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## The Holy Roman Curiosity Shop.

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THE desire to make money, which prevails to such a large extent, and which is by no means always to be commended, seems to be especially strong in a place where it should be least expected. An institution which professes to make it its business to prepare men for a life in another world without his material body and its material needs, the Church, the founder of which has even extolled poverty, has always been and is to-day as eager to make money as a gambler, and as eager to hoard it up as a miser.

Whoever has had dealings with the Nuns well know how close-fisted they are, and how, on the one hand, they will bargain for a cent when buying, and how, on the other hand, they will exact the utmost when selling or making a lease. A very interesting letter, in a late number of the *Canada Revue*, describes how these ladies understand to make money.

We also know that, on account of the widening of Bleury Street, in this city, a strip of property belonging to the Jesuits had to be expropriated. The good Fathers asked a sum three times larger than that awarded by the City Assessors, and the matter had to be brought into the Court of Review. There, in order to prove the value of the property, they showed, amongst other things, that the educational department of their institution netted a profit of \$ 60,000 per annum, upon which enormous sum they pay no taxes. Upon this subject, a very interesting article may be read in the *Canada Revue*, of 10th December, 1892, the journal which is now under the ban of the Church.

Money is power. Nobody knows this better, and nobody has ever tried harder to gain both money and power, than the Roman Catholic Church.

The best paying business carried on by the Church was