

An Explanation.

This issue is a day late because paper ordered on time has gone astray. "It is somewhere between Megantic and St. John."

The excellent paper used this week, and the wire stitching are luxuries which circumstances, in the form of delayed freight, compel us to use. Much as we wish to supply them each week we cannot afford to do so.

We feel sure that our readers will understand the difficulties under which we have labored and will pardon delay. It should not occur again.

P. S.—The MESSENGER AND VISITOR is printed on a sheet of paper larger than that used by any other St. John publication. This week 24,000 impressions were necessary instead of twelve thousand as regularly given.

Book Notices.

THE INSUIT RELATIONS AND ALLIED DOCUMENTS. Vol. V. Quebec 1632-1633. Cleveland: The Burrows Brothers, Publishers.

In this volume we have Document XX and an installment of XXI, continuing Le Jenne's Relation. The narrator after telling of the stormy and dangerous voyage of his company, from France to the St. Lawrence country, proceeds to give his impressions of the country, and to describe the appearance and character of the savage people with whom he, as the new superior of the Canada mission, came in contact. He tells of their friendliness to the French, their shrewdness and ability, their gifts of oratory and their horrible cruelty toward their captives taken in war. The climate Le Jenne describes as very cold in winter and hot in summer. In the Saguenay country, they found on their arrival there about the middle of June, snow and hard frost, but seventeen days later they were suffering from the heat. In his school he has over twenty Indian children whose attainments in scholarship are described. He recounts the legends related to him by the natives about Messou, Manitou and other deities. A description is given of Champlain's return as governor of the colony, and of a conference held by him with the Ottawas on their annual visit to Quebec. These simple narratives of events which occurred in the very beginnings of our country's history, amid scenes and conditions so vastly different from those of the present, have a charm and an interest greater than that of romance. A map of New France accompanies the volume and is of greater interest and value to the reader in connection with this and preceding volumes.

Personal.

Pastor Lavers, of St. George, has been spending a brief vacation, kindly voted him by his people, in Boston, visiting his aged mother, who is the last survivor of the late Rev. Harris Harding's large family. Mrs. Lavers is in very feeble health. Pastor Lavers expected to reach home on Saturday. He reports his own health improved. An interesting letter from his pen will be found in another column.

Acknowledgment.

Kindly permit me to acknowledge the thoughtfulness of our friends from Burden, who following in the train of the Kingsclear donation, assembled at the parsonage on the evening of the 6th inst. and gave us such a pounding that we will not very soon forget it, and yet it was of such a gentle and lovable character, and the material used in the act was of such a nature, that, instead of being bruised from the pounding, we will feel the most pleasant effects for many weeks. After spending the evening in social conversation, and amply satisfying the inner man from a bountifully spread table, the company retired to their respective places of abode. May the kind donors find it a pleasure to treat their Master in their walk through life, in the same fond manner as they do their pastor. F. B. SERLYE. Burden, April 20th, 1897.

Holiness.

These days we hear of holiness preachers and holiness meetings. The fact is, every preacher of the gospel is a holiness preacher; the gospel is the gospel of holiness. Every gospel meeting is a holiness meeting. Holiness is wholeness; it embraces the whole of experimental and practical religion. Holiness embraces the whole of experience and practice from conviction and repentance up to perfect love and constant joy. Holiness is not a branch of Christianity—it is the whole of it. It is not the goal at which Christians should aim; but the atmosphere in which they should live. It is not a supplement to regeneration, but it begins in it. By Christians it is to be kept rather than sought, to be practiced rather than professed. Without holiness no man shall see the Lord, and yet every child of God, however humble and imperfect, shall see the Lord.—Holston Methodist.

Persistence In Temperance Work.

The one thing that I would impress on all those interested in the cause, beyond everything else, is perseverance, whatever scoffs or sneers you may meet with; perseverance, whatever opposition may come; perseverance, however often you may be defeated. You may be defeated again and again, and statesmen may pour cold water on your efforts in abundant streams, but in spite of cold water still go on. Persevere! It may happen in a very little time we may turn the streams back again, and make those who have given us cold water find that it is boiling hot. We shall, in the course of time, make statesmen understand that their government of this country is very much bound up with their dealings with such evils as these, and unless they are willing to take their part in handling such difficulties as are constantly besetting us, they will find that their hold upon the affections, the esteem, the regard, and what is more to them than all else, the following of the people, is lost, never to be regained.—Archbishop of Canterbury.

The recent discovery of tuberculosis in a valuable Kings county herd of cattle convinced Mr. William Shaw, M. P., that all stock should be inspected. As a result he had Dr. Frink, veterinary officer, examine his herd. The inspection was made only a few days ago and two valuable animals were found infected and had to be slaughtered. The rest of the herd was free from the dread disease. Dr. Frink, talking to a Globe reporter, expressed the belief that tuberculosis was very prevalent among cattle in this province. It is possible the government will take steps to have a general inspection. One man thought the Provincial government, instead of making a cattle importation, should devote the money to reimbursing those who are compelled to slaughter valuable animals because of the disease.—Globe.

ATHENS, April 25, (noon).—It is useless to deny that a very gloomy view of the war prospects is taken here by the better informed. There are, however, no signs of a panic. The city exhibits an attitude of dignified endurance, while it may still show an abated enthusiasm for fight. This symptom is noticeable among the wounded at Athens. Their one desire seems to be healed in order that they may rejoin the colors. Naturally this spirit is much fostered by the confirmation of the reports that the Turks have burned the Greek wounded in a church at Kurtzlovali. The Turks lighted fires on the bodies of the wounded Greeks. Many of the Greek wounded implored their comrades to kill them; others committed suicide.

Canadian Cold Storage.

We are pleased to be able to announce that arrangements for cold storage service from Canada to Great Britain have been practically completed by Hon. Mr. Fisher, Minister of Agriculture. The lines of steamers with whom arrangements are made are: The Elder-Dempster Co., Montreal to Avonmouth; the Allan and Thompson lines, weekly, Montreal to London; the Allan and Dominion lines, weekly, Montreal to Liverpool; with possibly the Allan and Thompson lines weekly to Glasgow; also the Furness line, from St. John, N. B., and Halifax, N. S., to either Liverpool or London fortnightly.

The main lines of railroads in the country will run refrigerator cars to Montreal, St. John and Halifax, by which perishable food products will be carried from all over the country to the ports of shipment. It is proposed to have in Montreal this summer an officer, who will supervise the transference of these products from rail to the ship—a very judicious provision. There are cold storage warehouses in Montreal, and there will be one in Halifax, and probably St. John, at which these products can be held until a ship is ready to receive them. We understand the Minister has offered to make an arrangement with people in Toronto to have a warehouse there and one in Charlottetown, P. E. I. In this way it is believed the temperature in which our perishable products will be held can be controlled from the point of shipment to the English harbors. Butter, eggs, dead meat, and fruit are the chief articles expected to make use of these arrangements; cheese will, during the hot weather, probably also be sent in cold storage.

The inquiries that have been made as to this accommodation indicate that even greater demand will be made upon the space than was anticipated, and we trust with confidence that at the end of the first season there will be a cry for more accommodation.—Farmer's Advocate.

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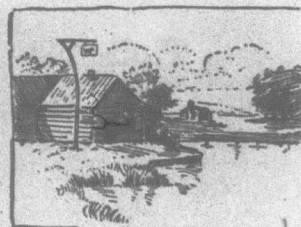
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Dated at St. John, N. B., April 28, 1897.

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