

together. His friends had there-
fore better battle up their indignation
and leave the controller of
patronage undisturbed. Mr. Mc-
Coll's friends have asked the
patronage boss for bread for the child
of the victim, and the boss, im-
proving upon an ancient precedent,
attempts to knock the brains out of
Mr. McAllister's private character with
the stone of scandal. And he calls
the sympathy!

Mr. McColl intimates in his letter
that if we are not satisfied with his
account of the alleged purchase of the
Cobourg place by Mr. McAllister, he
will try to have published verbatim
a report of the investigation held at
Cobourg into the charges. We have
before us the report of that investiga-
tion, and we are prepared to charge
that Mr. McColl has put an un-
warrantable construction upon the
evidence given in the matter, in order
evidently, to suppress his throat of
scandal and his out-and-dry verdict
that Mr. McAllister has been guilty of
an "indictable offence under the
Criminal Code. Mr. McColl may be
a great criminal lawyer; but it would
be more becoming to him as a man
and a neighbor to allow the law courts
to interpret the Criminal Code. The
best answer to Mr. McColl's malicious-
ly strained evidence and his worse law
is that the partisan commissioner who
held the investigation at Cobourg, in
his verdict, is of an entirely different
opinion. These are the words of
Commissioner Sager's verdict—save
the mark:

I find therefore that the resignation
was procured by the promise of pay-
ment of \$90 a year and that Mr. Guil-
let was the person who negotiated and
carried it out. The other persons interest-
ed were Mr. Maher, who certainly was
the person who suggested it in the first
place. With regard to Mr. McAllister
every one who heard his testimony and
saw his manner and the kind of man he
was will say the country has for many
years had a most honorable and efficient
public servant in him, and it is to be
regretted that he is in any way mixed
up in this transaction. He has done
other work than his own as an inefficient
salary and it is a pity he was not re-
warded by promotion instead of getting
mixed up in this trouble. With this I
have nothing to do; but I hope his case
will receive due consideration. A man
of his ability and knowledge could not
have fallen into this error as a mere
mistake. He may have been led by
others but he knew enough and was strong
willed enough to resist the temptation.
That is the whole case and there can be
nothing more in the case than that.
The price is paid down, the goods are de-
livered and the parties who did it are
Mr. Guillet, Mr. McAllister and Mr.
Maher.

Mr. McColl represents Mr. Mc-
Allister as the real purchaser, the
partisan commissioner had not the
will to attribute a greater fault to him
than that he had been led on by others.

But with all respect to the partisan
commissioner and the "political boss"
we would remind them that they have
no right or authority to impeach any
one of an "indictable offense" under
the Criminal Code. The partisan
commissioner did not do so; and in-
deed he had the good grace to declare
at the investigation that his inquiry
was not bound by the rules of evidence.
But with such evidence as he managed
to obtain Mr. McColl has not now
dealt fairly, and when he cites the
Criminal Code he only shows his
hand. The evidence brought out by
the partisan commissioner was briefly
as follows: That for many years the
late Collector, Mr. Ewing, did little or
no work; that the principal work of
the port was discharged by Mr. Mc-
Allister, including the proper work of
the Collector, for which, of course,
Mr. McAllister was not paid. That
repeated representations had previous-
ly been made by Mr. McAllister's
friends to the effect that he was not
being fairly treated. That in February
1896 the Collector was taken down
with sickness from which he could not
recover, and that Mr. McAllister then
assumed control of the port as acting
collector. That the election was held
in June 1896, and Mr. Guillet the
former representative being again re-
turned, Mr. McAllister's friends re-
newed their representations that the
acting collector's claims be urged upon
the retiring Government. The Con-
troller of Customs did then recommend
Mr. McAllister's promotion to the
Treasury Board. That Mr. Guillet
informed Mr. McAllister that the
resignation of Mr. Ewing was a
necessary part of the official procedure;
and as the government would not give

Mr. Ewing the superannuation allow-
ance he claimed, a private bond was
prepared to the effect that if Mr.
Ewing obtained full superannuation
allowance he would have no claim
upon the parties to the bond but if
he was superannuated at a less amount
the bond would make up the deficiency,
a sum of \$8 per month. William
Maher, Bernard McAllister and
Daniel McAllister were the parties to
the bond. It was drawn up by a
lawyer, Mr. Guillet was there the
Government had cognizance of the
whole matter, and when as the result
Mr. Ewing handed in his resignation
the Treasury Board recommended Mr.
McAllister's promotion. The action of
the Treasury Board was approved by
the Privy Council and required only
the signature of the Governor General
to give it full effect. His Excellency
held over this among a number of
orders in council for the approval of
the new ministry, but the new ministry
seized the opportunity to reserve the
Cobourg place for a political partisan.

