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The Church in Newfoundland

Lately the annual pastoral letter of His Lordship Bishop Howley was read in the Catholic Cathedral. Its references to church repairs are as follows: During the past year the repairs of the Cathedral have been continued. The ceilings have been entirely renewed, after the model of Roman Basilicas, the whole forms a united design following the architectural lines of the building. The great cornice has been set with over 350 electric bulbs, as well as the large centre-pieces and the circular intersections of the styles. The whole work is now completed, and awaits only the transforming of the electric light before being uncovered. The ambulatories, which were found in a very dilapidated state, owing to the unsoundness of the roof, are now being renewed. The organ-gallery has also been enlarged, so as to make it more convenient for the choir. A new set of oak pews has been ordered, which will cost, when placed, \$3,000. The entire floor has to be renewed, and a new hardwood one laid. The heating pipes have to be re-arranged, the sanctuary to be paved with encaustic tiles, and a new throne and choir-stalls to be erected. All these works are estimated to cost about \$10,000. There is no fund at present to meet these expenses, except the Sunday Offertory Collection, which, during the past year, amounted to \$3,000. This has been applied to reduce the amount borrowed from the Bank. But this collection has fallen away very much and should be better responded to. There are many who can well attend to this slight collection but who avoid doing so. It is to be hoped that this word of notice may have the effect of increasing the amount, as we do not wish to borrow further until the amount already borrowed be paid off. The whole amount expended on the Cathedral during the past year was \$12,000, while \$8,000 were spent on St. Patrick's. The tower of this beautiful Church, so long left an unfinished eye-sore, has been advanced some 28 feet, up to the basement of the bell-chamber. The whole of the freestone necessary for the completion of the tower and spire is estimated to cost about \$2,000 more. The continuation of the work will depend on the manner in which the people of Riverhead respond to the offertory collection, which has not during the last year shown their proverbial generosity.

At 9.30 Feb. 23rd the 302 electric lamps which embellish the new adornments of the Catholic Cathedral were lighted to test them, and the effect as they shone out brilliantly illuminating the surroundings, was bewilderingly beautiful. His Lordship Bishop Howley was present, with a few others who happened to be in the church at the time. The cornices, the tracery of which is picked out in bulbs, glowed resplendent, the handsome wrought panel was also set off with electric gems and the centre pieces sentinelled with brilliant points of light so that the sight was a magical one, showing off in an exquisite way the beautiful decorations recently given the church. The lights were kept going for 15 minutes and the test was eminently satisfactory. There are, we understand, three distinct electric circuits in the ceiling which can illuminate independently the cornice centre piece and panels. The high altar is to be set with miniature electric bulbs and lighted scrolls possibly designed with a shamrock or fern pattern and the ambulatories and organ gallery will also be lit with electricity.

Mr. P. J. McCarthy, assisted by his pupils, will give a musical entertainment at Easter. The "Old Homestead Quartette" will again be heard in some old favorites. A novel feature of the performance will be the appearance of seven members of the McCarthy family. The programme is now in course of preparation and embraces songs, part songs, choruses, etc.

The winter has been the worst as regards frost for the past twenty-five years. The St. John's harbor has been frozen solid several times, and the steamers has had great difficulty in forcing their way in or out.

The following is the annual report of St. Vincent de Paul Society: We wish, in presenting our report for 1903, in the first place to record our thanks and appreciation of the practical help which we have received from the public in carrying on the good work which this Society is performing, and to assure you that practical help has enabled us to do a very great deal towards relieving the distress of many persons in our community suffering from privation during the very long and severe winter of 1903.

We herewith submit the Treasurer's account for the year, which we trust will prove satisfactory, not only to the Society, but to our patrons, and to the latter, before concluding, we again wish to express our sincere appreciation for their contributions, and we earnestly look forward to a continuance of their assistance when again appealed to.

JOHN J. BURKE, President.
WM. F. TRELEGAN, Secty.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY IN ACCOUNT WITH TREASURER.

