

leged "slick" propensities of the other—and they will vote accordingly. "The Young Napoleon" is destined to meet the fate which overtook "the people's Isaac," which later drove "Fighting Joe" to seek fresh fields and pastures new, and which recently relegated "the farmer premier" to his rural pursuits. "Hugh John" is after Sifton, and his "Waterloo" is in sight.

**THE BUTTER AND CHEESE SITUATION IN MANITOBA.**

This season has brought repeated complaints from the dealers of British Columbia to the shippers of Manitoba regarding the quality of butter and Cheese made here. It is to be regretted that considerable quantities of Ontario butter and cheese go past our doors to British Columbia, where they bring the highest possible prices, and that our Manitoba goods are left behind on account of their poor quality.

The following extract from a B. C. Produce Broker to a Produce Merchant of the city explains the situation: "We had the greatest difficulty in making cheese sales on account of the inferior quality of Manitoba cheese, in your last car shipped, and it was only by showing your letter in which you state that you can give just as good cheese as that of Ontario, that we have made the sales. The rest of the trade have ordered a car from Ingersoll at a much higher price than your quotations and state they would rather pay 2c per lb. more for the Ontario product than for Manitoba cheese. There is no doubt that the Manitoba cheese you shipped in the last car was little better than skim milk cheese. The writer had a piece of Manitoba cheese to-day which was dry and tasteless, and such stuff should not be allowed to go out as prime cheese.

The yearly consumption of cheese in British Columbia is estimated at about 500,000 lbs. British Columbia is our only profitable market; should we lose it through our own neglect we would be obliged to ship our goods to England via Montreal and accept Montreal prices less two or three cents per lb. on account of freight commission, quality etc. With an increasing production we would soon have to face depression such as existed here a few years ago when cheese sold at 5 to 6 cents per pound. At any rate if the B.C. Trade prefer the Ontario cheese at an advanced price of 2 cents per lb. the Manitoba cheese factories are losing about \$10,000 a year, which is an item worthy of consideration.

The knowledge of the above stated facts has led the Butter and Cheese Makers and factory owners of the province, into forming a Butter and Cheese Makers' Union for the purpose of improving their goods, supervising the manufacture and organizing a system of practical instruction so much needed amongst milk producers and factory men. An act of incorporation will be applied for at the next sitting of

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the Legislature.

A meeting was held at the Seymour House on September first for the above stated purpose and a provisional board of officers and directors were elected as follows:

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A general meeting will be held on November eighth, when an outline of the work to be undertaken during the winter and the next dairying season will be given.

**WAS A CONVERT.**

Justice Smyth of New York Passes Away—One of America's Great Lawyers.

Justice Frederick Smyth, of New York is dead at Atlantic City, N.J., of pneumonia. Justice Smyth went there July 2 for his health. Several days ago he contracted pneumonia. The patient's constitution was so weakened that medical aid was of no avail.

Justice Frederick Smyth was known from one end of the country to the other, especially as Recorder Smyth, for as recorder he presided over some of the most remarkable criminal cases that were ever tried in any American court. His ruling was rarely reversed. By birth and long allegiance he was an Episcopalian. Two years ago, however, during an illness, he was converted to the Catholic Church.

Justice Smyth was born near Galway, Ireland, in 1822. His father left no inheritance. Young Smyth came to the United States and was clerk in John McKeon's law office when Mr. McKeon became a marine court justice. He was admitted to the bar in 1855. He was a delegate to the Tilden national convention and was a Tilden elector. He was appointed recorder in 1879 to fill John K. Hackett's unexpired term, and was elected to succeed himself for fourteen years in the fall of that year. As a practising lawyer, while he was McKeon's assistant, he was engaged in many celebrated cases. He prepared the evidence on which the British minister Sir John Crampton, and two British consuls, were ordered out of the country for violating the neutrality laws. As recorder, he was feared by all criminals. He had no sympathy for the habitual offender, he was rarely lenient to such, and it is said he pronounced more death sentences than any other man who was recorder for the same length of time. Among the celebrated trials over which he presided were those of Carlyle Harris, Dr. R. W. Buchanan, Danny Driscoll, "Frenchy" and "Biff" Elison. John W. Goff defeated Smyth for recorder in the election which put in the Strong administration. Shortly afterward Smyth was appointed to the Supreme Court bench.

