

LEADING CENTRES IN ONTARIO.

Glimpses of Prosperous Irish Catholic Communities.

THE VETERAN PUBLISHER OF THE CATHOLIC RECORD AND MRS. COFFEY LEAVE ON A VISIT TO THE OLD LAND.

Montreal True Witness. On my tour westward I diverted my course after coming back from Niagara, and I spent the summer in Sherbrooke, where I found clean, well kept, and nicely situated, possessing, perhaps, all the favored features that its citizens claim for it.

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A pleasant run of some thirty miles, by the great railway above named, brought me to the lovely city of London, called after the greater overgrown British capital, but very unlike the latter in its Babylonian size, as I am sure it is in cleanliness and morality.

The Forest City, for so London is aptly termed, struck me as being an admirable town to live in, and in conversation with some of its good citizens I soon discovered that they had realized and appreciated its merits to the fullest extent.

Most of the daily papers had a sketch and portrait of the jubilee, the St. John's Globe of July 8, published an excellent portrait and interesting sketch of Father Connolly. After perusing the principal events in his career, the article concluded as follows: "Monsignor Connolly has been a resident of St. John the last twenty years, and his life is well known throughout the Province, and his tall and erect figure is a familiar one in the streets of his native city."

After the service Rev. Father Gaylor complimented the societies on the parade and then returned to the church, where he was met by the Monsignor who sat in front of the altar and first heard the address from his congregation by Mr. Patrick McCarthy. It was as follows:—

FROM THE CONGREGATION. To the Very Rev. Monsignor Thomas Connolly, Vicar-General of the diocese of Montreal. Very Rev. Monsignor—On this thirtieth anniversary of your ordination to the priesthood, I feel it my duty to express to you our deep gratitude for the many good things you have done for us during the past thirty years.

He stands a chief upon life's highest plain, With men who worldly honors never seek, And are famed for lives that bear no stain.

By the time these lines are written Mr. and Mrs. Coffey will be on their way to Ireland. This worthy pair would see more than their eyes and hearts in seeing again the sacred soil and places which gave them birth.

Mr. Thomas Coffey, as I understand, left Ireland at an early age, and by sheer industry and native ability, regulated by the pure principles of honesty, and striving in integrity to rise to the present honorable position among the successful representative Irish Catholic men of Canada.

Leaving London I penetrated into a rich agricultural district, Mooresville Post Office, Middlesex County, McGillivray Township, not far from Lucan, McGillivray.

It is pleasing to find here well to do Catholic farmers who bear truly Celtic Irish names. The hope of order which has been resting is owned by Mr. Joseph Kelly, and his brothers William and Thomas own properties on the same line.

County, is also pastor of St. Peter's, McGillivray, the churches being about eight miles apart.

Very Rev. Monsignor—Fifty years of active and continuous ministry intervene between the July morning when you were ordained to the priesthood, and this auspicious day. Five and twenty of these years have been spent in the greatest of temporal welfare and spiritual progress—St. John city and its suburbs.

Wm. E. Ellison. The third address was from the amalgamated Catholic societies of the diocese, read and presented by Mr. James Barry. It was as follows:—

THE GOLDEN JUBILEE OF MONSIGNOR CONNOLLY, V. G.

