# BEAUTIFUL MUSKOKA

THE WORK OF COLONIZATION.

Ontario's Paradise for the Hunter and the Angler.

Extracts from a striking letter of Mr. Wm. Ellison, in the Philadelphia Catholic Time.

Beautifully situated in the north rn part of On'ario, interspersed by hills woods and lakes and clothed with scenery made rich by the hand of reture, lies the romantic district of Muskek and Parry Sound. These partially at led re ions are to Ontario what the highlanes are to Scotland, the wilds of Donegal or Connemara or to Irel nd or the s enery of the Catskills are to New York State. The impression made on the mind of the tourist on his first visit to this complex portion of the earth's surface is that of wonder and awe. This feeling, however, gradually softens into the phase of delight as the beholder contemplates the affuring work of nature in her combination of the diverse elements of water, hills and rocks, fruits, flowers and foliage into a shrine of loveliness which brings peace, rest and joy to the wearied brain of the mercantile worker, the ambitious student and the over-worked politician and statesman. In a word, Muskeka is a very paradise of the enthusiastic hunter, the angler and sportsman. To those who can enjoy their days of recreation in a quieter fashion it is a place of pleasant retreat and comfort in the heat of summer, when the worn-out business man joyfully turns his back upon the festering city with its continual round of cares and tunuit.

Muskoka w s the place chosen by the LiteSir John Thompson in which to spend his autumn vacation, which immediately preceled the period of his last journey to England, which so tragically ended in his sudden death. Exhausted by the solution of weighty questions of State and the heavy responsibility falling upon the of the government, the late Tromier felt the need of a rest, -concluded that no spot on carth was better adapted for the purpose than this favored rural land, where calm and quietness combined with enchanting scenery to soothe the senses and repair the waste of nervous force. In company with the Hon. Senator Sanford, the late great statesman lovingly linger ed among the lakes and dells of this famous district until sheer necessity forced him to face the onerous government business at Ottawa before he undertook his last fatal trip across the At-

Should any of our readers desire to see this land of promise during the course of their annual excursions through Canada, their wishes can be easily gratified, as a tew hours' run from Toronto will land them at the desired spot. And being once landed at Bracebridge, the chief vices rendered. O'Brien says he intends town of the district, every information to retire from Parliament in conseregarding the soil, climate and special quence of the affair. The amount teatures of the place will be imparted by involved is £407. Mr. O'Brien resists teatures of the place will be imparted by the reverend pastors of the locality, Rev. the payment, saying it should come lathers McGuire and Fleming. These from the Nationalist funds. It is probtwo zealous, energetic and highly respected priests, in addition to their sacred duties to their scattered flocks, have be lost to Parliament. There is a susthoroughly identified themselves with picien that Mr. Healy is concerned in the progress and material development | the matter. of Muskoka and Parry Sound districts. The special function and share of the work allotted to Rev. Father Fleming is to make the merits and possibilities of the interesting place better known to the outside world. This the good father has effectually done by his eloquent letters to the public press and by the power of persuasive speech.

To such an extent has this indefatigable worker carried his untiring efforts that he has fairly earned the title of apostle of colonization for the vast districts above named. It must not, howe er, be understood that the meritorious efforts of the two esteemel priests alluded to are directed to catching the attention of the migratory visitors who come to-day and go away to-morrow. What they are striving for is to attract and retain the good, sober, honest and industrious Catholic families who may come with the determination to take up free grant lands and finally settle down, thus or about the 26th or this month, and the Lecoming progressive and interested in second one about the 4th of June next. habitants while adding to the strength | Numbers of our friends who are anxious of the Catholic congregations of the to have young boys or girls will be glad parishes. This is the secure and solid to know that Miss Brennan, the kindly foundation on which to establish a ros- superintendent of the Protection and perous and lasting community, and it tends powerfully to give the Catholic ele- them with good and reliable little assistment a safe and influential standing in the Province of Ontario. A colony of co- sixty-boys and girls in about equal religionists in proper subjection to the eternal principles of truth and justice as inculcated by the Catholic Church and made strong by their unity of faith and noble purpose can always obtain governmental recognition when they assert their rights and privileges.

