

ST. JEAN BAPTISTE SOCIETY.**Arrangements for the Festival in June.**

There was a meeting of the St. Jean Baptiste Society Sunday evening, and the arrangements for the festival in June were advanced several important steps. The Society is arranging for a grand celebration. Last night it was decided to send a delegate to Chicago to wait upon the French Commissions and arrange for the excursion that is to bring the distinguished American visitors from the World's Fair to Montreal. Special excursion rates have been secured from Grand Trunk and the Canadian Pacific Railway companies, and a special car will be placed at the disposal of Mr. Krantz, president of the French Commission. The festival will extend over three days, June 25, 26, and 27. On the evening of the 27th a special memorial service will be held in the Notre Dame Church, at which Archbishop Fabre will officiate. The service will be of memorial nature and will recall the lives of men who devoted themselves to the interests of the colony. The preacher for the occasion has not yet been selected. A feature of the service will be the music. Preparations are being made to secure an excellent programme. A special march for the inauguration of the Maisonneuve monument has been composed by Mr. Fortier the director of the Notre Dame choir. It will be rendered by an orchestra of selected musicians. Last night the march was rendered before the directors of the Society. They were very much pleased with the piece. The line of march of the procession has been fixed as follows: On Sunday June 25, at 7.30 a.m., the organizations which are going to take part will meet at Champ de Mars. From there they will march up St. Lawrence street, east by St. Catherine to Papineau street, and then down to Craig street. They will then march westward along Craig street until Lacrux street is reached, and then up to Notre Dame Church, where service will be held. The Society expect to make it the grandest and most interesting festival of the kind ever held in Montreal.

HOME RULE.

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LONDON, May 15.—In the House of Commons to-day Sir J. Blundell Maple, Conservative member for Carnberwell, asked the Prime Minister whether the value of the Post office property in Ireland, which the Imperial Government proposed to give free of cost or compensation to the new Irish Government to be created by the Home Rule bill, amounted in the total to £4,000,000. Mr. Gladstone replied that he considered the estimate a fabulous one, but that Ireland would receive the Post office property free of any charge. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. C. J. Darling, Q.C., member for Deptford, asked whether there was any truth in the report that some Irishmen on board a vessel called the Haze, Kirke at New York on the 11th instant, hoisted a flag of the Republic of Ireland, which flag was saluted by German and American vessels.

Sir Edward Grey replied that the Government had no information of such an incident having occurred.

Mr. Darling—"Will the Foreign office request information concerning it?"

Sir Edward Grey—"No doubt a report is coming concerning the matter, and it is undesirable to simulate any nervousness in regard to it." (Laughter.)

The debate on the Irish Home Rule bill was then resumed and the amendment offered by Victor Cavendish, Conservative member for West Derbyshire, was taken up. This proposed amendment provided that the bill should specify the subjects with which the Irish Legislature should deal, the Legislature to be kept strictly within the limits specified. Prime Minister Gladstone said that it would be absurd to give the new Parliament only subjects here and there upon which it could decide, keeping back others. The Irish Legislature ought to have full liberty to deal with Irish affairs. (Cheers.)

The amendment was rejected by a vote of 275 to 228.

Most of the evening was passed in discussing and dividing on trivial motions to amend the Home Rule Bill.

LONDON, May 16.—The House of Commons resumed the consideration of the Home Rule bill in committee to-day. The Hon. John Broderick moved to

amend the second clause of the Home Rule bill so as to empower the Crown in response to an address by the Imperial Parliament to diminish and restrain the powers granted to the Irish parliament.

Prime Minister Gladstone opposed the amendment. He denounced the assumption that the Irish were unworthy of confidence, while everybody else was worthy of confidence. He said that just as the acts of the British Legislature were subject to restraint through the intervention of the Crown, so acts of the Irish Legislature would be subject to restraint on the intervention of the viceroy.

Ex-Chief Secretary Balfour, admitted that the Irish Legislature might to a certain extent be controlled through the viceroy, but there was nothing in the bill which enabled Parliament to interfere with the action of the Irish executive. Machinery ought to be provided whereby the vagaries of the executive council should be restrained. Mr. Balfour suggested that the final decision of the point be deferred until a later stage in the bill.

