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THE ENCYCICAL. THE GREATEST DOCUMENT OF THE AGE.

The following from the pen of the Bishop of Newport and Menavia, the author of the official translation of the Encyclical on Labor...

sonal violence and public disorder, these topics occur everywhere in the text. Nothing less was to be expected from the Doctor of the Universal Church.

LITTLE TO SAY. He has not written a library of volumes, nor even a single book, but only a pamphlet. Yet, if I do not mistake, there will be found in the earnest and weighty sentences which announce, with such dignified eloquence, the result of his earnest and long-continued meditation...

But the strong part of the encyclical is naturally its exposition of the religious side of the subject. The Holy Father says very emphatically that no solution of the labor question will ever be found without the assistance of religion and of the Church.

A Solemn Ceremony. The enshrining of the relics of St. Quirinus in the Catholic Church of Our Lady of Grace, in Hoboken, says the N. Y. Sun, is a singular and notable event.

Crucifix Worn by Columbus. Much interest has been taken by the committee in charge of the Latin-American department of the Columbian Exposition in a crucifix in possession of a Mrs. Heffernan, of Durango, Colorado.

Eccelestical Appointments. The Rev. C. Onimet has been appointed cure of Vercheres, and the Rev. A. Desautels vicar at Pointe aux Trembles.

Cardinal Manning. A London paper says—Wednesday, 15th July, was the 83rd birth day of Cardinal Manning.

Retreats for Priests. The pastoral retreats for the priests of the diocese of Montreal will commence at the Grand Seminary on Sunday even-

ing, August 16, to end on the Saturday following and on Sunday, August 30, to end with the week.

A ROYAL GIFT

By the Comte de Paris to the Shrine of Ste. Anne. QUEBEC, Aug. 8.—During his visit to Quebec last year the Comte de Paris remarked that though he was prevented, through he was in exile, from making annual pilgrimage to Ste. Anne Lauray, the celebrated European shrine of Ste. Anne, he would seize the opportunity of praying to the saint at her privileged shrine of Ste. Anne de Beauport, Quebec, which he did at the time.

This magnificent gift is enclosed in a beautiful brass gilded frame and bears the following inscription, engraved on the royal arms of France: "Ordered by Louis Philippe, Comte de Paris, chief of the royal house of France, in exile, to the Church of Ste. Anne de Beauport, Quebec, as a memorial of his pilgrimage there on the 29th September, 1830."

A PETITION TO ROME

Alleged to Have Been Prepared by the Conservatives. QUEBEC, August 8.—L'Electeur created a sensation this morning by publishing part of a memorial or a petition addressed to the Holy Father, signed by the Conservative Ministers and Leaders from this province to the Pope against Mr. Mercier. It claims that this document was covertly printed at Ottawa and that only three copies of it were issued, part of one of which fell into the hands of a way which is not explained.

and to the novelty and variety of the articles which were exposed for sale, and which had come from all parts of the world. In connection with the bazaar a daily journal was published, containing, besides an interesting budget of news about the proceedings of the bazaar, a series of articles written by some of the foremost authors and journalists of the day, and in almost every language, ancient and modern, not excepting that spoken by the Indians. Bound volumes of this unique newspaper can still be procured at the Archbishop's Palace. So far nearly \$50,000 have been expended on the new cathedral, and it is expected \$200,000 more will be required to finish it. The progress of the work has all along depended upon the amount of money at the disposal of the Archbishop for the purpose. At the present time it is being more rapidly pushed forward than it has been for several years past, the number of men now employed on it being 120. The large portico is fast approaching completion, elaborately carved capitals having already been placed upon two of the front pillars. These look massive and imposing. Efforts are being made to complete the portico this year. The work upon the interior of the great dome is nearly finished. The panels and woodwork are all painted and gilded, in which state they will remain until the fresco painting is laid on. The dimensions of the new cathedral are—Length, 335 feet; width, 222 feet; height, from the ground to the top of the cross, 260 feet.

Church Music

The Rev. Abbe Borduas, choir master of Notre Dame, publishes an article in the Semaine Religieuse on the need of a Sacred Music Academy. He claims that there is not in this city a single Roman Catholic church choir established on a sound basis. Among the numerous choir masters, there are very few sufficiently versed in the musical art and the rules of liturgy to judge by themselves of the value and becomingness of the pieces which they select for church music. The few churches which possess a somewhat extensive repertoire have a very limited number of pieces composed in conformity with the rules of liturgy, and the nature of church worship. Very costly operas are transformed into sacred music, by a mere change in the name, and other pieces of music, worldly at most, of a cafe chantant, are introduced into the church. All this is due to a want of knowledge of the laws of liturgy, and an ignorance of the fact that sacred music forms an integral part of said liturgy.

Not Complimentary

The familiar phrase, "rottened ramparts" is the title given in Ireland to the Parnell delegates to America. The term is quite appropriate, as the delegates did not raise enough money to pay their expenses in America, and returned home with empty pockets.

ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL

Progress of this Noble Edifice towards Completion.—The Portico being Completed. If the beauty and numerousness of its churches are to be taken as an effective test of the quality of a nation's Christianity, it must be admitted that the province of Quebec stands high among the countries whose people give practical expression to their belief in the principles enunciated by the Master.

