th inst., when the body was conveyed to the church where a solemn Requiem High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father McDonald, the close of which the remains were deposited in the vault, amid the sobs and tears of those most dear to him in life, and who will miss so much his genial smile and words of kindness which were his delight to impart to those to whom he has so patiently and lovingly devoted.

RECEPTION AT ST. JOSEPH'S.

On Saturday, the 9th inst., the gate was closed at the beautiful chapel of St. Joseph's convent, Toronto, were witnessed one of the most solemnly-sustained ceremonies of the Catholic Church—a religious option. Miss Ready, of Toronto, St. M. Egan, of St. Joseph's, and Miss McLaughlin, of Toronto, were the bridesmaids. The Rev. Father of Work, the Rev. Father of St. Joseph's, and the Rev. Father of St. Joseph's, were the officiating priests. The Rev. Father of St. Joseph's, and the Rev. Father of St. Joseph's, were the officiating priests.

Among the clergy present in the sanctuary were: Very Rev. J. J. McConn, V. G., officiating; Very Rev. J. Lowe, V. G., C. S. S. R., celebrant; Rev. Fr. McLaughlin, C. S. S. R., Rev. Fr. McLaughlin, C. S. S. R., and Rev. Fr. McLaughlin, C. S. S. R. After the fair procession of white-robed virgins and duty little maidens had swept up the aisle, and had taken their places before the altar, the Very Rev. Vicar General delivered an eloquent discourse, in which he drew a complete and striking parallel between the married state and the celibate state. He said that 1000 years ago to offer their gifts at Bethlehem, and the virgins then kneeling at the altar to offer to God precious gifts of their lives. Like the virgins they had risen, at the divine call promptly, and followed their duty with fervor, diligence and untiring perseverance. They too had their gifts—the myrrh of mortification, the gold of charity and the incense of prayer. The Rev. speaker dwelt beautifully upon the grandeur and dignity of the vocation, concluding with the prayer that the Holy Spirit, who might persevere until death should call them to a blessed union with their spouse.

At the close of the sermon, the ceremonies of reception and profession took place, the solemnity of which was not affected. Such a solemn and solemn offering of holy soul and self-oblation cannot fail to reach the depths of our hearts and awaken avenues of thought perhaps long shut against the light. And the company of the Holy Spirit, who might persevere until death should call them to a blessed union with their spouse.

War Despatches.

London, Jan. 17.—The Exchange Telegraph Company has received the following despatch, dated Tuesday, Jan. 10, from Constantinople: "The Bulgarians have been driven back in the direction of Plevna. It is probable that General Buller is engaging the enemy."

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