

EARTHQUAKE VISITATIONS.

Two Severe Shocks Within an Interval of Three Days.

Terrified Citizens Push From Buildings into the Streets - An Interesting Article on the Subject from "Old and New" of the Gazette.

A second earthquake visited this city on Friday at midnight and shook it to its very foundations. The shock did not have the same effect, coming as it did at a later hour than that of last week, but it has nevertheless awakened a feeling of nervousness which is visible in the manners and methods of citizens, young and old. To discuss the subject of earthquakes, and strive to obtain some explanation that will dispel the dreadful anxiety which has taken possession of them. When the first shock was felt about ten days ago, the occupants of all the large office buildings on St. James Street, the main business thoroughfare of Montreal, rushed out into the street with blanched faces, expecting to behold the ruins of some of the buildings in the vicinity. It was accompanied by the peculiar rumbling noise, followed by an oscillating movement, which had the effect of causing the houses to sway in a startling manner. In the portions of the city which twenty years ago were low and swampy, and have since that time been filled up to the level of the street by the road sweepings, the shock was very severely felt.

We take the following interesting article from the *Old and New* corner of the Montreal Gazette, which treats of the subject:-

The only earthquake which, for alarming qualities, can be compared, from the experience of living Montrealers, with that of Tuesday evening, is the earthquake of 1870. Some readers of "Old and New" can doubtless recall the widespread consternation that it caused. The houses in the business streets were quickly emptied, and the agility suddenly developed by persons not hitherto famous for rapidity of movement was extraordinary. The Descent of Man was enacted without regard to the links of connection, so long as the goal was attained. Dickens has described, with characteristic humor, the flight of a casually seated man from a supposed enemy, and his attempt to pass it off as a joke on finding himself unpursued and the observed of all contiguous observers. During an earthquake, which more than any other natural phenomenon renders the wise and the simple alike helpless, few pause to bethink them of the proprieties. Even in the presence of an earthquake, however, men's characters do not forsake them. It was said that, in 1870, a certain judge, then sitting on the Bench, having calmly watched the hasty exodus of the special pleaders, arrested with authoritative voice the last of the court officers to reach the door and summoned him trembling to his side. "Go," he said, "with all speed and bring me a bottle of sherry." "John" stood not on the order of his going and His Honor enjoyed his refreshment while the earthquake was the theme of excited discussion outside.

The earliest mention of an earthquake to be found in any work relating to Canada is in the Relations des Jesuites for the year 1638. Father Paul Le Jeune is the writer: "On St. Barnabas Day (June 11) we had shocks of earthquake in several localities. It was so perceptible that the Indians were astonished to find their bark platters rattling against each other and the water overflowed their kettles. They showed their astonishment by uttering loud cries." On the 5th day of February, 1692, according to Father Jerome Lalemant, began that extraordinary series of earth shocks and minor movements which have made the year 1693 so memorable in the record of seismic phenomena. The "Tremble-Terre" was preceded by a number of unusual meteorological appearances. In the autumn of 1692, Father Lalemant relates, there were seen in the sky figures of serpents interlaced in the form of the heathen caduceus, which flew through the air on wings of fire (volonté par le milieu des aires portez sur des ailes de feu). Over Quebec was suspended one night a globe of fire which turned night into day, and would have been welcome had not the sparks that it darted forth inspired the admiration of the beholders. A like meteor was seen in Montreal, where it seemed to issue from the moon, and was attended with a noise like that of cannon or of thunder. Having traversed the sky for a distance of "about three leagues," it disappeared behind Mount Royal. More astonishing still was the spectacle of three suns, which, at eight in the morning on a fine day in winter (1692-93), was witnessed by many. First of all, a bright vapor was seen to rise from the St. Lawrence, which, on being struck by the sun's rays, gradually assumed substance and shape until the three suns were visible. This spectacle, which was seen on the 7th of January, 1693, lasted nearly two hours.

It was about half-past five in the evening of the 5th of February, 1693, that the colonists scattered over New France began to hear strange sounds, as though there were the roar of a great fire, and rushing into the street, were astonished to see the houses tottering, the roofs cracking, the bells ringing, timbers cracking,

and the earth rolling in an incredible fashion. The animals were panic-stricken, the children began to cry, while of the men and women some prostrated themselves in prayer while others cried aloud for mercy, as though menaced by instant death. Meanwhile, the trembling of the earth continued all through the night, the motion being like that of ships at sea. Some were even affected by sea sickness. In the surrounding forests the disorder was increased by the trees a dashing against each other. In some cases trees were torn up by the roots; in others, great cavities were made in the ground through eminences being removed. Rivers changed their courses or their streams were lost, or the waters of two or more were mingled. The St. Lawrence from Quebec to Tadoussac appeared of a peculiar whitish tinge, and in view of its volume an immense mass of coloring material must have been brought in contact with its waters. Phantoms and spectres were seen in the air, some bearing torches; and pikes, lances and brands hustled through the sky.