Father Fleming's powerful letters published in the newspapers during the past year or so, have aroused wides read interest among the Catholic people of the province, and it is confidently predicted that the coming spring will witness a large influx of new settlers to reinforce the ranks of those already settle I on the

It is given on the authority of Father Fleming himself that there is room and land enough in the district for a thousand families or more. His great aim is to plant the newcomers securely on the soil. making them owners of their homesrightly believing, as he does, that it is only the prosperous proprietors of houses and lands that will ultimately have a permanent hold on the country.

It may be objected that a new and sparsely settled locality would suffer for want or railway facilities. This thought need not deter intending settlers, for in addition to the lines of railway already penetrating the district and lapping the chief towns, namely , Bracebridge, Gravenhurst and Huntsville, the two hundred and fifty mit tine of railway from Ottawa to Parry Sound will be completed in its last section this coming summer. This line runs through the heart of the locality, opening direct communication with the Dominion capital and traversing numerous belts of fertile lands and valuable timber limits, from which fact it may be interred that the lumbering industry is an important item in the business of Muskoka. Saw mills and tanneries abound in the district, as well as cream ries and chiese factories. Nor are Muskoka and Parry Sound confined to

therein last year, and eager explorers are already on the alort to pursue their operations this season. It is believed that the district of Parry Sound is rich in minerals and precious ores, and the town being remantically situated on the shorts of the Georgian Bay, as well as being the terminus of the new railway from Ottawa, it is destined to become the most important centre of trade and commerce in the whole of this vast district of northern country.

It is a well-known fact on the American continent that rich capitalists and speculators in the United States have a keen scent for the wealth that lies buried in the bowels of the earth. Do those vast Canadian regions which hold in their gr sp untold millions of unexplored treasures not tempt the expert miners and speculators from across the boundary

In the humble attempt to give men a faint idea of the natural freshness and health-giving qualities of this region of scenic beauty and attractiveness, mere written words fall far short of the mark. To realize its properties you must visit the place, and not only that, but you must decide to make close observation of what you see and feel. It you happen to go there dejected in spirit or shattered in nerves or wearied in body, you will experience a beneficial change within twenty-four hours. If you have an eye or car to appreciate the beautiful in nature you cannot retrain from giving thanks and praise to Him whose bountiful providence has interspersed the earth with beauty spots, which enliven and intensify man's thankfulness to the great bestower of all good gi.ts. The only pity 's that such rare localiti s as are he c spoken of are so little know by the degraded denizens of the large cities, who pass their hopeless days and nights in crowded slums of filth and every kind of moral abomination If the chronic gru blers and sluggards with perverted minds and soured natures could be brought under the reviving influence of Muskoka's clear air and crispy freshness on a bright summer morning, their sentiments would undergo a wonderful transformation and the earthly stage of human existence would seem to them more tolerable, i not more pleasant and enjoyable.

#### WM. O'BRIEN, M.P.

WILL RESIGN HIS SEAT.

London, May 16 .- William O'Brien. M.P., has been served with a notice that he has been declared a bankrupt in consequence of his failure to satisfy the judgment obtained against him by Patrick A. Chance, M.P., who was O'Brien's solicitor in the latter's action against Lord Salisbury for libel. Chance's claim was for professional serable the matter will be arranged so that Mr. O'Brien's brilliant services will not

#### ALUMNI MEETING. OFFICERS ELECTED FOR THE YEAR.

At its annual meeting, on Thursday

last, the Past Gratuates' Society of St.

Mary's College elected the following officers: President, Rev. II. Brissette, cure of Hochelaga; First Vice-President, Damase Masson; Second Vice-President, A. Bruno; Secretary, Alphonse Leclaire, Treasurer, Ed. Hurtubise; Council, John Whelin, A. Valois, Ed. Hurtubise, Dr. Pelletier, John Walsh.

# MORE CHILDREN COMING.

THE CATHOLIC PROTECTION AND RESCUE SOCIETY.