This is the whole story that Mr.
McColl tries to twist into a crime.
If the matter was criminal why are not
Mr. Guillet and the members of the
former government in jail? If the
new government did not want the
place for a political partisan the
Governor-General would unquestion-
ably have signed the order in council.
Whatever Mr. McAllister consented
to do was upon the advice of his
friends, and with full cognizance of
the officials at Ottawa through Mr.
Guillet, who then "controlled the
patronage" of the riding.

Mr. McColl objects to our charac-
terization of the treatment given to
Mr. McAllister as a "criminal out-
rage." Well, all we have to say is
that it was not a criminal outrage
before, there can be no doubt that Mr.
McColl has made it so by his bullying,
threatening manner of flaunting the
Criminal Code in the face of Mr. Mc-
Allister's friends, to intimidate them
if they do not cease their criti-
cisms he will ruin Mr. McAllister with
the favorite partisan weapon of scan-
dal. Talking about criminal outrages,
too, reminds us that the "patronage
boss," whether he is Tory or Grit, is
a political outrage. In the United
States his office is declared criminal
by the law; in Canada it is certainly
criminal by the moral code. In this
case Mr. Ewing would not retire be-
cause he had his influence with the
"patronage boss"—thou Mr. Guillet.
And looking at this matter in any
light whatever, it will be seen that
the "patronage boss" in the evil
genius throughout the whole piece.
Finally we beg to say in reply to Mr.
McColl that the Criminal Code as
quoted by him can have no true ap-
plication to such a case as this; that
on the contrary if the courts ever in-
terpret its meaning the probability is
that it will prove to have been put
upon the statute book by Sir John
Thompson primarily with the view of
driving the "political boss" out of
business. Mr. McAllister could not
possibly purchase an office from Mr.
Ewing, because Ewing had no power
to sell his office or to appoint Mr.
McAllister. Mr. McAllister might
have purchased the office from the
Treasury Board through Mr.
Guillet, but there was no negotiation
of that kind. Mr. McColl's logic is as
defective as his law, and some day he
and his genus will have a better real-
ization of the character of political
offences if our base politicians ever
give Sir John Thompson's Criminal
Code a chance in the courts.

The Walkerville "Flag Incident."

The latest and the strangest fact in
connection with the Walkerville "flag
incident" is Mr. Barlow Cumberland's
disclaimer of any knowledge of it, or
of the parties concerned about it.
Mr. Cumberland asks us to say that
he never heard or read of it before
The Registrar of November 26 came
under his notice. His letter to The
Windsor Record was invited by the
editor of that paper, and so far as Mr.
Cumberland supposed at the time, was
only connected with his recently pub-
lished book "The Story of the Union
Jack." He does not know Mr.
Robins, never heard that a flag was
torn down at Walkerville, or that
Hiram Walker's head bookkeeper's an
offending head fell into the basket
over it. This being so where does
Mr. Robins stand? In his letter of
November 20, he wrote to us:
"I would now draw your attention to
The Windsor Record of the 16th instant,
a copy of which I enclose. It was in

this paper that the incident of June
22nd was first reported every measure
I regret to say, and you will
observe that the name of the man
whose name is given in the
paper is not the name of the man
who is mentioned in the
letter of the 20th instant.

Mr. Robins has deliberately made a
cat's paw of Mr. Barlow Cumberland
without that gentleman's knowledge
apparently. His clumsy trick must
now recoil upon himself. He stands
thoroughly exposed and we leave him
in this condition to the inspection of
the public and of Messrs Walker
& Sons.

The Irish Parliamentary Fund.

A number of additional subscriptions
have been received for the Irish Parli-
mentary Fund in reply to Mr. Healy's
appeal. An error in last week's list
must be corrected. Mr. John O'Leary
of William street, was credited with \$1.
It should have been \$2.