To amount received from all sources	\$1,941.61
By amount expended for labor, net making, etc.	\$ 545.50
By am't expended for coal and general relief	1,247.63
By am't expended on special cases and incidentals	116.40
	\$1,909.52
Bal. due Society	32.09
	\$1,941.61

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M. J. SUMMERS, Treas.
List of officers for 1904: J. J. Burke, President; M. Malone, Vice-President; C. W. Ryan, Asst. Vice-President; M. J. Summers, Treasurer; W. F. Trelegan, Secretary.

The following have been appointed collectors: Messrs. J. Burke, J. J. Bates, W. Comerford, P. J. O'Neil, M. Malone, J. Dwyer, J. T. Martin, C. W. Ryan, J. Crowell, J. Malone.

The 98th annual meeting of the Benevolent Irish Society brought the largest attendance on record. The annual report was submitted and showed that financially and otherwise, the past year was the best in its history. Its membership is near 400, and it had 59 entrants during the twelve months. The officers referring, Rev. Bro. Slattery was moved to the chair to conduct the new election. The following officers were elected: President, Hon. J. D. Ryan; Vice-Pres., Mr. J. M. Kent; 1st Asst. Vice-Pres., Mr. M. McCarthy; 2nd Asst. Vice-Pres., Mr. J. Kelly; Treasurer, Mr. P. Lacey; Chairman of Schools, Mr. E. J. Rawlin; Chairman of Review and Correspondence, Mr. H. F. Shortis; Secretary of Schools Mr. W. Dunphy. Three offices were contested. Mr. McCarthy beat Mr. J. Ryan, C.E., by 2 votes, polls 87 against 85; Mr. Higgins beat Mr. J. L. Slattery by 37, polling 107 against 70; and Mr. Shortis beat Mr. M. McEvoy by polling 109 against 63. The new executive were then installed by the Rev. Chairman and after brief speeches had been made by all concerned, the usual votes of thanks to the Bishop, clergy and press, to the chairman and aides, and to the retiring officers were passed. The society has had an income of \$3,100 the past year, and after having paid all expenses and reduced the debt on its hall by a payment of \$1,200 in principal and interest, starts its 99th year with a balance in hand of \$314, while its dramatic performances the past week have netted it another \$700.

Great preparations are being made to receive the Boston and Canadian excursionists who will arrive during the coming summer. It is expected that hundreds will visit the scenes and land of their childhood.

Dec. 31, 1901	\$506,000
Dec. 31, 1902	534,800
Dec. 31, 1903	551,000

The same admirable conditions are revealed in the figures for the half years:
July-Dec. 1901 \$1,004,800
July-Dec. 1902 1,114,000
July-Dec. 1903 1,238,000

This year it is expected that the revenue will reach the phenomenal figure of \$2,500,000. Those wonderful revenues have been attained through the remarkable development of the colony's trade, the aggregate of her imports and exports having increased one million dollars annually during the past five years.

Venerable Archbishop O'Neil, who was suffering from an affection of the throat, left for Dublin a short time ago. It is the earnest prayer of his many friends that the good, zealous and noble priest may return to labor many more years in our midst.

Rev. Father Edmund Crook, for many years connected with St. Patrick's Church, but broken down in health, left for England, where he intends to reside in future. Before his departure he was presented with a purse of \$100.

By the death of Rev. Mother M. Xaverious, which occurred at Little-dale on Sunday afternoon, the Convents of the Mercy Order will miss and mourn one who for nearly half a century had been a prominent and popular guide in all the labors associated with these institutions, whether educationally, religiously, or in what other form soever they were put forward. The deceased nun was a daughter of the late George Dowseley and was born in 1840, being thus 64 years old at her death. In 1864 Miss Dowseley relinquished the gaieties of the world for the quiet of the cloister, and a long and useful life in the service of charity and education was begun at the Military Road Convent. Here, at the hands of the late Bishop Mullock, the vows of the Order were taken and the profession made. And here for twenty-two years Sister M. Xaverious toiled unceasingly for the well-being of those, whether of infant or more mature years, who needed her ministrations. Later, when the establishment of Little-dale School HAD BEEN DECIDED UPON.

