

FATHER LABOUREAU.

THE JUBILEE OF THE VENERABLE
PRIEST OF PENETANGUISHENE.

Penetanguishene Herald, Jan. 19.

Wednesday morning of last week a large number of the faithful of the Catholic church here gathered for the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the ordination of their venerated pastor, Rev. Father Laboureux, the silver jubilee of his priesthood. Mass was celebrated at 8:30, and was celebrated by the Reverend pastor himself. Father Laboureux, of Collingwood, acted as deacon of the Mass, and Father McPhillips, of Orangeville, as sub-deacon. Father Gibbons of the Reformatory was master of the ceremonies. Others present were the Very Rev. Vicar, V. G. Father Chalmers of St. Michael's College, Father Lynch of Midland, George F. Foy, McDonald of Brechin, McBride of Dixie, and Moyna of Mayner. The choir rendered very well Power's Mass in D, and appropriately sang Lombardi's *Quid Relevis* at the Offertory. Miss Mary Jane Lebeau presiding at the altar.

After the Gospel Father Laboureux addressed the congregation in French, the unavoidable absence of the gentleman who was to have done it, and said they were not to honor simply a man, even though their pastor, but the priesthood with which he had been invested for twenty-five years; during which time some good must have been done to be thankful for, but alas! there have been many short-comings to be atoned for.

Father Moyna, of Mayner, was the preacher in English, and delivered a very practical, logical and eloquent discourse on the dignity of the priesthood.

After the Mass, Father Laboureux, in the name of the clergy of the diocese, read the following address:

REV. AND DEAR CONGREGATION—We, your brother priests of the Archdiocese of Toronto, come to rejoice with you today in the celebration of your silver jubilee, and to offer you our congratulations and good wishes on so joyous an occasion.

We judge this fitting time to place on record our high appreciation of your priestly life, your self-sacrificing spirit, and your ardent zeal in the cause of religion and education. During twenty-five years of assiduous labor in the vineyard of the Lord, you have edited your brother priest and given bright example of unselfish devotion to the people committed to your pastoral care.

Around us are some of the splendid monuments of your industry, but all unseen within the hearts of those who have witnessed your piety and redoubled in your ministrations are monuments still more precious and enduring.

As unto strength, we wish by this expression of our esteem and sympathy to draw still more closely the bonds of charity, which, like a golden chain, should unite the divinely ordained priests of the Divine Master. "Behold, I know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

With fervent wish that the sweet spirit of friendship which has united us in the past, may dwell in your hearts in the future, that your years may be many and fruitful in every good work, and that these sacred vestments as a feeble token of our warm affection and deep esteem.

Signed on behalf of the Archdiocese, F. P. ROONEY, V. G.

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SUCCESSFUL SUCCESSORS.

The London Mutual Fire Insurance
Company Grows in Public
Confidence.Splendid Review of the Year's Business
—Retiring Directors Re-elected—Shall
the Jack Bo Made Compulsory by
Legislation.

The 31st annual meeting of the London Mutual Fire Insurance Company was held in the offices, Richmond street, Wednesday afternoon. The reports of the year's business show the company to be in a most satisfactory condition. While the losses have been unusually heavy, the burden has fallen comparatively lightly upon the members, and especially so when their condition is considered in connection with the fact that the company has been able to pay its claims promptly and in full. The following were among those in attendance: Messrs. Duncan McMillan, James Cameron, James Armstrong, C. C. Hodgins, J. A. Leitch, Thos. Woolley, J. H. Marshall, James Black, John Burroughs, Richard Whetter, Robert McEwan, Archibald McEwan, Gilbert Roche, D. S. Battersfield, Angus Campbell, Daniel Black, Lancelot Leitch, T. E. Robson, John Kennedy, Donald MacKenzie, ex-Mr. J. B. Vining, James MacEwen, Robert Stewart, E. T. Thompson, D. C. Macdonald, Cameron Macdonald and C. J. Timpani.

DIRECTORS' REPORT.
To the members of the London Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Canada:
Your directors beg to submit their 31st annual report. It contains a large array of facts, and furnishes a further instance of the company's successful management. It shows that the company has been able to pay its claims promptly and in full, and that the company has been able to pay its claims promptly and in full.

ASSETS.
Amount available on premium
Amount due on assessment No. 28.....\$27,135.82
Amount due on assessment No. 29.....3,325.89
Amount due on assessment No. 30.....10,362.63
Bills receivable, secured by
agents' bonds and members' due
bills.....7,949.25
Bills receivable.....1,048.93
Office furniture.....1,154.61
Municipal and loan company
bonds deposited with Receiver
General for security of policy-
holders.....

LIABILITIES.
Par value
City of Hamilton, value.....\$12,500.00
City of St. Thomas.....22,600.00
Town of Tilbury.....7,475.00
Debiture Com-
pany.....7,899.78
Accrued interest.....32,603.00
Real estate, office building.....14,177.45
Cash in Molsens Bank to credit Re-
ceiver General.....7,000.00
Cash in Molsens Bank current ac-
count.....368.66
Cash in treasurer's hands (postage
stamp).....1,033.32

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