

A NEW CHURCH.

JOLIETTE, May 30th, 1870.

To the Editor of the True Witness.

DEAR SIR,—Yesterday after Vespers we took a drive down to the parish of St. Thomas, where the corner-stone of a new church was to be laid. Precisely at the appointed hour 5½ o'clock p.m., the Rev. P. Lajoie, cure of Joliette, mounted the 4 feet high wall of the new edifice and addressed the crowd around him on the importance of the ceremonies etc. to be performed. He took his text from the 126th psalm, "Nisi Dominus edificaverit domus etc."

The discourse being ended, the Rev. A. Dupuis, cure of St. Elizabeth, assisted by Revs. G. Langlais, C. S. V., Proc. College Joliette, and Tos. Bonin, vicaire de Joliette, commenced the usual ceremonies prescribed by the ritual. Then the cure of the place, Rev. J. O. Chicoine, invited all bystanders to come forth and let the ornamented hammer fall upon the corner-stone, and to drop with it something green, white, or red, every one according to his good will and means. This had a good effect. At first advanced the assisting clergy, among whom we noticed the Revs. L. Levesque, Director College Joliette; Professor E. Laporte, C. S. V.; H. Dupuis, vicaire of St. Elizabeth, and many others, followed by the crowd, assembled from all sides. The exact sum realized we do not know. What we know is, that Mons. le Cure, J. O. Chicoine, was very satisfied and vowed for the solidity of the corner-stone; for said he, many have tested it.

The dimensions of the building are 161x60 and build of the best of materials on the grounds where the old church stood. The new sacristy is already finished. The whole will be opened for divine worship this fall.

The ingenious Mons. Chicoine has found a simple but rather romantic means to continue regular service for his parishioners. We visited the curious tenement which his reverence styles "Eglise d'Ele," and found it to be "God's footstool" in all its simplicity (the bare ground) ornamented by Spring, and covered with the productions of the pine (rough boards), to protect the pious assembly against attacks of the burning mid-day sun, or the showering tears of an envious cloud that may happen to pass over their heads. I am told that even the birds on the surrounding trees join their carol to the Hymns of the congregation to praise their Creator more solemnly.

In fine we can but felicitate the zealous Cure and his self-sacrificing flock for their good will and rapid progress. Ere long they will be amply rewarded for their unceasing labors. For this new edifice, when once finished, will be one of the handsomest at this side of Montreal. When will Joliette boast of a new Church?

Yours, etc.,

SPECTATOR.

To the Editor of the True Witness.

SIR,—You are perhaps aware of the fact that owing to the strange conduct of certain of their compatriots who have attained to high places in the Land, in matters appertaining to the Catholic Religion, the Scotch Catholics of Glengarry are not looked upon at a distance as diamonds of the first water. Now, a residence of some years amongst them, with full opportunities of studying their character in all its phases, has convinced me that as a body, they are grossly misrepresented in this respect, and as one proof is better than a thousand assertions, I give you for the edification of your numerous readers, the following reliable information. It so happens that the County of Glengarry to-day is the only part of the Province of Ontario where public homage to our Divine Lord's Real Presence in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar is paid by thousands of true Catholics. And, Sir, it would have afforded ineffable satisfaction to all faithful Catholics to have witnessed the devotion, rising to the level of enthusiasm, manifested yesterday by at least two thousand highland Catholics, good and true, who had joined in solemn procession, and accompanied, with bared head and becoming recollection, our Blessed Lord borne under a splendid canopy of cloth of gold by Father O'Connor a distance of over a mile, to a neat rustic Repository where, after solemn Benediction, He was borne back in triumph to the Parish Church; where again Solemn Benediction terminated the day's devotion. On the time honored principle that honor should be given where it is due, I have deemed it proper to furnish you with these data which I think fully make out my case, as enunciated at the commencement of these remarks. I cannot close these hurried lines without mentioning another fact equally creditable to their heads and hearts, that ere six o'clock the same evening, this large assemblage of people had betaken themselves to their respective homes, without a trace of drink being observable on any of them; thus plainly demonstrating their faithful compliance with Father O'Connor's earnest appeal to them in that regard, who begged them to prove the sincerity of their belief in this fundamental principle of Faith, and their entire appreciation of the gravity of the solemn ceremony they had just assisted at, by so comporting them-

selves during the remainder of the day, as to challenge the admiring testimony and respect of their Protestant fellow-citizens who were present in large numbers, and who, to their honor be it recorded, evinced a marked consideration for the feelings and convictions of their Catholic neighbors.