The amendment was rejected by a vote of 303 to 247.

Mr. Gladstone declined to agree to an adjournment of the House over Derby day in order to enable the members to witness the great race which will take place at the end of this month.

Sir Henry James moved the amendment that the "supreme power of the Imperial Parliament remain undiminished by any power of the realm." The amendment was discussed at some length after Mr. Gladstone had spoken against it.

Eventually Mr. Gladstone agreed to accept the amendment on the condition that its place in the bill be determined by the Government. Mr. Balfour congratulated the Government upon having thus closed a long and useless discussion. The amendment was then approved.

DIOCESAN MISSIONARIES.**A Strange Scene in the St. Denis Church near Paris.**

Last year the Diocesan Missionaries at St. Joseph's, Belleville, had to give way before the rioters, and the Lenten conferences were stopped in the middle. This was owing to the Minister of Worship's threat that he would have the churches closed if any more disturbances occurred within them. This year a similar scene occurred at St. Denis. The rioters have been kept at bay, and the missionaries have kept their pulpits, but under conditions such as have not been seen during the nineteen hundred years that priests have preached to the people. After the tumult, when the preachers were interrupted by the Socialists, and blood flowed and heads were broken, not only was the church militarily guarded during the following days, but the pulpits also. While the preachers held forth from above two gens d'armes stood below with loaded revolvers. The two diocesan missionaries in question were the Abbe L'Enfant and the Abbe Petitdenange. Allusion has already been made to Abbe L'Enfant. This year at St. Denis, as last year at St. Joseph's, Belleville, he was the ringleader in the good cause. About thirty-five, and looking twenty-five, and as modest and unassuming in manner as a seminarist, he has managed already to come to the front rank of French preachers. The Archbishop of Paris builds upon him great hopes. But there is much in this young priest that is remarkable besides his powers as a preacher. During the recent tumult one of his fellowpriests, who was an eye-witness, describes the Abbe L'Enfant as remaining in the pulpit and looking as calm as a marble statue. Standing upright, his head a target for any missile, he said the Hail Mary aloud, while blood was flowing, while women were shrieking and fainting, and while French men were engaged in breaking each other's heads. The Archbishop of Paris, who was at the church of St. Denis two days afterwards, seemed visibly affected by what had taken place. He said a few words from the pulpit on Christian charity, while gens d'armes with their revolvers stood beneath. On leaving the church, the Archbishop had to be protected from the mob, and mounted gens d'armes escorted his carriage back to Paris. After the deaths of Mgr. Affre, Mgr. de Sibour, and Mgr. Darboy, an Archbishop of Paris must have faith in his destiny in order to believe that he will die in his bed. The

sword of Damocles hangs over everyone. To the anti-clericals of St. Denis, including its mayor and municipal councillors, the sight of a priest's soutane is like holding a red rag before a bull. How much more exciting to their ferocious instincts would not have been the person of an Archbishop? An attack upon Cardinal Richard the other day was evidently apprehended. The diocesan missionaries of Paris, two of whom have been the innocent cause of all this mischief, are five in number. They are attached to no church, but a church for their especial use is in course of construction at Passy. Their apostolate is confined to the working classes. Fired by the true missionary spirit, they go more among the people than do the ordinary priests. They seem even to understand some of the secrets of humble housewives, such as the washing of dishes and the cooking of a pot-au-feu.—*Cor. Liverpool Catholic Times.*

Dubuque has been erected into an archiepiscopal see, with Rt. Rev. Bishop Hennessey, the present bishop of the diocese, as its first archbishop.

The jury in the case of Wesley C. Ripley, charged with assault on John W. Mackay, the millionaire, were discharged at San Francisco Saturday night, being unable to agree.

The German government is endeavoring to effect a reconciliation between Bismarck and the emperor. Such a step it is argued, would greatly help the government's cause in the pending elections.