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Population of Montreal

Although the Census Commissioners have forwarded their returns to the capital, and are still most reticent as to the total population of our city, our correspondent has succeeded in getting at some of the figures, although the returns for Montreal West and Centre are not official. Montreal East feels up

a total of 92,000 souls, and, as in the past, is the most populous division in the city, if not in the Dominion. The correspondent also learns that when the detailed returns of the above division come to be well known, the figures will afford an ample subject of reflection for all those who persist in the assertion that Canada is not prosperous, and that her people are fleeing as fast as possible into the United States. It appears that in the parishes of St. Mary's and St. Jean Baptiste, where the French-Canadian working classes are located, an increase of 100 per cent has taken place since the last enumeration was made and that a very great augmentation has also been discovered in the working quarters of St. Ann's and St. Gabriel, and other of the denser centres of the English population. From all appearances Montreal West will show from 65,000 to 75,000, and as yet been made, but enough is known to venture the prediction that Montreal still leads the procession, not only in population, but in wealth and general prosperity.—Toronto Empire.

THE LACHINE MASSACRE

Blessing the Monument Erected to the Slaughtered Settlers. On Sunday Archbishop Fabre solemnly, blessed the monument which has been erected in the Lachine cemetery to the memory of the five hundred settlers who fell victims to the massacre of the Iroquois in 1689. The monument consists of a large stone pillar, surmounted by a cross and bearing the following inscription:—"To the victims of the massacre of Lachine, 5th August, 1689.—R. I. P. Let us pray for them."

After the ceremony of the blessing was over the Rev. Abbe Proulx, vice-rector of the University of Laval, preached the sermon. He took for his text the words of Josue, iv., 21, "Quid sibi volunt lapides ista?" "What do these stones mean?" They had been placed there, he said, to commemorate, not a happy event, but a sad and dark occurrence, which had left a trace of blood in our history, and whose distant echoes, like so many plaintive murmurs, had brought pity to thousands of hearts.

NEWS IN BRIEF

First is reported from several sections on Thursday week. The estimate of the population of Ottawa by the late census is 60,000. A new post office has been opened at Flanders in the township of Compton. Henry Litoloff, the well-known French musician and composer, is dead. He was 78 years old.

The British Admiralty has voted £2,000 to entertain the officers of the French squadron on their visit to Dartmouth. The valuations give the census of Sherbrooke as 10,000, and have increased the valuation of property by some \$450,000. The Gatineau valley road is graded to within a mile or so of the Peche village, and they will be running trains shortly to this point.

Mr. Henry Connolly, of Shipston, was burned out on Monday evening. Three houses and several barns were destroyed. Loss about \$6,000; insured for \$3,500. The friends of Mr. Moses Lebourveau, ex-warden and mayor of Etou, waited on him last week and presented him with an address and a purse containing \$122. Lord Salisbury has declined to grant the Porte's request to re-open negotiation for the evacuation of Egypt on the ground that it is inopportune to do so at present.

A SERIOUS FRAUD. A special from Montreal to the N. Y. Telegram says:—"The State Medical Board has discovered that the Northwest is being flooded with fraudulent medical diplomas purporting to be issued by the University of Victoria at Montreal. Fifty of these diplomas have been located in Wisconsin and South Dakota, and the persons holding them will be arrested. David Marshall, a physician of Wauwatosa, Wis., has made a sworn confession to obtaining one of these diplomas, and a man named Girard, who has surrendered his to the Board, has confessed and paid that he bought it at a Montreal printing house for eight dollars. The Board has evidence that a Canadian, N.D. man named Robert obtained lots of the diplomas for ten dollars through a French physician of Fairbault, Minn., who sent to Montreal for the printing.

In reference to the diploma reporter called upon the president of the Victoria Medical College, who resigned his position within the last few months but was quite willing to give any information that would throw any light on the matter, and he stated that thorough investigation would be made. "Questions," he said, "arise from time to time by Secretaries of State Medical Boards of the United States as to whether A. B. or C. is the rightful owner of the diploma which he presents to their Board. The secretary of our Board is in every case instructed to forward to the secretary of the State Medical Board, sending the information, the annual curriculum, in which is to be found the names of all the graduates of the college, and any name not there is fraudulent. No State Medical Board should be imposed upon when they can so easily get the names of the graduates of a college. The fraud can be easily prevented by a secretary of a State Medical Board asking for a printed register of the names of all graduates.

It is stated in this telegram that the diplomas were procured from a printing-house. A printing-house, of course, could give no diplomas. The diplomas bear the signatures of the Chancellor of the University at Cobourg, the president and secretary of the school, and, besides, the seal of the College is affixed. The printing-house would have to forge all these requisites. The ex-president showed the reporter a copy of the curriculum, with all the names of the graduates for the last forty-five years. He could not understand why the State Medical Boards should be so misled.

Chancellor Von Caprivi has told U. S. Minister Phelps that Emperor William will perhaps visit the World's Fair at Chicago. This statement, however, lacks confirmation. The first of the track-laying on the St. Andrew's railway commenced on Wednesday, when the switch was begun from the main line of the Canadian Pacific railway at Lacoste. C. Ormer Mitchell held an inquest on Monday at Farnham on the body of John J. Wilson, a brakeman on the Canadian Pacific railway, who was killed, that morning, at Brighton. The deceased, who had been ill for some weeks, without authorization from the train officials, got upon a freight going east from Farnham and began work. Being an employee, he was supposed by the conductor to have returned to this place with proper certificates. At Brighton the engine slackened up, in railway parlance, to "back the train." Wilson, who was on the top of a car, was struck by a pipe of the water tank and thrown to the ground. His neck was broken by the fall. Track-laying on the St. Andrews & Adirondack railway is being pushed. The construction has reached St. Stanislas village. Should the weather be favorable it will be in Huntington next week. The bridge at Trout River will not be up in time so that a trestle bridge will be erected to allow the construction train to cross the Big and continue track-laying to the frontier. The work on the trout river bridge is not being pushed. The cut at Wilson's is still giving employment to a gang of men. On Monday the ratoniers of the parish of St. Stanislas voted on the by-law granting the company a bonus of \$1,000 on the fulfillment of certain conditions regarding the deposit and running of trains. The by-law was carried by only seven of a majority