Your faithful scribe,

LOCHIEL.

Alexandria, Ont., June 20, 1870.

[For the True Witness.]

VILLA MARIA'S MOUNTAIN SCHOOL.

An old relic of Canadian history is still noticeable by the wayside on Sherbrooke Street, immediately in front of the Mountain Seminary. The Cross was planted upon the Mountain in 1643, and the incursions of the Iroquois were at their height between that period and 1670. The venerable heroine of this island, or her associates imparted instruction to the aborigines in 1673, in the place now occupied by two ancient forts (tour de forts). Improvement has necessitated many changes in this vicinity, and probably a few months may see this last remnant of past history completely demolished. The following lines embody those few touching incidents:—

I.
Nigh two hundred years ago,
My own Villa School,
When woodlands surrounded thee,
My own Villa School;
And Tribes lined the St. Lawrence,
And hutsmen, Mount Royal,
The Cross overshadowed thee,
My own Villa School.

II.
What thoughts spring to memory,
My own Villa School,
When I think of thy history,
My own Villa School;
And see relics so fond—to part
Give free scope to march of art,
The Cross overshadowed thee,
My own Villa School.

III.
Twas the Sires of old Gaul,
My own Villa School,
Who deciphered thy destiny,
My own Villa School;
And monks' planted thy mission,
To sow broadcast—Religion,
The Cross overshadowed thee,
My own Villa School.

IV.
Thou hast braved all the tempests,
My own Villa School,
While Empires have crumbled,
My own Villa School,
And Nations grew round thee,
Great, warlike—and stately,
The Cross overshadowed thee,
My own Villa School.

V.
Bright be thy future,
My own Villa School,
Far be from thee—dark clouds,
My own Villa School;
And may sons of this Virgin soil,
Catch the glow of thy ceaseless toil,
Oh, thine be the victory,
My own Villa School.

* Sister Margaret Bourgeois, Foundress of the Congregation de Notre Dame, and the Abbe J. J. Olier, founder of the Society of St. Sulpice, who first prompted the colonization of the Island of Montreal.

On Wednesday, 5th inst., the following pupils of the St. Antoine Academy under the charge of the Ladies of the Congregation made their first Communion:—Misses Agnes McGee, Annie O'Brien, and Isabella Clerk.

We learn that orders, directing the departure of the Rifle Brigade from Canada, have been countermanded, a fact which will be received with pleasure by all.

The Markham Economist says lay in old meadows will this year be light. The barley, oats and peas are very much improved since the rain, and, should the weather continue favorable, will yield an average crop. There is also a prospect of a very heavy crop of fruit.

THE PRINCE'S PRESENTS.—Before the Prince went away he made several presents. As showing his kindness of heart we may mention one. He sent Mr. Quinn, the Cote des Neiges road toll keeper, a photograph of himself to a little table case. Mr. Quinn is naturally very grateful for this mark of attention, and states that the Prince never passed the gate without having some kind word to say. Mr. Quinn also states what is quite natural, that it is not everybody who would have thus thought of him. But, we may add, he is himself almost an institution. He has been toll-keeper for about thirty years, and there is nowhere a more careful or painstaking officer.—Gazette.

Hearth and Home for June 25th contains the first of a series of sketches entitled *Jethro Thorp's Night Thoughts*, by John Thomas, who is no other than Petroleum V. Nasby. The great humorist will take an honest country boy to the city, conduct him through the usual experience, and restore him to his home a sadder and wiser boy, satisfied that the peaceful, honest, and temperate life of the farmer is the best and safest life that can be lived. This is a lesson greatly needed at this time, and Nasby is the man to teach it.

