

Various complaints have been recently made concerning the ruinous state of the Fence at the Old Cemetery of St. Mary's. Its present condition is certainly not very creditable, and we hope that before long the parishioners will see the necessity of erecting a solid, permanent, and ornamental fence around the hallowed resting place of the Dead. We could say much on this, and other topics of even more pressing religious interest to the Catholic community. 'Sed nunc non erat his locus.' Those who are so uneasy about the state of the Cemetery fence, and other crying wants may rest assured that there is spirit and generosity enough amongst our people to accomplish any thing which the credit of their church or the welfare of their children may require, when it is properly laid before them. People must not be too impatient or unreasonable. 'Rome was not built in a day,' as the proverb says; and it should be remembered that great things have been done in Halifax for the last three years. We are not afraid to predict that before three years more, the Clergy, the Churches and the Religious Institutions of Halifax will, with the blessing of heaven, and the assistance of a zealous people, be in as efficient and respectable a condition as those of any city in North America.

We have received further accounts from Chezzetcook which give a sad picture of the state of some of the poor people there. One of our letters is from the Rev. Alexander McIsaac who is now their resident clergyman, and who from his intercourse with the people has the best opportunity of being acquainted with the real state of things. In a distressing calamity like this, folks at a distance should not be too incredulous, and they should not forget that this is the first time the industrious people of Chezzetcook have called for any public relief. The following is an extract from Mr McIsaac's letter:

'The people here are in a very deplorable state. There are very few families that must not depend on their creditors for sustenance, until they raise a new crop. Exclusive of the eastern side of the harbour which is equally destitute, there are thirty families who have no kind of food, and no means of getting any, unless from a poor neighbour, who, perhaps, ere long will be as badly off himself. The following is a list of their names:

(We do not think it necessary to publish them.)

'It is pretended that they are not in such distress, as they are represented to be. I wish it were true. But, alas! the reverse is the case.

They are, and some of them have been for a long time, suffering. In order to remove suspicion, it was deemed expedient to hold a Meeting of the Parishioners, and the existence of distress has been confirmed by the testimony of six trustworthy persons, selected by the people for that purpose.'

'The people of Chezzetcook have not been hitherto extravagant or remarkable for petitioning for relief. No; since their first settlement there is hardly an instance of their asking any favour or assistance. If they have done so this year, it was because necessity obliged them. They seem to think themselves that if their case has not been taken into consideration, it is all owing to neglect, and that their interests are totally abandoned. Nothing is more common when they meet in groups to talk over these things, than to hear one of them exclaim with a sigh: *Ah! whatever may be the chance of others, there is none at all for a poor Frenchman.*'

We commend the above to the perusal of the incredulous, and we again promise this suffering people that the Cross will not cease to advocate their claims, until full justice be done them. The Acadians of Chezzetcook are as good subjects of her Majesty as any other people in the Province, and should be treated accordingly. We would request their worthy brethren in Clare, and through the West generally, to consider the state of the people of Chezzetcook, because we think without much inconvenience to themselves, they might be able to send them some seasonable relief in food. This would be an act worthy of their religion, and of the Great Country of their common origin, and we hope the hint will not be lost sight of.

The Rev. Mr. Hannan, of Windsor, has been zealously engaged for the last four weeks in visiting the Missions of Cornwallis, Annapolis, Bear River and Digby, and we are gratified to hear that with very few exceptions, all the Catholics in those places have availed themselves of the precious opportunity to approach the Sacraments and comply with their Easter duties. The Catholics of Annapolis have nearly completed all their arrangements for finishing their Church and Cemetery in the course of the Summer. All our accounts speak most favourably of the zeal of the poor Catholics at Annapolis, and of the warm interest they take in every thing connected with the progress of their religion.

HOLY WEEK.

The Holiest Week of the entire year is now approaching—the Week in which so many mysteries were accomplished, so many prophecies fulfilled, so many triumphs achieved, so many torment-