It was to the guiding hand of Sister Xaverious that the management was entrusted. As Rev. Mother at Little-dale for a period of six years, she toiled and planned, and not only laid the foundation of the success to which Little-dale has attained, but was able to see it grow and flourish year by year while her life lasted, until it has come to be recognized as one of the foremost institutions of its kind in the colony. For years the deceased nun had been obliged to contend against ill health, which with many would have been sufficient to cause a cessation from active work; but not so with Sister Xaverious, whose gentle disposition,

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yet inflexible determination urged her on, an inspiration for her associates, a blessing for those who profited by her exertions. For the past few years the deceased has been practically and per force relieved from active duty. Afflicted with heart trouble, and recently quite deaf, she was unable to perform those duties for which the spirit was still willing, but the flesh was too weak. And if prevented from engaging in the labors so near her heart, she was still interested.

IN THEIR FRUITING
always cheerful, ever ready with advice and counsel. Only during the past few weeks had death been expected, and on Sunday afternoon, surrounded by a devoted and loving sisterhood, and fortified by the rites of the Church for whom her life's work had been given, Mother Xaverious passed the portals of death into the Great Beyond, there to receive the blessing and reward for faithful stewardship in the Master's vineyard, and bear the glad words,—"Servant of God, Well Done."

In such a notice as this it is quite impossible to adequately estimate or chronicle the life work of such an estimable lady. Forty years of convent life as it is known in connection with the Mercy Order, may not be crowded into the small compass of such space as is at our disposal. The children who have been educated and passed to manhood and womanhood under the fostering care of such as one; the sick and the poor, who have been visited and relieved in things temporal and spiritual; these are the tests by which merit is best judged, and could these all speak, a volume almost immeasurable.

MIGHT BE PREPARED
outlining the noble deeds performed by the departed Mother Xaverious. During a period of well nigh thirty years, the writer has known, and been more or less intimately connected with the work of the deceased. During all that time, in a variety of ways, has the exquisite grace and Christian kindness of Mother Xaverious been manifested; and this small tribute to a noble life and character makes no claim to be other than a faint reflection of good deeds performed. The remains were conveyed from Little-dale to the Cathedral, where at 10 o'clock there was Office and High Mass, after which interment took place at Belvedere. In this Cathedral for more than twelve years Mother Xaverious performed the duties of organist, having charge also of the choir, and many who attend the obsequies this morning, will in memory go back over the past, reflecting upon the saintly character of one who has presented a pattern worthy of completest emulation.

STRATFORD

The Catholic Separate Schools of this city intend issuing at the end of each month a report showing the standing of the pupils of the fourth class, the senior room. The following report for February will be read with much interest by our readers:
Fourth Class-Violet Walsh, Emma Kneilt, Frank Stock, Lawrence O'Brien, Rhea Kneilt, Irene Goetler, William O'Donnell, Alma Kern, Leon Long, Daniel Kelly, Joseph Kennedy, Priscilla Castleton, Basil Roche, Mary Dyer, Camilla Duggan, Mary Kelly, Evelyn Quilter, Loyola Gale, James Patterson, Mary McIntyre, Irene Given, Cecilia Lennon, Mary Sullivan, Louise McMillan, Pearl Swan, Mary Halpin, Ruby Swan, Charles Moore, Lawrence Stock, Edna Quilter, Thos. Castleton, Frank Wagner, Basil Dillon, Frederick Wall, Mary Montgomery, Albert Routhier, Harry McGraw, Nora Durney, Frank Kane, Charles Killoran, John Pierson.

Rev. Father Laurideau is taking quite an active part in the Separate School of this city. He has generously offered three prizes each month for class work, deportment and application. Although Father Laurideau has only been a resident of Stratford for a short time he has made for himself many friends among the little folks, who look forward to his visits with pleasure.

