

—Pray for the Poor Souls in Purgatory. They are in excruciating pain, and are unable to help themselves. To release them from their misery is really the noblest charity.

—In East India some queer trees grow that the natives called Chaulmoogra. The only thing about the tree that was any good was the seed. Long ago it was discovered that the oil secreted by these seeds gives relief to those suffering from leprosy. Now comes the news that Dr. A. L. Dean, president of the University of Hawaii has invented a refining process which brings out the oil from the seed perfectly pure and capable of curing leprosy. It's a sure cure. The other day twenty lepers were discharged as cured. Their blood, their entire system is free from the least taint of leprosy. Of course their bodies still bear the scars left by the dreadful disease.

—Wonderful word "Chaulmoogra"! Word long unnoticed by men, now suddenly come into prominence, to be the greatest boon to suffering humanity. Yes, there is no doubt, every evil, every wrong, has its Chaulmoogra!

New Religious Order.

On Tuesday morning, Oct. 7th, the stately Basilica of Notre Dame d'Ottawa in Canada's Capital was the scene of a beautiful and unique event, i. e. the birth of a new Religious Community, to be known as the Sisters of the Institute Joan of Arc, which has for its object one of the most important phases of social and Catholic life, the protection and care of young girls away from home.

The Ceremony, conducted by the Venerable Archbishop of Ottawa, the Right Rev. Charles Gauthier, assisted by the Canons of the Cathedral, the Revs. Plantin and Campeau, was most impressive. Five young ladies took the habit and vows of the new community, and three the postulants' veil in the presence of a large number of relatives, friends and visiting clergy, including the Rev. Canon LeBel of Paris, France, Lady Laurier, Lady Pope, Mdme. J. A. Pinard and other women prominent in the good works and social life of the Capital.

Sister St. Thomas Aquinas, the Foundress and first Superior is a true daughter of France, who came to Ottawa some four years ago with the approval and blessing of the archbishop to conduct a home for young girls, and, like the proverbial mustard seed, the good work has spread and the institution has twice been obliged to enlarge its quarters, until today we have in Ottawa an institution unique among Catholic activities, a home, which is really a home for the young. During the past summer the Sisters received their Approbation from the Holy Father, and are now a duly authorised Religious Community.

Short as is the history of The Joan of Arc it is full of encouragement. The new building, opened in January last by Lady Blanche Cavendish, daughter of the Governor General, is complete and up to date in every particular, with bright, well appointed dining and sleeping apartments, and also contains a large and airy saloon, equipped with piano, stage, etc. where are given frequent exhibitions of the dramatic and musical talents of the young girls of the house, both English and French speaking and these little entertainments form an important factor in "keeping the girls in the house," especially during the long winter evenings.

The Sisters, in addition to providing for the housing and feeding of some seventy-two boarders, also conduct day and evening classes in almost every subject; most of those recently taking the habit of this new community are Normal School Graduates, so that their instruction is fully up standard in every particular.

Catholic Convention in Holland.

HOLLAND. — It is probably known among the readers of Catholic newspapers that the Catholic party in Holland came out of the last national elections as the strongest. Lately it was felt among the leaders that a general Catholic Convention of all their forces was needed to discuss the viewpoint on burning questions—political, social and spiritual. Provincial conventions had taken place yearly, but this was to be a national general convention. At the call of the bishops the meeting took place at Utrecht, Sept. 23, 24 and 25. It was attended by the Archbishop of Utrecht and the four bishops of Holland, the four ministers of the Christian cabinet (the ministers of State, War, Labor and of Naval Affairs) the Catholic members of Parliament, the leaders of labor-unions as well as the heads of the employers' associations, and clerics and laymen. A telegram of the Holy Father to the convention expressed his interest in the good work and urged the dissemination of the ideas expounded in his letter on peace as a remedy and a cure of the manifold social and spiritual evils of today. It goes without saying that the Holy Father's request was heeded and his peace letter and the famous "Rerum Novarum" were made the chief points of discussion. Christian Solidarity or Christian Democracy was the motto of the convention. The discussion on the Catholic Press was of paramount interest. The Catholic dailies are considered the efficient instrument for the dissemination of Catholic principles and ideas.

How To Prepare Furs For Market

Wrong methods of skinning, stretching and drying pelts cause the loss of thousands of dollars to trappers every year. The right methods to follow are just as easy if you know them—and here they are.

Skimming methods are of two kinds, "casing" and "open." Casing means peeling the skin off whole. Open means ripping the skin down the belly.

Animals which should be cased are the following: Mink, marten, weasel, opossum, fox, fisher, skunk, civet, muskrat, wild cat, otter, lynx, wolf and wolverine. Open skinning should be used with coon, badger, beaver, bear and cougar.

The following skins, before they become too dry, should be turned fur side out for shipping: Fox, lynx, fisher, wolf, marten, wolverine and wild cat. Leave the others, which are cased, pelt side out.

To case a skin, cut from the root of the tail down the inside of each hind leg to the foot. Then pull the skin carefully over the body and head. The tail should be skinned and the bone removed, except for muskrat and opossum. These two can be cut off, as they are worthless. Skinning is made easier by suspending the carcass from something, doing this by means of a strong cord tied around the hind legs. Draw the skin from the front legs. Cut off the ears—downward toward the head. Cut the skin loose about the nose and eyes.

In using the open method, cut from point of jaw to vent, also down back hind legs and inside of front legs. Lynx, mountain lion, bear—which are valuable for rugs or mounting—should be skinned on the legs clear to the toes, leaving the claws attached. Smaller animals, valuable only as furs, may have the legs cut off.

Be sure so clean every bit of flesh and fat from the skins, using extreme care to avoid cutting.

Steel stretchers, which can be had in just the right shape for

different skins, give the best results. If you do not use these, and do not know from experience the shape and size to make board stretchers, by all means write to one of the big fur houses for information. Improper stretching may make skins almost valueless.

When the skins are on the stretchers, put them in a cool, dry place—never in the sun or near the fire. Dry them just enough to prevent shrinking and wrinkling. If you find that a skin has become too dry to turn, soften a little with a damp cloth. But be sure to let the dampened spots dry out before shipping.

Do not use patented preparations for curing—just the natural drying.

This matter of preparing skins is extremely important and it will mean many more dollars in your pocket to secure some trapping book which goes into full detail about it. Or, as suggested, write to a fur house, advertising in this paper, for information. They are interested in getting furs in perfect condition and will be glad to tell you how.

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