At Three Rivers porpoises were heard uttering piteous sounds, and other plaintive voices broke the silence of the night. The earthquake was felt at Tadoussac, at Bay St. Paul, at Cape Tourmente and even at Pointe aux Alouettes. At this last place an entire forest was separated from the mainland. The shocks did not entirely cease until August, having thus lasted more than six months. The extent of seismic action is computed at two hundred leagues in length by one hundred in breadth. Yet notwithstanding the magnitude of its range, and its far-reaching effects, Father Lalemant thankfully recognizes a providential protection which preserved the colonists so wonderfully that not even a child was injured, while the loss in property was infinitesimal. The Mere Marie de l'Incarnation has also left a vivid account of these months of terror, as of other events and scenes in the infancy of the colony. M. Faillon, M. Ferland, M. Garneau and the other modern historians are indebted to these sources, where they have not copied from each other.

Records of earthquakes have come down to us from distant ages. Herodotus, Diodorus Siculus, Livy, Aristotle, Pliny the Elder, Seneca (who has a theory of earthquakes), and many other writers, both Greek and Latin, either describe special convulsions or deal with the subject in general. Ammianus Marcellinus, a soldier who wielded the pen of the ready writer, has left us a striking survey of the terrestrial disturbances of the year 358 of the Christian era, with special reference to the destruction of Nicomedia, in Bithynia. To-day I can only allude to this chapter (xvii., 7), which is of interest because the year 358 in Europe presents, in the historian's pages, some points of comparison to the year 1693 in Canada.

Long before Herodotus, there are references in the poets and in the popular myths to those shiftings of terra firma that have always spread alarm among the tribes of men. One of the Old Testament refers to an earthquake, that of the reign of Uzziah or Azariah, as an event in his time well known. There is no more sublime example of the diversity of God's messages to men's hearts than the passage in which we are told how the Word of the Lord came to Elijah on Mount Horeb: "And behold the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountain and broke in pieces the rock before the Lord: but the Lord was in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake: but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice. This—(Kold'mamah—a voice of stillness; in Vulg. sibilus auro tonitis, a gentle whispering of the air)—was to Elijah the end of perplexity and despondency, giving him assurance of Divine approval and counsel, as well as of human sympathy and help, and of a successor not unworthy of the prophetic mantle.

FIRST ABBOT OF MELLIFONT.

A Church Being Erected to His Honor in Tullyallen, Co. Louth, Ireland.

Rev. Thomas Taafe, parish priest of Tullyallen, County Louth, has undertaken the laudable duty of erecting, close to the ruins of far-famed Mellifont Abbey—one of the holiest and most historic spots in Ireland—a memorial church to its first Abbot, Saint Christian O'Conor.

The parish of Tullyallen, though now sharing in the widespread ruin that has followed the track of the ruthless invader, was, in the olden days of Ireland's history, famous as a seat of learning, that sent forth its missionaries to the Continent to spread the truth of the Gospel. Monasterboice and Mellifont—separated only by a few miles—are names to awaken reverence for the past, and high hopes for the future of Ireland.

The ruins of Mellifont Abbey are situated in the parish of Tullyallen, near the banks of the Boyne, a few miles from Drogheda. It was one of the most renowned, and first of the ecclesiastical buildings established by the Cistercian Monks in Ireland. Here they dwelt for over four hundred years, nursing and feeding the sick and the poor, besides educating the youth of the country. Few spots in Ireland, or, in fact, in any part of Europe, are so rich in prehistoric, pagan and historical remains, as the country surrounding Tullyallen. In the great tumuli and massive cairns along the banks of the Boyne, are interred the most valorous of the chieftains of old; in early Christian times the names of the saintly Saint Malachy and the great Saint Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, in France, is associated with the place, and in more recent times, quite near by, was fought the most acerbated battle ever fought on any soil—the inglorious battle of the Boyne. This Father Taafe's intention to replace the old church at Tullyallen—now in such a state of dilapidation as to be past repair, with a modest modern structure suited to the wants of the parish. For this purpose he appeals to the friends and children of the parish scattered over

the world for their assistance. The natives of the parish now residing in New York, in response to an appeal from Father Taafe, at a meeting held recently, appointed Mr. Patrick Reynolds, 336 East Fifteenth Street, New York, as Treasurer, and they unite their appeal with Father Taafe's to all former residents of the parish now in America for their generous support. Donations may be forwarded to the treasurer named, at New York, or direct to the Rev. Thomas Taafe, Tullyallen, Drogheda, Ireland.

Father Taafe received recently the following letter from His Eminence the Cardinal Primate of All Ireland:

"I heartily approve of your design to build a new parish church for Tullyallen. The state of the old church, which is neither safe, comfortable for the people, or becoming the divine worship, renders your project a very necessary one. I earnestly recommend both to your own people and the charitable public the appeal you are about to make for funds to carry out the good work. I am very glad to learn that your own people have been so generous up to the present, and I trust that their own generosity and self-sacrifice will contribute to enlist the sympathy of their neighbors in their behalf.