The prizes for the month of February were taken by: Class work, Violet Walsh; deportment, Emma Kneilt; application, Mary Halpin.

Mr. Albert Brandenberger, manager and proprietor of the "Theatre Albert," has booked a concert for the A.O.H. of Stratford for Thursday evening, March 17th (St. Patrick's Day). Mr. Brandenberger has made it a point this season to book only first-class companies, and in consequence is meeting with a very liberal patronage from the theatre-going people of this city.

The Separate has recently placed a gong in their school for use in case of fire. The intention is to instruct the children in a drill so they can vacate their rooms promptly in case of fire.

The death is announced of the father of Rev. P. M. Roussell, parish priest of Bell River, Ont. Father Roussell has the sympathy of a large circle of friends in this city, who have vivid remembrance of his sojourn here.

At 10.55 on Thursday evening, March 3rd, fire was discovered in the rear part of the premises of Mr. P. J. Kelly, merchant tailor and gents' furnisher, better known as Kelly's Clothing House. The fire had gained considerable headway before being discovered, but the fire brigade quick-

ly succeeded in obtaining the mastery. As the premises are situated in a block of the best business houses in the city, it was providential that it was so successfully mastered. Mr. Kelly, who is the owner of the building, sustained a heavy loss, but with the worst luck of an Irishman he has announced his determination that in spite of the fire and water he will at an early date have both premises and stock in better condition than before the fire. This is saying a good deal, as P. J. has always been noted for his natty store and stock. Mr. Kelly is one of our most successful business men and is deservedly popular with all classes of the community. In the meantime and until the damaged building is restored and improved, he will occupy the store lately occupied by S. M. Byrne, Ontario street.

Miss Maud Daly, daughter of Ald. Wm. Daly, is visiting friends in Goderich.

Mrs. J. J. Schnitzler and son Cletis, Church street, are visiting friends in Waterloo.

The members of St. Joseph's Branch No. 13, C.M.B.A., of this city, have decided to issue by means of individual subscriptions from their Branch, an amount sufficient to purchase a beautiful and valuable window which they purpose donating to the new Catholic church which is to be built in the city. The branch is to be congratulated upon the generous and enthusiastic nature they have shown in presenting to the church such a handsome and suitable gift.

The following committee have been appointed to look after the fund and purchase of the window: James O'Loane, E. J. Kneilt, M. H. Killoran, J. J. McCauley, M. J. Dillon.

BISHOP DOWLING TO THE IRISH SOCIETIES
Pastoral Advice With a Proper Favor of Love for Ireland
Hamilton, March 14.—Yesterday in celebration of St. Patrick's Day the Catholic societies of the city attended St. Patrick's church. The societies gathered at 9.45 at their various quarters and marched to the church, where Bishop Dowling celebrated pontifical high mass.

First came the local branch of the A.O.H. under the leadership of County President, W. J. Malone; C. Shields, president, and William Williamson, secretary.

C.M.B.A. branch 31 and officers—J. A. Cox, president; Charles Robertson, secretary; E. A. Shane, marshal.

C.M.B.A., branch 56—John Maloney, president; N. J. Fitzpatrick, secretary; J. J. Bucke, marshal.

I.C.B.U.—Charles Bakie, president; Secretary, James Melody; S. Cheeseman, marshal; Thomas Roy, assistant marshal.

C. M. B. A., branch 230—Patrick Dowling, president; P. J. McGowan, secretary.

The members of St. Patrick's club were also present in a body and helped to swell the very large number of worshippers. Every seat was occupied and many were compelled to stand at the rear of the church.

Bishop Dowling was assisted by Rev. Father Holden, as deacon; Rev. Father Cooper, as sub-deacon, and Rev. Father Coty as master of ceremonies.

After the close of the celebration of the pontifical high mass, Bishop Dowling addressed the assembled societies.