Two batches of young emigrants from Liver; ool, England, are expected to arrive at the Montreal Home, 11St. Thomas street; the first party will reach here on Rescue society, will be able to supply ants. The first lot will consist of about numbers.

# CATHOLIC SAILORS' CLUB.

THE SECOND CONCERT A GRAND SUCCESS. On Thursday evening last the second weekly concert of the season was given by the Catholic Sailors' Club. We all remember how very popular and very successful the different entertainments of last year have been. It is evident that the second season has commenced far more brilliantly even than the first one. On Thursday night the large room, corner St. Jean Baptiste and St. Paul streets, was crowded to its utmost capacity with citizens of Montreal and sailors from the recently arrived vessels. The vocal and instrumental music rendered by the several ladies and gentle-men, who kindly gave their aid to the club, was thoroughly enjoyed. The singing of the Ind pendent Choir of Montreal, under the able leadership of Mr. Lebrun, was especially good. was generous of the members of this choir, and their talented leader, to furnish such an attractive addition to the programme. The concertina selections by Mr. Bean, of the SS. Parisian, were worthy of any concert in the Dominion, and the songs by Messrs. Geo. Parks, Reid, Milloy and Carpenter were heartily received and called for unstinted applause. Mr. L. Parizeau excelled himself and the brothers Durete made the fect of the audience stir about as they performed their admirable dances. In a word, we must say that the Club is to be congrabulated upon the marked success of but week's entertainment and we hope that as the weeks go past each succeeding concert will be an improvement on the preceding one.

# LEO XIII. TO THE ANGLICANS.

With what paternal zeal and ardent the branches of industry named, because | desire Leo XIII. yearns for the return of



allegiance towards the Holy See which made by our esteemed confrere, Dr. J. K. was one of the chiefest characteristics of Foran, editor of the Montreal TRUE WIIthat creed, the full text of the NESS. Dr. Foran has long been known to to the English people ablest, most prolific and most conscien-who seek the kingdom of Christ tious journalistic writers of the day, bu', in the unity of the faith," bears glowing in the beautiful volume of poetry from testimony. This appeal is eminently his pen, which comes to us from D. & J. worthy of the great Pontiff whose utter- Sadlier & Co., Montreal, we have a work ance it is, and judging from what Lord which presents him in a new and still Halifax said of it the other day before that more pleasing light to his many frienc's English church organization whereof he and admirers, while at the same time reis the head, the Papul letter has been ex- flecting much lustre upon the race to ceedingly well received in England, all which he belongs. Emerson has said contrary reports notwithstanding. Even "that all men are poets at heart." It is, should it fall short of attaining the full of course, not given to all to be able to ends its venerable author had in view voice the poetry of their natures in melowhen he penned it, the letter is certain to lead to many individual conversions to Catholicism in England.— weret Heart

#### POEMS AND LYRICS.

SOME EXCEPTIONALLY FINE TRI-BUTES.

Having published a great number of the criticisms that have appeared, since the volume has been on the market, it would not be fair to the kindly writers of the following were they to be unrecognized. We would recommend their perusal to our generous Toronto conteni-

THE MONTREAL GAZETTE.