Justice Smyth was a member of the Episcopal church but in 1898 he became a Catholic. His wife had died but a short time before and he was seriously ill at his residence, 15 West Forty-eight street. On Saturday, February 19, the justice sent a messenger in a carriage to the parish house of St. Gabriel's church at West Thirty-seventh street. The messenger bore a note to Mgr. Farley, pastor of St. Gabriel's and auxiliary Bishop of the archdiocese of New York, who had been a friend of Justice Smyth for years. The note requested Bishop Farley to call at his earliest convenience. Bishop Farley responded at once, and when he was shown to the sick man's

room, Justice Smith informed him that he wished to be received into the Catholic Church without loss of time. The request surprised the Bishop somewhat, as the applicant is usually required to prepare himself by a course of instruction covering several months. Upon questioning Justice Smyth, however, the Bishop found him well prepared, and after the justice had made a profession of faith, Bishop Farley baptised him and anointed him with holy oil. He also administered the last rites of the church to the justice as it was thought that he could not recover. Justice Smyth's daughter joined the Catholic Church two years before his conversion.

**HUMBERT'S DEATH.**

The Vatican Did Not Authorize the Funeral Services That Were Held.

The Vaterland of Vienna, which is a journal usually well informed on all Catholic church matters, claims to have received from reliable sources in Rome information which justifies it in publishing a statement containing the following declarations:

1. The Holy Father said no mass for King Humbert.
2. The Holy Father neither authorized Cardinal Ferrari to offer condolence in his name, nor sent a telegram himself.
3. When he heard that it was said that the king had not been excommunicated, he was indignant, and referred to the constitution of the Holy See.
4. As the king had not been personally excommunicated a church burial was permitted, owing to important reasons, among which was the pressure exerted by the Italian government.
5. The Archbishop of Genoa, whom the government had asked to officiate when he applied to the cardinal-vicar, received no refusal, but also no permission, and his officiating simply was not opposed.
6. The peculiar prayer of Queen Margherita was not approved by the Holy See, but by the Bishop of Cremona, who is an intimate friend of the royal family, and in this matter the last word has possibly not been spoken yet.

**AN IMPORTANT CONVERSION.**

A conversion is announced which should have a considerable influence on the movement towards reunion amongst the churches in the East. The Patriarch of Antioch has, according to the Paris Universe, informed Mgr. Hebra, who is at present in Paris, that Mgr. Boutros (Peter) Sohdo, Syrian Jacobite, Archbishop of Homs, Hama and Sadad, along with many of his clergy and people, has been received in the Catholic Church. As other bodies of schismatics are in friendly relations with the Archbishop, it is to be hoped that his action will have its influence with them. As it is, the conversion of so many will bring joy to the heart of Pope Leo, who has labored so long for the reunion of Christendom.

**MINDING THE HOUSE.**

It is rather amusing that Catholics, particularly in this country, give us an excuse for not hearing Mass, that they had to stay home to "mind the house." The "house" would need no "minding" if there were a picnic on the tapis; the "house" has been left to look after itself hundreds of times, and it was there on the return of the family. The beauty of the whole thing is that, in the vast majority of cases, there is absolutely nothing in the house that a burglar would care to steal; and in nine cases out of ten there is nothing worth carrying off anyway. It is an excuse, and a poor one is better than none, but it is showing very little faith in God to lie about the house instead of being at Mass worshipping Our Lord. Angels will watch over your house; place it in their care and go to Mass.—Catholic Register.

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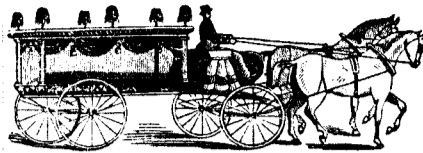
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**CURRENT COMMENT.**

The Historical and Scientific Society of Manitoba has sent us three of its latest publications: the "Annual Report for 1899," in which it appears that "a notable addition to the library has been a copy of the Bible in the Tukulud language, translated by Ven. Archdeacon McDonald;" "On the St. Paul trail in the Sixties," by Mr. W. G. Fonseca, an interesting, chatty reminiscence of the 450-mile cart-trail between Fort Garry and St. Paul; and "The Present Status of Natural Science in Manitoba and the Northwest," a solidly learned paper by the President of the Society, Rev. W. A. Burman. One appreciates the spirit of Mr. Fonseca's words: "Father Ritchot, a burly, brusque gentleman, a Chesterfield in manners, received us most graciously," albeit one cannot but smile at the imperfect grasp of the English language revealed in the juxtaposition of "brusque," and "a Chesterfield in manners."

**PERSONAL.**

Rev. Father Lecoq, O. M. I., came here the day before yesterday from St. Rose du Lac, where he is building a convent.

Rev. Father Drummond preached last Sunday evening at St. Mary's on the Holy Name of Mary, the patronal feast of that church.

Rev. Father Turcotte, of St. Adolphe, was in town yesterday.

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