Death of Rev. Father Reddin.

With deep regret, which will be
shared throughout the diocese and in
many sections of the province, we
record the death on Saturday last of
Rev. J. Reddin, parish priest of St.
Patrick's church, Toronto City. The
death took place after a long illness.
The deceased priest, who was 89 years
of age, was born in Pickering town-
ship. He was educated in St. Michael's
College, Toronto University, and com-
pleted his theological studies in the
Grand Seminary, Montreal. He was
ordained priest in September, 1891,
by the then Archbishop of Montreal.
He was first appointed curate in St.
Paul's parish, Toronto, and in 1895
succeeded to the pastorate of Toronto
Gore. Both in Toronto and the Gore
he endeared himself to the people by
his piety and zeal. He was greatly
loved by his brother priests.

The remains were brought to To-
ronto on Monday and services for the
dead were held in St. Paul's church
in the evening. The Rev. Father
Hand, pastor of the church, preached
a very touching sermon on the many
good qualities of the dead priest. The
body remained in the church until
Tuesday morning, guarded by mem-
bers of the uniformed division of the
Knights of St. John, when Requiem
High Mass was celebrated for the
 repose of the soul. The celebrant was
Father J. C. O'Hara, of Ottawa, the deacon
of the Mass Father Trayling, and the
sub-deacon Father Gallagher, Pick-
ering. Father Hand was master of
ceremonies. His Grace the Arch-
bishop, Vicar-General McEwan, Very
Rev. Father Marjion and Fathers
Murray, Doucous, Fracon, McAl-
lister, Ryan, Treacy, Rolfe, Cruise,
Canning, Carberry, McEwan, Oline,
Camillon, Walsh, Minahan, Lamasoro,
Wuston, Egau, Allan, McEachern
and others were present in the sanc-
tuary. The Archbishop preached the
farewell panegyric. The body was
then taken to Pickering for interment
in the family plot. A large concourse
of people attended the obsequies. The
Knights of St. John attended as a
bodyguard of honor under the com-
mand of Capt. Farley, Lieutenants
McGuin, Byron, Callaghan, Ryan and
twenty-one knights. Major Heffran
and Adjutant Hogan assisted.

Emphasis is laid on the mother
of the deceased priest and to the rela-
tives: Sister Berophia, Lorston Con-
vent, Guelph; Sister Anselma, Lorston
High School, Toronto; Miss Anna
Reddin, Miss Minnie Reddin, Mrs.
Daniel Reddin, Brockton. The Red-
din family gave many of its members
to religion. An aunt of the deceased
priest and three cousins are nuns.
Bishop O'Connor is a cousin, and in
the priesthood and studying for it are
other relatives of the late Father
Reddin. May he rest in peace.

Golden Wedding of Mr. and Mrs.
James J. Mallon.

We take great pleasure in recording
the very happy event that took place at
806 Wellington avenue, on Saturday evening
last, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. J.
Mallon, it being the celebration of their
golden wedding. The order of the day
being Mass, by the Rev. J. L. Hand, of
St. Paul's Church, who also called upon
the happy couple later in the day to pay
his respects.

In the evening a joyous and festive
supper was given and enjoyed very much
by those present, most of whom were
old-time friends. Mr. Mallon is one of
our oldest and most respected citizens,
being one of our oldest city assessors.
We are glad to learn that Mr. Mallon
has just recovered from a very serious
illness and has been spared to celebrate
this joyous event. We take this oppor-
tunity for congratulations and wish the
happy couple the return of many years
of nappy and prosperous life together.
Many handsome presents were received
from their friends.