The name of Dr. J. K. Foran has long been known to our readers as that of a prose writer of distinction and a poet of manifold note. How many-sided his poetic sympathy is can, indeed, have no more forcible illustration than the volume of "Poems and Canadian Lyrics," just issued from the press of Messrs. D. and J. Sadlier & Co. As he tells us in his preface, these verses were "writen the best. As the author says himself in at hap-hazard and in all manner of his preface, they were "written at happlace, from the forests of the Black River to the halls of Laval, from the Indian the forests of the Back River to the wigwam to the House of Commons; in halls of Laval; from the Indian wigwam newspaper offices, law offices and Gov- to the House of Commons; in newspaper ernment offices, in court rooms and lumber cames, in monastic retreats and election campaigns." The headings under which he has classed his compositions fully bear out what he says as to them all to be of the same high order of the diversity of the circumstances that vielded the inspiration. Here we have are far superior to anything of the kind Patriotic, Historical and Descriptive, that has been produced in Canada since Memorial and Pathetic, Religious, Do- poor McGee's time, while in many inmestic, Humorous and Juvenile Poems; Indian translations and Early Poems at lest poetic genius and imagery. One Cellege, "Rosh Hashanah" might, perhars, demand still another heading, for tures is the moral which they point for it is a New Year's greeting addressed to all Canadians—to be patriotic and true to It is stated that three additional vicars Rabbi Friedlander, "Anno Mundi, 5649." It is evident that Dr. Foran has uncom- votion they owe at the same time to the mon facility for versification as well as beauties and the memories and traditions a vein of sentiment that fitly takes the of their sirelands. This feature alone form of "harmonious numbers." As should commend the volume to an honormight be expected, some of his best 1 ro-ed place in every Canadian library and ductions were prompted by patriotic attachment. Like many Canadians, his hold. The noble sentiment referred to devotion is twofold-to the land of his coupled with the cride which the author birth (or adoption) and to the land of fee's in Canada, find their most beautfhis fathers. Only an Irishman could expression in the following selection, lave written the tributes to James which will be particularly appreciated Girence Mangan, to Thomas Davis, to by the trish reader :-J. J. Callanan; only a Canadian could (The poem have written "Canada, our Country," or you Seen?") the opening of "Canadian Song;" only one who was imbued with the U. E. spirit could have written "Victoria's Jubilee." We find other self-revelations in "1782-1882," an anniversary poem, read before and dedicated to the St. Patrick's Literary institute, Quebec: "Two Carnivals"; Rev. Father Tabaret, D. D.,"; "Ad Bubonem,"; "At Jesuit Novitiate, Sault au Recollet, P. Q.,"; pieces of great beauty, and Irishmen "Irone, or Baby Girl"; "The Ayleverywhere cannot but be deeply touched mer Five Hundred"; the "Moore Cenby perusal of such affecting lyrics as tury ode"; "Alumni Poet, 1885," and "The Manchester Martyrs," An Irish several others that we might name. In these various products of his muse we can follow the author from scene to scene, from year to year, from mood to mood, "The Mass on the Ocean," etc. The share in his joys and sorrows, his asrirations and antipathies. "Siege of Que- 250 pages bound in cloth and gold, and is bec." a ballad in honor of Wolfe's vic- sold by D. & J. Sadlier & Co., Montreal, at tory, September 13, 1759, is a good the low price of \$1.00. sample of Dr. Foran's power of vivid THE KINGSTON CANAL portrayal. "The Wreck of the Asia," a poetic record of a disaster by which in September, 1882, a hundred lives were lost, illustrates his deep sense of the pathos of human life. From these and others of his poems we would gladly quote, had we not reserved the space at our disposal for a couple of tributes which our readers will appreciate. From one of these we cull the tollowing stanza:

"Tis the country's loss; but still his name Shall live on her future scroll of fame; None to upraid him, none to blame, Life's path he nobly trod; He sank to rest, like a setting sun, When its golden day of light is done; But that setting is a life begun—A life of light with God."

The other is in honor of the memory of one who was among the first to recognize Dr. Foran's talents, and in whose "Ephemerides" his name was not infrequently mentioned:-

"We miss thy gentle touch 'Laclede.' Hast ceased to sow thy nowery seed? Or hast thou snapt the bended reed, That long so pliant, now is freed From over strain, and will not heed The voices that for music plead? Thy life, alas! too soon is done. But thou hast left behind thee here

Gem upon gem of thought most clear; From hearts to whom thy face was dear, Sad hearts that oft thy words did cheer; Sad hearts that out on, notice and Wo never dreamed the end so near. Our tribute is a verse—a tear!

We'll live with thee as in the past.
We seek thy thoughts—from first to last.
A shade upon them may be cast
But it can never dull, nor blast
Their glow so bright.
Farewell!

In these stanzas Dr. Foran voices the feelings of very many of "Laclede's" friends, admirers, and ancient fellowworkers. A portrait of the author adorns (Montreal: D. & J. the volume. Sadlier & Co.)