We understand that the firm of Robert Mitchell & Co. have paid those of their employees, (14 in number) who were called to the front during the late Fenian invasion, for the whole of the time lost by them on that occasion. Such conduct shows a spirit of liberality not often to be met with, and is deserving of the highest commendation.—Gazette.

PRESENTATION TO THE REVEREND FATHER HOGAN.

On Wednesday evening last the members of the Young Shamrock Lacrosse Club presented the Rev. Mr. Hogan, pastor of St. Ann's Church, with a beautiful walking cane richly mounted in silver, and bearing the inscription of the Presentation. The following address indicative of the general esteem in which this Rev. gentleman is held was read to him on the occasion:—

VENERABLE AND BELOVED PASTOR,—We, the members of the Young Shamrock Lacrosse Club, desire to express to you on this occasion the unbounded love and respect which has always filled our hearts at the sight of your many sacrifices and unceasing labors. The entire Parish of St. Ann's which has the great happiness of your fostering protection and ministering solicitude, with one voice echoes the praises of their cherished Pastor. We venture to assert that amongst your parishioners, none possess hearts more brimful of love for you than the members of the Young Shamrock Lacrosse Club. The constant encouragement which you gave to our legitimate amusement by your presence amongst us on many a sportive evening; at the same time the ardent zeal for our spiritual welfare which burned through all your words, have impressed upon our minds the magnitude of the debt which we owe to you, and make us desirous of testifying to you our gratitude.

The offering which we make is small, but were it of immense cost, it would always remain inadequate to your merits. We ask you to look upon it as an offering of our hearts, that the seed of every virtue which you yourself possess, may through your endeavours take root therein, and afford you the happiness of seeing us true sons of Erin by being faithful children of our Holy Mother the Church.

That Almighty God may bless and prolong your sojourn amongst us through many long and happy days, that you may enjoy all blessings of soul and body, and that we may be ever worthy of retaining in your memory a place proportionate not to this small testimonial, but to the gratitude of our souls, are the wishes that shall ever emanate from the bosoms of your devoted children.

(Signed),

B. CASSIDY,
President.
R. KEYS,
Secretary.

MONTREAL, June 15th, 1870.

Father Hogan in a neat and affectionate reply, expressed his most cordial thanks, as likewise the consolation afforded to him by the words of the address, by their willingness to obey their pastor and by their docility to his teachings. He trusted that having now laid the foundation of every moral and intellectual virtue, they would afterwards become useful and honorable members of their district, a credit to their religion, to their country, to their families, and to the City of Montreal.

DEDICATION OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH AT WAUBASHENE.—Last Sunday we witnessed the Dedication of a new Roman Catholic Church, at Waubashene, which is under the charge of the Rev. Father Kennedy, of Penetanguishene. The sermon on the occasion was preached by the Very Rev. Dean Northgraves of Barrie. The Rev. gentleman handled his subject in an able manner, which was nothing more than we expected since, he has the reputation of being one of the soundest theologians in this Province. There were upwards of four hundred persons present to witness the ceremony, some two hundred of whom were from the village of Penetanguishene; we also noticed ladies and gentlemen from Barrie, Orillia, Floss, Medonte, &c., which speaks well for the popularity of the Rev. Father Kennedy. Mr. Hall very kindly sent his steam tug *Minnie Hall* to Penetanguishene for the purpose of conveying the people to and from Waubashene free of charge. Father Kennedy also expected Mr. Christie's Steamer, which however, owing to some cause unexplained did not appear.

The church itself is a neat frame structure of respectable dimensions, we did not learn the exact size, it is well furnished inside, and neatly painted outside. We cannot speak to highly of the liberality of Mr. Hall, the spirited proprietor of the Waubashene Mills, who presented the beautiful site for the Church, and donated the lumber for the erection of the same. Such liberality is not often met with in this country and we believe Mr. Hall fully merits the warmest regard of his Catholic friends, for his utter contempt of that narrow minded bigotry which characterises too many people of the various religious denominations; we must not forget to mention that Mr. and Mrs. Hall very kindly entertained the Rev. gentlemen and others from a distance, by giving an excellent and most enjoyable dinner, in a word they kept an open house for all who wished to partake of their hospitality. We must confess that we were agreeably disappointed to find such a neat little village in such an out of the way place. Mr. Hall's Mills, which are amongst the finest in Canada, are the principal features of attraction, want of space prevents us giving a full description of same. We will do so next week.—Orillia Northern Light.