There was a brief mention in the Record of the celebration in St. John, N. B., of the fiftieth anniversary of the ordination of the Very Rev. Monsignor Connolly, on the 28th of July, 1838. On the 27th of July, the Very Rev. jubilarian celebrated High Mass, with Rev. W. F. Chapman and Rev. J. J. Walsh as co-celebrants. The officiating priest in the sanctuary were: Rev. P. Farrell, Rev. A. J. Jos. Michaud, Rev. X. Collette, Rev. G. Collins, Rev. O. Neill, Rev. M. J. McLaughlin, and Very Rev. Father Cordue, C. S. S. R. The sermon was preached by the Rev. H. A. Meahan, of Montreal. After the service, the attending clergymen were entertained at dinner by the Monsignor. His Lordship Bishop Browne, who was unable to attend, was present at the dinner, and congratulated heartily his Vicar-General, with whom he attended the jubilee in 1840. His Lordship's congratulatory letter to the Monsignor that he received from the Right Rev. James Rogers, Bishop of Chatham, N. B., in the afternoon, was a procession of the Catholic societies to St. John the Baptist church, where addresses were read from the congregation, Messrs. Martin Association, and one from the joint Catholic societies. The congregation's address was accompanied with a basket of flowers containing \$600 in gold. The Monsignor made a suitable reply to the three addresses. In the evening the Ladies' Auxiliary, of the same parish, presented the Vicar-General with an oil painting of himself, handsomely framed, and a question of education, which the Monsignor made a short speech, thanking the ladies for their kindness. The address was read by Mrs. M. J. McLaughlin, and the Monsignor made a very pleasant evening was spent. The Reception Committee consisted of Mrs. Katie Ritchie, Misses Coffey, Pone, Lewis, Burns and Katie T. McParland.

Previous to the celebration there was a meeting of the citizens held in the mayor's office. His Worship Mayor Sears presiding. There were speeches by Chief Justice Luck, Judges Leach and Forbes, by J. Y. F. Leach, Daniel and the mayor. It was decided to mark the golden jubilee by tendering Monsignor a public reception. The Mayor has accepted the invitation and will give the committee the most suitable date for him to come to the city.

In conversation with your correspondent, Mr. Connolly expressed himself as greatly gratified with the great interest shown by so many persons in the celebration. He has received letters and telegrams from all parts of the Dominion and many places in the United States. A pleasing feature of the affair was the receipt of a telegram from the mayor and the Board of Aldermen, congratulating the occasion took place fifty years ago.

FROM LADIES' AUXILIARY. To the Very Reverend Monsignor Thos. Connolly, Vicar-General of the diocese of Montreal. Very Rev. Monsignor—We, the members of the Ladies' Auxiliary Society, approach you on this auspicious occasion with the tenderness of our affectionate regards. The years which you celebrate to-day, it is needless to say, unique in your life, and the privilege of celebrating such a golden jubilee is a rare one in our days. During the decade you have spent among us no other opportunity offered so fitting and so appropriate to express the sentiments of love and reverence that we entertain for you as this of the golden jubilee of your priesthood. We trust that you will find in the many words of wisdom and good advice you have addressed to us from the altar, the many words of wisdom and good advice you have addressed to us from the altar.

THIRTY LANGUAGES.

Thirty languages were heard at an entertainment given some days ago by seminarians of the Propaganda College in Rome in honor of the Pope. An English student opened the proceedings by reading a paper on the subject of the following essays, poems, etc., in Hebrew, Chaldean, Syriac, Arabic, Coptic, Armenian, Greek, Latin, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, Turkish, Zulu and Kaffir, being followed by others in French, English, German, Polish, Russian, Czech, Hungarian, Dutch, Roumanian, Norwegian and Hungarian.

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Her funeral, which was attended by a very large number of friends from all parts of the county, took place on Friday, the 28th inst., at St. Ephraim's church, where Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated by the pastor, Rev. Father Fitzpatrick.

Mrs. Gunn was universally beloved for her amiable disposition and kindness of heart; and her gentle, blameless life was an edification to all who knew her. She leaves a husband, six sons and four daughters to mourn the loss of a faithful, loving wife and devoted mother.

It is our sad duty to record the death of Mr. Jeremiah Sullivan, of the tenth concession of Ashfield, which sad event occurred on Wednesday, July 13, 1888. Mr. Sullivan was born in the county Kerry, Ireland, about seventy years ago, and left the land of his birth to seek his fortune in America, landing in Nova Scotia, where he remained some time, then coming to St. Mary's, He then moved to East Nissequoy, where he remained for two years. While there he gained his first experience in farming in the New World. Mr. Sullivan was coming to Ashfield and settled on a farm, where, by his wonderful courage, industry and perseverance, characteristic of the Irish exile, succeeded in making for himself a comfortable home. Mr. Sullivan, by his genial disposition and kindly nature, has made a host of friends who now mourn his loss. He leaves a wife, one son and three daughters, who have the sympathy of the entire community.