THE QUEBEC DAILY TELEGRAPH. A most valuable and welcome addigood specimens of minerals were found | England to her former faith and to that | tion to Canadian literature has just been

dious and suitable language, but certainly none can rise from the perusal of Dr. Foran's "Poems and Canadian Lyrics," as his book is called, without feeling that deep down in their souls there is something which has responded to the touch of a master hand, which has vibrated in pleasurable sympathy with the ineffable charm that true poetry alone can give. About his poetic effusions, there is something which strongly reminds us of the late Thomas D'Arcy McGee's splendid gifts in the same line: they possess the same wonderful versatility; they cover the same wide range of subjects, and, "whether grave or gay, tender or pathetic, or martial or religious," they have a good deal of the same ring about them, which pleases every ear and goes straight to

every heart. Yet they have also an originality of their own which distinguishes them from McGee's and imparts to them a special attractiveness. They may be divided into the historical and descriptive, the patriotic and commemorative the religious and domestic. The relig ious and descriptive are in our opinion hazard and in all manner of places, from offices and Government offices; in cour retreats and election campaigns." Consequently, it would be idle to expect poetic merit; but, taken as a whole, they stances, they give evidence of the high of their most strikingly distinctive feathe Dominion, without forgetting the deespecially in every Irish Canadian house

(The poem quoted is entitled: "Have

The volume also contains quite a number of other effusions of the same patriotic character, such as "The Canadian Song," "Canada's Bell," "Sunrise at Song," Chelsea, or Canada a Nation," "Canada Our Country," etc., while Quebecers will find matter of special interest to them in "The Siege of Quebec," Sunset at Quebec," and other historical and descriptive book makes a handsome volume of some 250 pages bound in cloth and gold, and is

THE KINGSTON CANADIAN FREEMAN.

Dr. J. K. Foran, editor of the Montreal TRUE WITNESS, is receiving just praise in all quarters for his new volume," Poems and Lyrics," which are regarded as among the most valuable contributic s to the literature of the day. Dr. Foran has been honored with letters on the subject of his volume from Hon. Edward Blake, Hon. W. E. Gladstone, Lady Aberdeen, and Lt.-Col. Sir Fleetwood Edwards, of the Queen's Privy Purse office, Buckingham Palace, London. He has received complimentary letters from all parts of the

# LAST WINTER'S DISTRESS.

REV. FATHER M'CALLEN ON THE WORK DONE IN ST. PATRICK'S PARISH.

On Sunday evening, the 12th May, the Rev. Father McCallen addressed a large congregation at St. Patrick's, on the "Lessons to be learned from last win-ter's hard times." That there had been unusual distress in the parish was made evident by the greater amount of money spent for the poor in the year 1894-95 than in the preceding year, as shown

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expenses over the preceding winter of \$589.43, and this only for the five principal items mentioned above. The cause of this increase was of course the hard times, but other causes-improvident living during prosperous times, no provision for a rainy day when times are pices and with his assistance, acred good and money plenty, were not to be lieurt Review.

lost sight of. Similar hard times may come again. Why should not those who have suffered from want of necessaries during the last winter profit by the lesson taught and begin to put by some little savings in the bank? Sickness, loss of employment, universal dis-trees, ought to be anticipated, and many a respectable family would thus be spared the shame of being obliged in the future to apply for public charity.

### MAISONNEUVE MONUMENT.

TO BE INAUGURATED ON DOMINION DAY THIS

Judge Pagnuelo presided at the mect ing of the Maisonneuve Monument Committee last week and Messrs. J. P. Cleglorn, J. D. Rolland, Dr. Leprohon, Lucien Huot, Hon. Joseph Royal, H. Laporte. Vicomte de la Barthe and the sculptor were present. The Committee reported that \$3279.57 was needed to pay off Mr. Hebert and the contractors and place the monument in position.. The Committee had so far received \$13,537 The sum of \$8,600 has been promised by the City, Federal Government and private parties. It was announced that Mr Hebert, the sculptor had subscribed \$500. The chairman expressed himself as dissatisfied with the want of work of the various committees appointed at the time of the proposed celebration of the 250th anniversary of the foundation of Montreal. The scheme suggested by the Laval students to raise funds had also failed and some of the French press had been opposed to them. The monument he thought should not be erected until the whole amount needed had been subscribed and paid.