Clarence P. Teller, known also as Charles H. Price, the noted Cincinnati diamond robber, who was sent from Detroit to Jackson prison for a seven years' term, packed himself in a box with a lot of scythe snaths the other night, was loaded on a dray and carried outside the prison walls, when he made his escape.

In what case is it absolutely impossible to be slow and sure? In the case of a watch.

Brown: How do you pronounce 'H-a-w-a-i-i'? Smith: Sandwich Islands, of course.

PURCHASE**All Wool****Boys',****Youths' AND****Men's****CLOTHING,****Ready to DRAW ON,****Made to Measure Also,****Hats, Caps, AND****Furnishings,****From****WILLIAM GURRIE,****Clothier, Hatter and Haberdasher,****1953, 1955, 1957 Notre Dame st.****THE WORLD OVER.**

George Victor, the sovereign prince of Waldeck, died at Marienbad, Bohemia.

Mr. William Berry, a pioneer of Ingersoll, died, aged 87.

Mr. Edwin Booth's condition is unchanged.

An epidemic of measles is reported among the children of Napanee.

At Rat Portage Dumas Harris, aged sixteen, accidentally shot himself with fatal results.

On Thursday 17,682 people bought tickets for the World's Fair.

The undertakers' bill creating them into a close corporation, was thrown out in the Ontario Legislature.

Smallpox is epidemic in Gothenburg, Sweden.

Gounod, the French musical composer, is ill.

The guards in Kingston penitentiary do not like whipping convicts.

The infant Eulalie, of Spain, who is at Havana, is improved in health.

Earthquakes continue to occur almost daily in Sicily.

A large number of people were drowned during a panic on a ferry boat near Borovitch, government of Novgorod, Russia.

Louis Kossuth has advised his partisans in Hungary to support the Weckerle Cabinet and its liberal policy.

The rebels in Nicaragua are gaining ground and are becoming more aggressive daily.

Henry Rosenberg, banker and philanthropist, of Galveston, Texas, is dead. He left an estate worth \$2,000,000.

Paris & Nave, bankers, with headquarters at Indianapolis and several branches in the state, have suspended.

The Canadian Pacific railway's SS. Empress of India sailed from Yokohama for Vancouver on Friday.

Ottawa city council is joining in the petition asking the legislature to enable cities to grant telephone monopolies.

One of the richest gold strikes ever made in Oregon is reported near Baker City, Oregon, three miles south of the White Swan and Virtue mines.

Emperor William has declared his intention of opening in person the new Reichstag.

A death from smallpox is reported at Rat Portage.

It is reported from Cleveland that the great sewing machine trust is dead. The capital of the joint company was said to have been \$12,000,000.

The Radicals in the Norwegian Storting having introduced a bill providing that the emblem of the union of Sweden and Norway shall be eliminated from the Norwegian flag.

Lady Allen, wife of Sir John C. Allen, chief justice of New Brunswick, and daughter of the late Capt. Charles Drury, of H.M. 29th regiment, died at Fredericton, N.B.

At Sherman, Texas, John Z. Carlisle and Charles Luttrell were hanged for the murder of "Billy" Sherman April 28, 1892, at Denison.

Prince Alexandroff, a lieutenant in the Russian army, purposely took an overdose of poison in Moscow the other evening, and died soon afterwards. He had lost 2,000,000 roubles in gambling.

A St. Louis despatch says that on Thursday night a man known as "Salvation Army" Daly brained his wife with an axe and cut her throat. He then cut his own throat and may die.

The new Cunard steamer Campana, which sailed from New York for Liverpool on May 6, made the passage from Sandy Hook in 5 days 7 hours and 42 minutes, the fastest eastward passage ever made.

The wheelmen's day at the World's Fair is set for Wednesday, May 31st. It is expected that nearly 20,000 wheelmen will participate. This will include riders of both sexes and those from abroad, as well as local detached members.

The amount of Dominion currency in circulation on May 1 was \$18,414,000, an increase of \$825,000 on March, and a decrease of \$700,000 compared with February.

Cardinal Gibbons has been notified by cable from Rome of the election of Right Rev. Bishop Kain, of Wheeling, Va., to be coadjutor to the Archbishop of St. Louis, with the right of succession.