The bishop extended a welcome to the societies on their annual pilgrimage, as a representative of St. Patrick, the patron saint of the Church, and one whom the societies must venerate. It was a privilege to be long to one of the societies, but there was a greater society than any one established by Jesus Christ—the Church. A man or woman who belongs to that greatest of societies and who is a true member, need be afraid of nothing, as he or she is under the protecting wing of the church. His lordship went on to say that he thanked God that the members of the church were faithful to it, to their families and to their country. He also thanked God that there was Irish blood in his veins. It was the glory of the Irish people that they were faithful to their pastors, who in turn were obedient to their bishop. England had lost her hierarchy, but Ireland had always remained faithful to Rome. He was there as a descendant of the Irish people and he was proud of it.

He desired the members of the societies to work in harmony with their chaplains and to never undertake a public entertainment without the approval of their pastor. He desired them not to undertake anything of a similar nature that might bring a blush to the cheek of their pastor or bishop. Any restriction which might be placed upon them in this respect would be for their own good. The bishop admonished them to cultivate their intellects, to practice virtue that they might thereby better the Church, as well as themselves.

In referring to their families, the bishop told the members to imitate Joseph, the head of the holiest family ever in existence. He told them to make their wives, children and home happy, not to stay out late at night or do any small things that would tend to disturb the happiness and peace of the home.

The bishop, in speaking to the young men, said that as time passed on they also would be establishing homes for themselves. He laid special emphasis on the wisdom of marrying girls of their own faith. There were just as good girls in the Roman Catholic Church as out of it, and it was absolutely unnecessary to contract a mixed marriage. He advised the young men before marriage to think seriously, to obtain the consent of their parents, the approval of their priest, and thus receive the benediction of the Church.

A Famous College.
A school which enjoys a well-earned reputation for thorough and practical work, and through which it draws a patronage extending from Yukon to the West Indies, and from British Columbia to Newfoundland may be fitly termed a famous school. Such a school is the well-known Central Business College of Toronto, which is without any doubt the largest and best equipped business training institution in the Dominion. The Spring Term in a department in this college will open on 15th as announced in our advertising columns.

Resolution of Condolence
At the last regular meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary, Div. No. 1, A.O.H., the following resolutions were adopted:
Whereas it has pleased our Divine Lord to remove from this world of sorrow the beloved mother of our dear sister, May Mohan, therefore he it resolved that the members of this Auxiliary do extend to our beloved sister and family in this their hour of affliction, the love and sympathy which our sisterhood aims to inculcate in the hearts of its members, and we pray that God in His infinite mercy will comfort and sustain them in their sad affliction.

Resolved that a copy of these resolutions be inserted in the minutes of our meeting, a copy tendered to our dear sister, and one sent to The Catholic Register for publication.

MAY E. MALLON, Rec. Secy.

DEATHS
McGOVERN—At his late residence, 14 Baldwin street, on Wednesday, March 9th, John McGovern, aged 63 years.

Time Has Tested It.—Time tests all things, that which is worthy lives; that which is inimical to man's welfare perishes. Time has proved Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. From a few thousand bottles in the early days of its manufacture the demand has risen so that now the production is running into the hundreds of thousands of bottles. What is so eagerly sought for must be good.

We must do common things with a simple heart and high intention. We must step boldly through the night with our eyes on the morning. This is the life of faith; this is the fountain of a Christian character.

Notice to Creditors

In the matter of the estate of Elizabeth Houle of the city of Toronto, in the County of York, married woman, deceased, notice is hereby given pursuant to Sec. 38 of Chap. 129, R.S.O., 1897, that all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the said Elizabeth Houle, deceased, who died on or about the nineteenth day of December, 1903, are required to send by post or deliver to the undersigned solicitor, for the Trusts and Guarantee Company, Limited, or to the undersigned administrators, on or before the first day of April, 1904, their christian and surnames and addresses with full particulars in writing of their claims, and statements of their accounts and the nature of the securities (if any) held by them duly verified by statutory declaration.