THE FENIANS AND THE IRISH CATHOLICS OF CANADA.—Mr. O'Connor, M.P. for Essex, has written a letter to the Governor General, urging the necessity of pressing, through the proper channels, upon the American Government, their duty to put down Fenianism at once and for ever. There is not one man out of a thou-

sand in Canada who will not agree with Mr. O'Connor, whilst his views have been urged by the press, east and west, during the last fortnight with singular unanimity. We have no doubt that the Government feel as strongly as Mr. O'Connor in this matter, and that it will not be their fault if the American Government is not made to realize its duties and responsibilities. There is one point in his letter demanding attention. He observes that a Fenian raid raises "unjust suspicion and consequent distrust of a large and important class of the people of Canada—the Irish Catholics." We beg to differ from Mr. O'Connor in this matter to a certain extent. Distrust and ill-will might have been engendered by the honorable and patriotic bearing of the Irish Roman Catholics. Not one of them joined the invaders, whilst many of them marched against them. Mr. O'Connor is right in justifying their loyalty, and many feel proud in doing so. It has been recognized and appreciated by intelligent Canadians of other creeds, although it may have been doubted by those ignorant of the facts. We agree with the hon. gentleman, however, in thinking that it has a tendency to engender undeserved suspicion and ill-will.

The above just remarks are taken from the Ottawa Citizen. It speaks the sentiments of the intelligent portion of the Protestant community of this country. The Irish Catholics of Canada are a God fearing, law-abiding people, and spurn with contempt an organization that is under the ban of their Church, for whoever belongs to it must be anathema.—British Wing.

The pretension of low-churchmen that they are more scriptural than others; but their real strength depends on the popular belief that they are more anti-Romish than their high church brethren. Both the low-church pretension and the title of low churchmen to popular favor, might very fairly be questioned. All law stands, more or less, in need of interpretation, and for our part we never could understand why the opinions of the Fathers allowing them no greater authority than that springing from their exceptional advantages, should not be considered as somewhat more trustworthy than the interpretation of the Reverend Mr. Stiggins of our own enlightened century. Again, although it cannot be denied that most men have passed through high-churchism on their road to Rome, yet it is not less clear that the most likely convert for Rome is the evangelical who begins to reason. As his idea of a church becomes formed he is not unlikely to rush into extremes, and to think that the universe is made for the church and not the church for the world. It is this slippery position which produces, and perhaps excuses to some extent, the ferocity of evangelicalism. But be this as it may nothing is more painfully striking than the more than Roman fanaticism of the low-church party and its organs.—Evening Telegraph.

THE METHODISTS AND THE GOVERNMENT.—In a short notice of this subject, a couple of days ago we expressed our regret that a subject of so much interest to a large number of persons should have been brought up under such leadership as that of Dr. Ryerson. One cannot well separate the present from the past of a public man who has been so prominent as the Reverend Doctor, nor readily believe that he, who has been so apt to flatter and work for Sir George Cartier through so many years, would have turned on him now, had not confederation removed the pension of the Ex-School Superintendent, with all the "casual advantages" from the sphere over which Sir George exercises an influence.—Montreal Herald.

The flag of the new Dominion, which is flying from the Government vessels now in port, is the blue ensign, with the arms of the Dominion on the fly. The arms on the fly are the arms of each of the four provinces combined in one shield, the shield surrounded with a garland or wreath of Maple leaves surmounted by a Crown resting on the wreath. The design is pretty, although some people are inclined to think it is too foreign looking. The Governor General's flag is the Union Jack, with the above arms or badge of the Dominion emblazoned on a shield in the centre. The flag for the Lieutenant Governors of the Provinces is the Union Jack with the arms of the respective Provinces on a shield in the centre, surrounded by a wreath of Maple leaves.—Halifax Reporter.