Praying that God may especially bless all who aid you in your good work, I am, dear Father Taafe,
Yours most faithfully,
MICHAEL, CARDINAL PRIMATE."

OUR SOUVENIR.

Expressions of Approval From the Catholic Press of the United States and Canada.

The second edition of our Jubilee Souvenir is nearly sold, but few copies remaining to be disposed of. We have received letters from a large number of members of the clergy and laity in different parts of the Dominion, congratulating us upon the splendid character of the Number. Below we give a number of expressions of approval from the Catholic press and other sources, which serve to manifest that our endeavor to fittingly commemorate a great and important occasion has been appreciated beyond the boundaries of our own locality:-

STANDARD AND TIMES (PHILADELPHIA.)

The Golden Jubilee of St. Patrick's Church, Montreal, was fittingly commemorated by a magnificent issue of THE TRUE WITNESS of that city. The color combination of the cover is rich, though not too much so for the occasion. We have not seen a finer example of typography and half-tone plates than the thirty-two pages of historical work embraced within the covers, while as a Catholic literary chronicle it is absorbing and inspiring.

CATHOLIC UNIVERSE (CLEVELAND, O.)

Our esteemed contemporary, the Montreal TRUE WITNESS, issued a St. Patrick Souvenir Number in honor of the Golden Jubilee of St. Patrick's Church, Montreal. The cover is gorgeous in green and gold decorative effects, while the reading matter includes a very entertaining account of the growth of Catholicity in the old French city of the north.

THE CHURCH NEWS (WASHINGTON, D.C.)

THE TRUE WITNESS, of Montreal, Canada, recently presented its readers with an elaborate and handsome Souvenir Number on the occasion of the commemoration of the Golden Jubilee of St. Patrick's Church, Montreal. It can be truly said that it is one of the handsomest numbers yet presented to the public. The illustrations are especially worthy of commendation.

CATHOLIC REGISTER, (TORONTO.)

We congratulate our contemporary, the Montreal TRUE WITNESS, upon the very handsome Souvenir Number of St. Patrick's Church Jubilee which it has published. The history of the Catholic Church in Montreal is written in an interesting manner and chapters on the growth of the Church in Ontario and in the Maritime Provinces are contributed by Mr. William Elliston and Father Campbell of Halifax. Our contemporary has carried out its enterprise admirably.

CANADIAN FREEMAN, (KINGSTON.)

The Jubilee Number of the Montreal TRUE WITNESS is acknowledged on all sides to be unequalled as a souvenir. The illustrations, reading matter and general appearance could scarcely be improved upon, which, with the minutest details of the progress of Irish Catholicism in Montreal, will be interesting reading for future generations. A description of St. Patrick's Church and its pastors, accompanied by portraits of the lamented pastors who have passed away and also those at present engaged in the Lord's work, are life-like pictures that will be treasured. St. Anthony's, St. Ann's, St. Gabriel's and St. Mary's are brought out in beautiful form. On the whole the issue reflects much credit on the management and its efforts should be thoroughly appreciated.

CATHOLIC RECORD, (LONDON, ONT.)

We congratulate our contemporary, the TRUE WITNESS, of Montreal, on the production of its St. Patrick's Day Number. It is beautifully printed and contains excellent portraits of the past and present pastors of St. Patrick's Church, Montreal, as well as of that magnificent Church and the charitable institutions connected therewith, while the reading matter, especially from a historical point of view, is of a most interesting character. Altogether it is a very creditable piece of work, and we hope the publishers will be suitably compensated for their commendable enterprise.

CHARLOTTETOWN HERALD, P. E. I.
The Montreal TRUE WITNESS issued, on St. Patrick's Day, a special Souvenir

Number, in honor of the Golden Jubilee of St. Patrick's Church, in that city. It embraces upwards of forty pages and its artistic features are of a high order. It is beautifully illustrated, containing engravings of St. Patrick's Church, the Archbishops of Toronto, Kingston and Halifax, and of the priests who have, from its foundation, been prominently associated with St. Patrick's Church, and the churches of the other English speaking congregations in Montreal. The cover is illustrated in green and gold, and is a splendid specimen of artistic skill. The paper is fine and the letter press is excellent. It contains well written accounts of the progress of the Irish people in Montreal, Ontario and the Maritime Provinces. That relating to the Maritime Provinces is written by Rev. Dr. Campbell of Halifax. The work is a splendid specimen of the printer's art, and sells for twenty-five cents.

News comes from Bangor, Me., that the lumber business in the Penobscot region will probably exceed in volume, this year, that of any year since the decline in the industry began, and it is likely that from 140,000,000 to 160,000,000 feet of logs will be driven down the Penobscot river this spring. The sudden and unexpected revival of the European deal trade is also helping the situation. Orders have already been received for 10,000,000 feet of spruce for early shipment to the United Kingdom. The lumber will be sawed, mostly at the mills in the vicinity of Bangor. There is a stock of nearly 40,000,000 feet of logs on hand for spring sawing, and the mills will start as soon as the ice leaves the river. It is twenty years since any considerable amount of deals was shipped from Bangor.

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