The funeral, which took place on Friday, the 15th, was one of the largest ever witnessed here. It was held in the Catholic church, where the deceased was laid to rest in the cemetery in which he had been buried. The funeral was celebrated by the Rev. Father Dixon, parish priest of Ashfield, who read the Requiem Mass for the repose of his soul, and the earnest prayers of his many friends in that God may grant him eternal rest.

The notorious M. Emilio Zolo and M. Perceux, publisher of the "L'Espresso," were each sentenced to a year's imprisonment, a \$500 fine, and to pay the costs of the suit, at Versailles, on July 18. The suit was brought against them by the officers of the Esterhazy Court-Martial.

The North West Review states that the Rev. Father Donald, O. M. I., who has just returned from France and arrived at Winnipeg last Saturday, reports his Grace Archbishop Langens' visit to the island of Corsica, where he was taking a few days' rest in the island of Corsica. His Grace is expected to return home early in August.

The statue of Cardinal Lavigne, by Falguieres, of Paris, is now completed, and will be sent to Algiers at an early date. The Cardinal represented in full canonicals raising a cross in his left hand, and extending his right hand to bless. The work is most beautiful and lifelike, and is considered the best style, and will be a monument worthy of the great Cardinal on the scene of his labor.

Rev. John Wainey, S. J., the new president of Georgetown College, is a convert. He was at one time an officer in the United States Navy, but returned his commission to become a member of the Jesuit order.

THE POOR A. P. A. Catholic Standard and Times. This is a cruel time for the unhappy A. P. A. patriots. Not only are rosaries being bought by the Government for the use of "Papist" soldiers, but here is actually the portrait of a Jesuit on a new set of postage stamps! The opening of the Seventh Seal may surely be looked for after this outrage. We may note, however, before the vials of wrath are poured out, that the new stamp is very artistic. It shows the great Marquette standing in a fine pose, like Moses at Pisgah, pointing out the noble flood of the Mississippi to a picturesque group of Indian braves. To add to the magnificence of the suit, the color of the printing of the objectionable stamp is green. What next?

HOLIDAY GIFTS.

We have in stock a large supply of books, any of which we should be pleased to mail to our subscribers at prices given below:

- Foot of the Cross, By Frederick William Faber, D. D. \$1.50
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It is admitted that the second storming of San Juan would cost a great sacrifice of life on both sides, though there can be no doubt that the Americans, with their overpowering numbers, would ultimately be successful. In addition to this, yellow fever has broken out among the troops.

The latest intelligence is to the effect that on Sunday the American flag was raised on the Presidential residence in the presence of tens of thousands of spectators. General Shafter sent an enthusiastic despatch to the President announcing the fact, which, it is believed, will be carried out. In a conversation with the representatives of the press held after the raising of the flag, General Shafter expressed his confidence in the success of the American forces, and his belief that the material and social welfare of the State, we are proud to claim, as societies, a more intimate relation to the subject of education, which you have been founder or reorganizer to others, your president of spiritual adviser; to others you have been founder or reorganizer to others, your president of spiritual adviser; to others you have been founder or reorganizer to others, your president of spiritual adviser.

There still exists in Spain an expectation that Mañosa's fleet will attack some Spanish islands, but the American commission, which is established in the insurgent's agreement to recognize the independence of the Philippines, is to be under the protection of the United States.

OPEN AIR CONCERT.

The open air concert given on the grounds of Mount Pleasant, on Wednesday, July 12, for the purpose of increasing the funds of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, was a very enjoyable event, presided over by the officers of St. Ann's Society, the Children of Mary, the Sodality, and the St. Vincent de Paul Society, a very enjoyable event, presided over by the officers of St. Ann's Society.

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As a mark, therefore, of our affectionate gratitude we present to you this portrait of yourself, in which you are depicted in the sentiment of your kindly face and personality; yet we trust it will be to you a constant reminder of the love and affection which surround you in your home where your eye can often rest upon it and your gaze be carried back to the scenes of your childhood.

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