It is with deep regret we have to announce the death by drowning of Mr. Christopher Abbott, of this city. We learn by telegram that Mr. Abbott, who has been living at St. Anne's, went with his wife and son in a boat on Sunday after lunch to Big St. Joseph. They appear to have landed here, and while Mrs. Abbott remained ashore, Mr. Abbott and his son went for a swim in the bay. When about a mile out the boat capsized and they were thrown into the water. They tried to swim ashore which the son was able to reach, but Mr. Abbott was drowned. We have not yet had intelligence of the recovery of the body.—Herald.

The Prescott Telegraph says the late weather has been exceedingly favourable for the growing crops. Rain has fallen at short intervals, keeping the ground moist and imparting a freshness and vigour to vegetation which is delightful to behold. Farmers no longer feel any anxiety as to the crops, except hay, which will be inevitably light; but for everything else the prospects are fair and full of encouragement.

REMITTANCES RECEIVED.

North Nation Mills, T. Bourke \$3; Shediak, N.B., P. J. Sweeney, 2; St. Catherine's East, P. Meagher, 2; Sherbrooke, M. McCarthy, 2; Dundee, D. J. McRae, 2; Lafontaine, Rev. L. Gibra, 2; L'Assomption, P. Flanagan, 1; Collfield, M. Kennedy, 7; St. Romuald, d'Etobimou, Rev. P. Sar, 5; Marysville, T. Deary, 2; River Beaudette, L. McLachlan, 2; Boston, Mass. U.S., Miss R. A. Brady, 3.
Per H. O'Connor—W. Dwyer, St. Marys, 1.50.
Per Rev. A. E. Dufresne—Miss McAfferty, Cookshire, 4.
Per D. Walker—D. Donohue, Downeyville, 2.
Per W. Chisholm—S. McIntosh, St. Andrews, 2.
Per Rev. J. J. Chisholm—J. McDonald, Margaree, N.S., 5; Rev. J. V. McDonnell, St. Andrews, N.S., 5.
Per Rev. J. S. O'Connor, Alexandria—L. McCormick, 23 3 Lochiel, 1.

Died.

In this city, on the 17th inst., Harriett Preston, the beloved wife of Edward O'Connor, aged 51 years.

MONTREAL WHOLESALE MARKETS

Montreal, June 21, 1870.

Flour—Hollands, \$2.90 to \$3.00; Middlings \$3.60 \$3.70; Fine, \$3.90 to \$4.00; Super, No. 2 \$4.20 to

\$4.30; Superfine \$4.30 \$4.40; Fancy \$4.90 to \$5.00; Extra, \$5.40 to \$5.00; Superior Extra \$5.00 to 0.00; Bag Flour, \$2.20 to \$2.30 per 100 lbs. Catmeal per bbl. of 200 lbs.—\$4.25 to 4.60. Wheat per bush, of 60 lbs.—U. C. Spring, \$1.10 to \$1.20. Ashes per 100 lbs.—First Pots \$5.45 to \$5.60 Seconds, \$5.00 to \$5.05; Thirds, \$5.00 to 4.20.—First Pearls, 7.10 to 7.15. Pork per bbl. of 200 lbs.—Mess, 27.50 to 28.00;—Thin Mess \$25.00; Prime, \$30.00 to 30.00. Butter, per lb.—More inquiry, with latest sales of common to medium at 15c to 17c—good per choice Western bringing 17c. to 18c. Cheese, per lb.—14 to 15c. Lard, per lb.—14c. Barley per 48 lbs.—Prices nominal,—worth about \$0.40 to \$0.50. Pease, per 66 lbs.—\$0.84.

MONTREAL RETAIL MARKET PRICES.

