

NO MARGIN-AS IT WERE.

Well, Fred, old boy, 'tis settled, we were married Tuesday last. I'm happy, that the thing is done and past.

And then her mamma would have us take our honeymoon abroad.

Now, I tell you, Fred, this honeymoon's the finest kind of fraud.

What tempted me to marry? Well, I hardly know myself.

What tempted her to marry? Well, I hardly know myself.

Now there's nothing made by growing, but 'till I tell you something, Fred.

CORRESPONDENCE.

DESCRIPTION OF DESERONTO.

To the Editor of the Poet: Sir—As a description of this thriving village may be of interest to your many Ontario readers, especially anything pertaining to the Catholic population, I, with your kind permission, will give them a short sketch of the place.

Deseronto, formerly Mill Point, is a village of 1,500 inhabitants, beautifully situated on the far famed Bay of Quinte, at the mouth of the Napane River, and seven miles west of the town of Napane.

About thirty years ago, H. B. Rathbun came from the State of New York and commenced the lumber business on a small scale, which since that time has grown to gigantic proportions, through the energy of the Rathbun Company, of which E. W. Rathbun is the indefatigable manager.

The firm's three shanty managers are Irish Catholics, and are in the employ of the company some twenty years.

Of the leading Irish Catholics not in the employ of the company, I may mention Patrick O'Connor, the genial proprietor of the O'Connor House, who is always on hand to cater to the wants of the traveling public, and who, from a small beginning, has so increased his business that now the village has one of the finest hotels in this section of the country.

The Catholic people were very badly in need of religious instruction until about four years ago, when they resolved to remedy the evil by starting a fund to enable them to build a church of their own.

By the aid of the Napanee mission, of which Deseronto forms a part, and the generosity of our Protestant neighbors, their undertaking has proved a success.

Another grievance the people are laboring under is the want of a separate school, where the children could receive religious instruction in every respect, as they are sadly neglected in this respect now.

What a pleasing sight it will be to the Catholic traveler when on board the steamer approaching our village he sees for the first time our neat church surrounded with the sign of our redemption overlooking the bay.

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The village of Riverside is to be annexed to Toronto.

APPEAL TO THE CLERGY AND FAITHFUL OF THE UNITED STATES.

The death of His Grace Monseigneur Napoleon Joseph Perche has left this diocese in a grave embarrassment.

The Corporation desires to accept this bequest unconditionally.

But it must at the same time open its eyes to the consequences of its acceptance.

Now these debts amount, at this day, to four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000); one-half of this enormous sum being due in Europe, and one-half in this country.

Let all, therefore, among priests or people, let all who have at heart the honor of our Church and its continued growth and development in this country, respond to this appeal.

In making this appeal, it is proper to state that no other subscription than the one now opened will be approved by the Diocese.

All contributions may be remitted in cash, or by check, or by Post Office money order.

At a meeting of the Board of Administrators of this Society, held on the 25th January, 1884, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the appeal to the clergy and faithful prepared by the testamentary executors of the late Archbishop N. J. Perche, be and is hereby endorsed and approved by this corporation; and that the publication of said appeal in the newspapers of the United States, be authorized, provided it be free of charge.

LONDON GOSSIP.

New York, Feb. 17.—Special cablegrams from London say high play at clubs continues to be a subject of much talk in society.

In the Fortesque-Garmoye breach of promise case the plaintiff's evidence will show that Lord Garmoye's proposal prevented the lady's acceptance of another offer.

Notices of the Queen's book in the weekly papers of the higher class have been decidedly unfavorable.

It has been discovered that the person who threw the figon of ale in the Duke of Albany's face as he was leaving the ball at Dorchester, on the evening of February 6th, was a subscriber to the ball.

The new editor of the Times is not yet appointed, although the editorship has been offered to Mr. Leonard H. Courtney, financial secretary to the treasury.

Another despatch says Leonard Courtney, financial secretary of the treasury, has resigned the editorship of the Times.

porarily appointed to the post. Buckle is but thirty years old, and is known outside the Times office.

The entire shuffling of the Russian diplomatic cards with the transfer of an ambassador so charming, rich and influential as Prince Orloff to Berlin indicates the feverish desire of the Czar to keep on terms with Germany.

Tyrannous measures in Spain against republican journals and meetings have enormously strengthened Castelar and his party.

Victor Hugo refuses to buy a new uniform as an asceticism on account of his age, but is about building a new house with splendid grounds after his own architectural designs.

The latest title bestowed on Gladstone by the conservatives is "H. O. M."—the heartless old man, and a satirical German journalist proposes his elevation to the House of Peers as Lord Gladstone of Sinking.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—A meeting was held this afternoon at Prince's Hall for the purpose of denouncing the government's Egyptian policy.

The House of Representatives insulated by Bismarck.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—The Berlin correspondent of the Times says Prince Bismarck has returned to Von Bismarck, German Minister at Washington, the resolution of condolence on Lasker's death passed by congress, with a counter request to return the resolution to the House of Representatives.

LONDON, Feb. 16.—The Berlin Liberal press condemns the action of Bismarck in returning to the House of Representatives the resolution of condolence on Lasker's death.

A GENEVA AWARD DECISION.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—The Court of Claims today dismissed the cases of the Great Western Insurance Company, Jacob B. Telfair, receiver; John P. Paulson, receiver; and the Sun Mutual Insurance Company, all of New York, for want of jurisdiction.

THE PROPOSED NATIONAL FOUNDRY.

FINANCIAL.

In London to-day, Consols sold at 101 7/16 money; 10 1/2 account; Erie 2 1/4; Illinois Central 13 1/2; Canada Pacific 5 3/4.

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES INSULATED BY BISMARCK.

York funds there is no change to note; holders ask 3 1/2 between banks; 1/4 premium over the counter. There is no change of feature in the local money market, which continues easy with 4 1/2 to 6 per cent as the rate for call loans or stock collaterals.

The stock market was dull but fairly steady. The market will be influenced by the C. F. R. question more than anything else for some time to come.

Stock sales—1 Montreal 1844; 25 do 1844; 6 do 1844; 225 do 1844; 50 Commerce 1204; 10 do 1204; 30 Federal 135; 10 Hochelaga 70; 12 Jacques Cartier 80; 10 Gas 188; 200 do 1884; 25 Hochelaga 54; 25 do 56; 50 do 56.

Afternoon Sales.—6 Montreal 1844, 116 do 1844; 105 do 1844; 100 do 1844; 35 Ontario 101, 25 Toronto 174, 75 do 174; 25 do 174; 100 Merchants 112, 25 Hochelaga 54, 100 do 57, 25 Telegraph 119, 7 do 119; 30 do 119; 75 Passenger 117, 50 Pacific 65, 25 Gas 188; 100 do 1884, 100 do 189, 125 do 189, 25 do 189; 200 do 190, 25 do 190, 125 do 190.

IRON AND HARDWARE.—The pig iron market shows no improvement upon that of the past few weeks, and where sales are effected dealers admit that prices have to be slashed.

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NATIONAL BANK STATISTICS.

Washington, Feb. 16.—Abstract reports made by the National bank to the comptroller of the currency show the condition at the close of business on December 31st, 1883.

The number of banks is 2,549; loans and discounts, \$1,308,243,000; bonds or securities, \$1,308,243,000; real estate, furniture and fixtures, \$49,540,000; specie, \$114,278,000; total resources, \$2,445,860,000; capital stock paid, \$611,837,000; surplus funds, \$144,800,000; individual deposits, \$1,108,433,000; national bank notes outstanding, \$304,000,000.

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