Particular mention might be made of
a very handsome gold pocket watch with
diamond settings and suitably inscribed,
the very kind gift of the Rev. J. L.
Hand of St. Paul's Church, of which
Mr. Mallon has been a valuable and
willing worker for years past. We
must also make mention of a few
of the beautiful floral offerings:
Golden wedding chrysanthemums
from Mr. and Mrs. O'Byrne. A horse
shoe of chrysanthemums and roses
from Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McDonagh.
A bouquet of the latter kind were
sent by Miss T. Murphy, Mrs. Jas. Larkin
and wife, Miss Murphy, Mrs. P. Martin,

Mr. T. McLaughlin with Mr.
Patrick Hines and Mr. Harry
J. Kay, and wife Mr. M. Egan
an excellent collection of cards and with
Mr. John McLaughlin and wife, Mr.
Mrs. A. J. McDonagh, Mr. Wm. J. Con-
don and wife, Mr. Patrick O'Connor and
wife, Mr. Wm. Wright and wife, Mr. and
Miss O'Byrne, Mrs. and Mrs. M. Waiters.
Mrs. M. J. Morgan won the Ladies'
prize and Mr. Patrick Hines who was
present at the wedding 25 years ago
won the gentlemen's prize.

St. Joseph's Court, 370 held their
annual concert and social in Ding-
man's Hall on Thanksgiving Eve,
Wednesday 24th inst. As usual it
proved to be a magnificent success.
Standing room was at a premium and
many could get no further than the
door. Court 370, has now so com-
pletely advertised their annual concert
that previous events have practically
won the confidence of the public by
the entertainment given. Talent of
rare ability had been secured this year,
doors open at an early hour, Rev. J.
L. Hand, chairman. In selecting their
chairman the committee acted judi-
ciously as the Rev. Father was the
ideal officer on the platform and in
the fulfilling of his part he won credit
for himself and honor to the court,
of which he is also a member. The
officers of the committee, M. Powers,
chairman; P. Shea, secretary; J. W.
Hogan, treasurer, and the committee
as a whole are entitled to the praises
and congratulations of the court for
their successful efforts in this event.
After the concert the social hop fol-
lowed and fully two hundred couples
remained to enjoy themselves to first
class music. As it was an evening to be
spent many did so until nearing the
dawn of day. Many of the Rev.
clergy were present at the concert
and a number of the most distinguish-
ed gentlemen of the city also. A first
class spread was prepared and every-
thing provided for the comfort of the
patrons—M. J. Cannon.

League of the Cross.

The temperance cause is this year
more prominently to the front in the
city of Toronto than it has been for
some years. A few years ago there
were few Catholic temperance societies
in existence here and these had the re-
putation of existing only for excessive
drinkers. But now nearly every
parish in the city can boast of a flour-
ishing branch of the League of the
Cross; and, as a proof that these
branches are no longer looked upon as
societies entirely composed of reform-
ed drunkards, the most respectable
and pushing young Catholic men of
the city are every day joining them.
Last Sunday a well attended meeting
of St. Paul's Branch which was held
in St. Ann's Hall, and this latter
feature—the presence of young men—
was particularly noticeable. Those
present renewed the pledge and stir-
wards were addressed by Rev. Father
Canning, Professor O'Brien and others.
The next meeting will be held on
Sunday, Dec. 5 at 8:30 p.m. A good
program is in course of prepara-
tion for the occasion and a full atten-
dance is requested as the election of
officers for the ensuing year will be
held on that date.—ARTHUR HARRIS,
President.

C. Y. L. A. Notes.

The Catholic Young Ladies Liter-
ary Association met on Tuesday at
the residence of Miss Eleanor Kelly,
Trinity St. After a short business
meeting consisting of the admission of
new members, the name of Miss M.
Soucie was added to the list of dele-
gates to the local council of women.
The fifth canto of Dante's "Inferno"
was read and discussed, after which
Miss Kelly read an excellent paper on
"Fenimore Cooper." After a little
music, the association adjourned, to
meet again on Tuesday evening,
December the seventh, at the home
of Miss N. Quinn, 92 Beaconsfield
Avenue.

BIRTH

At Paris on Thursday, 15th November last,
the wife of Mr. Arthur O'Neil of a son.

DIED

At St. Louis, Mo., on the 30th November, Mr.
Vincent Poy, deceased as brother of J. J. John
and Augustin Poy of this city. The remains
were brought to Toronto and interred in the family
plot, St. Michael's Cemetery. May they rest in peace.

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sion of the Legislature of the Province of
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incorporating the Sisters of St. Joseph
for the Diocese of Toronto in Upper
Canada, being 18 Victoria, Chapter 225,
and its amendment being 25 Victoria,
Chapter 98, by altering and defining the
powers of the said Corporation with
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