Mr. Laporte, president of the Chamber of Commerce, informed the meeting that that body would take a hand in the patriotic work. The subscriptions are to close on June 15, and the monument is to be inaugurated on Dominion Day.

#### TO CREATE A NEW PARISH.

NCREASED POPULATION IN ST. DENIS WARD.

The increase in population in the St. Denis Ward will probably lead to the creation of a new Catholic parish in that locality. There is talk of creeting a new church in St. Denis street, above Mount Royal avenue, in the former limits of Coteau de St. Louis, the population of which, along with that of St. Louis du Mile End, have for years attended the Church of the Infant Jesus, on St. Lawrence street. That building is now too small for the population, though no fewer than five Masses are said there every Sunday morning. Standing room is even at a premium. I e : Cure Lesage and his wardens are considering a scheme to enlarge the church building and to make other improvements, including a spire, etc., the whole to the extent of \$50,000. In the meantime it is suggested that the Church of the Holy Sacrament on Mount Royal avenue be turned into a parochial church. A petition signed by Messrs. Dolphis Turcot, Ar.hur Beauchemin, Theophile Varin and others to the Archbishop asking for the creation, has, it appears, received favorable consideration. are to be appointed at Mile End, who will be transferred to the new parish when formed. It is contemplated to expend \$150,000 on the church of the new parish and to make of it one of the imposing sacred editices of the city.

# A CHANGE ALL AROUND.

THE CANADA PLATING CO.

The well-known establishment on Craig Street—the Canada Plating Co. recently went out of business, much to the regret of the public. We are pleased to learn that Mr. J. Fluke and B. Gaffney purpose continuing the plating business, under the old firm's name, but in new premises, No. 759 Craig street. The best quality of silverware, of gold, silver, nickle, brass and copper platings have always been furnished by the former firm, and the new Company, to whom are wish every success, will strive to keep up the traditions and high reputation for good workmanship that so pleased the public of Montreal in that line.

# THE POPE'S POSITION.

The reader will find in the article on

Italy's Reconciliation With the Holy

contributed to this quarterly by Mr. Wilfrid C. Robinson, some statements regarding the position in which the Holy Father finds himself placed in Rome, that will convince him of the justice of the reclamations on that issue which the present Sovereign Pontiff so frequently voices. Replying to the question, which, he says, is sometimes asked by Catholics, why the Pope does not accept the actual condition of things, which, the individuals who ask such a question imagine, leaves him all the freedom he requires, Mr. Robinson says that appearances are often deceptive, and are especially so far as they indicate that the head of the Church is not subjected to interference by the Italian Government. The "law of guarantees," he asserts, does not re-cognize the Pope's right even to the Vatican, but merely gives him "the free enjoyment of it." The Government papers, whenever they refer to the Vatican, speak of it as national property. The official organ of the Italian court has denied that there is anything, even a foot of Roman soil, that can be called Pontifical territory. The Vatican is denied the right to ask an entrance tee from visitors to its museums, and five years ago Italian insolence went so far as to put the Holy Father on the lists of Roman voters in this fashion: "Pecchi, Joachim, son of Lewis, deceased, residing in Rome." Mr. Robinson bases the most of his statements on the work upon Leo XIII., which Monsignor de T'Serclacs, the rector of the Belgian College in Rome, has recently published, and in which its author, after narrating the many insults the Italian Govnrnment has offered to the present Pope, predicts that the breakup of "United Italy" is perhaps not far distant, adding that "its unity will then crumble of itself into anarchy, but order will not be restored on the principle of unity, but on the federal principle, and not without the Pontiff, but under his aus-

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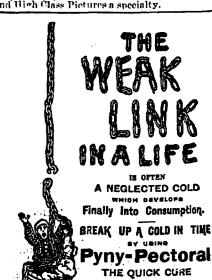


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