June 21, 1870.

| | | s. | d. | s. | d. |
|-----------------------------|------|---------|----|---------|------|
| Flour, country, per quintal | .... | 12 | 0 | 12 | 6 |
| Oatmeal, do | .... | 11 | 0 | 12 | 0 |
| Indian Meal, do | .... | 9 | 6 | 10 | 0 |
| Rye-Flour, do | .... | 00 | 0 | 00 | 0 |
| DAIRY PRODUCE. | | | | | |
| Butter, fresh, per lb | .... | 1 | 3 | to | 1 6 |
| Do, salt do (inferior) | .... | 0 | 10 | to | 0 11 |
| Cheese, do | .... | 0 | 9 | to | 0 10 |
| MEATS. | | | | | |
| Beef, per lb | .... | 0 | 4 | to | 0 9 |
| Pork, do | .... | 0 | 7 | to | 0 8 |
| Mutton, do | .... | 0 | 5 | to | 0 6 |
| Lamb, do | .... | 0 | 5 | to | 0 6 |
| Veal, per lb | .... | 0 | 6 | to | 0 7 |
| Beef, per 100 lbs | .... | \$5.00 | to | 8.0 | |
| Pork, fresh do | .... | \$9.00, | to | 10.00 | |
| GRAIN | | | | | |
| Barley, do (new) | .... | 1 | 6 | to | 2 9 |
| Peas, do | .... | 3 | 0 | to | 3 6 |
| Oats, do | .... | 1 | 6 | to | 1 8 |
| Buckwheat, do | .... | 3 | 3 | to | 2 6 |
| Indian Corn, do | .... | 3 | 6 | to | 3 9 |
| Rye, do | .... | 0 | 0 | to | 0 0 |
| Flax Seed, do | .... | 7 | 3 | to | 7 6 |
| Timothy, do | .... | 12 | 6 | to | 13 0 |
| POULTRY AND GAME. | | | | | |
| Turkeys (old), per couple | .... | 10 | 0 | to | 17 6 |
| Do (young), do | .... | 0 | 0 | to | 0 8 |
| Geese, do | .... | 6 | 0 | to | 10 0 |
| Ducks, do | .... | 4 | 0 | to | 8 0 |
| Do (wild), do | .... | 0 | 8 | to | 0 0 |
| Fowls, do | .... | 3 | 0 | to | 4 0 |
| Chickens, do | .... | 0 | 0 | to | 0 0 |
| Pigeons (tame), do | .... | 1 | 0 | to | 1 6 |
| Partridges, do | .... | 3 | 9 | to | 4 6 |
| Hares, do | .... | 1 | 6 | to | 2 6 |
| Rabbits (live), do | .... | 0 | 0 | to | 0 0 |
| Woodcock, do | .... | 0 | 0 | to | 0 0 |
| Snipe, do | .... | 0 | 0 | to | 0 0 |
| Plover, do | .... | 0 | 0 | to | 0 0 |
| MISCELLANEOUS. | | | | | |
| Potatoes per bag | .... | 4 | 9 | to | 5 3 |
| Turnips do | .... | 0 | 0 | to | 0 0 |
| Onions, per minot | .... | 0 | 0 | to | 0 0 |
| Maple Syrup per gallon | .... | 0 | 0 | to | 0 0 |
| Honey | .... | 0 | 0 | to | 0 0 |
| Lard, per lb | .... | 0 | 11 | to | 1 0 |
| Eggs, fresh, per dozen | .... | 1 | 3 | to | 1 8 |
| Haddock | .... | 0 | 3 | to | 0 4 |
| Maple Sugar, per lb | .... | 6 | 6 | to | 0 8 |
| Apples, per barrel | .... | \$4.50 | to | \$5. | |
| Hay, per 100 bundles, | .... | \$13.00 | to | \$20.00 | |
| Straw | .... | \$9.00 | to | \$6.00 | |



THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING of the ST. PATRICK'S SOCIETY will be held in the ST. PATRICK'S HALL, on MONDAY EVENING, 4th JULY.

(By Order)

M. O'CONNOR,
Sec. Soc.

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Director.

INFORMATION WANTED

OF MAURICE GRANEY, aged 22 years, who left Montreal about 5 years ago for New Glasgow, Nova Scotia. Any information concerning him will be most thankfully received by his Father and Mother, James and Ellen Graneey, Richardson Street, Point St. Charles, Montreal.

NOTICE.

TO THE CLERGY AND RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY.
THE Balance of Church Ornaments, and other articles for the use of the Clergy and Religious Community, will be sold without reserve at reduced prices until the 15th day of August next, after which date the Shop will be closed, and the business discontinued.
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