And take notice that after the said first day of April, 1904, said administrators will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having only regard to the claims of which they shall then have notice, and the said administrators will not be liable for said assets, or any part thereof, to any person or persons of whose claim notice shall not have been received by them or their said solicitor at the time of such distribution.

Dated 23rd February, 1904.
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T. P. COFFEE, Manager.
JOHN T. LOFTUS, 712 Temple Building, Toronto, solicitor for the said Administrators.

In the Surrogate Court of the County of York

In the matter of the Guardianship of the Infant Children of Hugh Finn, late of the city of Toronto, in the County of York, gentleman, deceased.
Take notice that upon the expiration of twenty days from the Tenth Day of March, 1904, an application will be made to the Surrogate Court of the County of York, by Mary Ann Reilly, of the City of Toronto, in the County of York, seamstress, to be appointed guardian of Irene Marguerite Finn and William Leo Finn, who reside at the said City of Toronto, infant children of Hugh Finn, gentleman, who died a widower, on or about the second day of February, 1904, and without appointing any guardian of the said infants, the said Mary Ann Reilly being the maternal aunt of the said infants.

Dated at Toronto this 7th day of March, 1904.
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HOMESTEAD REGULATIONS

Any even numbered section of Dominion Lands in Manitoba or the North-west Territories, excepting 3 and 26, which has not been homesteaded, or reserved to provide wood lots for settlers, or for other purposes, may be homesteaded upon by any person who is the sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years of age, to the extent of one-quarter section of 160 acres, more or less.

ENTRY
Entry may be made personally at the local land office for the District in which the land to be taken is situated, or if the homesteader desires he may, on application to the Minister of the Interior, Ottawa, the Commissioner of Immigration, Winnipeg, or the Local Agent for the district in which the land is situated, receive authority for some one to make entry for him. A fee of \$10 is charged for a homestead entry.

HOMESTEAD DUTIES
A settler who has been granted an entry for a homestead is required by the provisions of the Dominion Lands Act and the amendments thereto to perform the conditions connected therewith, under one of the following plans:
(1) At least six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each year during the term of three years.
(2) If the father (or mother, if the father is deceased) of any person who is eligible to make a homestead entry, under the provisions of this Act, resides upon a farm in the vicinity of the land entered for by such person as a homestead, the requirements of this Act as to residence prior to obtaining patent may be satisfied by such person residing with the father or mother.
(3) If a settler has obtained a patent for his homestead, or a certificate for the issue of such patent contemplated in the manner prescribed by this Act, and has obtained entry for a second homestead, the requirements of this Act as to residence prior to obtaining patent may be satisfied by residence upon the first homestead, if the second homestead is in the vicinity of the first homestead.
(4) If the settler has his permanent residence upon farming land owned by him in the vicinity of his homestead the requirements of this Act as to residence may be satisfied by residence upon the said land.

The term "vicinity" used above is meant to indicate the same township or an adjoining or cornering township.
A settler who avails himself of the provisions of Clauses (2), (3) or (4) must cultivate 30 acres of his homestead, or substitute 20 head of stock, with buildings for their accommodation, and have besides 80 acres substantially fenced.
Every homesteader who fails to comply with the requirements of the homestead law is liable to have his entry cancelled, and the land may be again thrown open for entry.

APPLICATION FOR PATENT

Should be made at the end of the three years, before the Local Agent, Sub-Agent or the Homestead Inspector. Before making application for patent the settler must give six months' notice in writing to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands at Ottawa of his intention to do so.

INFORMATION

Newly arrived immigrants will receive at the Immigration Office in Winnipeg, or at any Dominion Lands Office in Manitoba or the North-west Territories information as to the lands that are open for entry, and from the officers in charge, free of expense, advice and assistance in securing lands to suit them. Full information respecting the land, timber, coal and mineral laws, as well as respecting Dominion Lands in the Railway Belt in British Columbia, may be obtained upon application to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa; the Commissioner of Immigration, Winnipeg; Manitoba; or to any of the Dominion Lands Agents in Manitoba or the North-west Territories.
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