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of the English Speaking Catholics of Montreal and of this Province consulted their best interests, they would soon make of the TRUE WITNESS one of the most prosperous and powerful Catholic papers in this country. I heartily bless those who encourage this excellent wori.

I PAUL, Archbishop of Montreal.

SATURDAY..... SEP TEMBER 30, 1899.

CIVIC AFFAIRS.

We do we punder over the asice ages we have had during the door decade or two or the certains and upon the opportunities that we have in one way or another lost, we must remember that the present is in our hands and that in proportion as a make it a period of activity are exdeavor shall be our prospects in the future. This is the Macceptable time"; this is the turning point for many; this is the golden opportunit; that comes but once in the life of man, and but seldom in the life of as people.

Coming down at once, from general coasideration of our duty at 11. special time, we feel that we cannot too strongly appeal to our co-religionists and fellow-countrymen, to put forth their every effort to turn (1) present advantages into guarantees of buttre prosperity and success. In every sphere is this a necessity, and in hore more pronouncedly so that In our civic affairs. We will, therefore ask our readers to follow closely our few remarks, as we state some plane facts and draw some logical coaches

Owing to the redistribution of aidermanic seats, in Montreal, in virtue of the new charter which will fin! its first application in the civic elections of 1900, a state of affairs is created, that, to the "True Witness" appears of the very highest importance in as far as Irish Catholics are concerned. It is no vain boast to say that we have unceasingly fought for the cause that now seems to have a fair chance of success; we have urged, we have pleaded, we have warned, we have almost begged for a union of our forces, and for thorough organization. Long since have we foreseen that which circumstances, and the natural results of the city's development and progress, are bringing so rapidly and surely about to-day. Of all the changes that are on the eve of taking place, none is more important than that of increased civic representation. In presence of such a magaillicent opportunity, of opening the coming century with a fresh impetus and an augmented influence, we can pertinently ass if the Irish Catholic element is ready to take full advantage of the situation. or not, We believe that, in this direction, some efforts have been made by a few of our leading men; but individual action-howspever enthusiastic, or determined-can but ill supply the Place of united codeavor.

What is absolutely necessary is crganization. We are not organized: otherwise our century-marking chance will pass away, and our future will be even less promising than has ever been, in its worst days, our past. There are some who may think that we are presuming to an unwarranted degree in offering suggestions in this connection; but it must be remembered that this paper is the only true | tions upon the very regrettable prac- | leadership and a leaders surges up mouth-piece of our people, that while tice of throwing rice at the newly and swells before us into an importindividuals may speak to scores, we married couples. He spake of the cusaddress thousands. It is our bounden tom as one that was tinged with duty, under such circumstances, to pagan superstition, and that was at make such suggestions as we deem variance with all the respect due to reject them, to modify thom, or de marks of the wise pastor were accept- is generally recognized that one calvelop them, to put them into prace od in that true Catholic spirit which | culated to occupy such a station in tice either in their entirety, or in has even characterized our people; regard to his fellow-countrymen tory for the French-Canadian element the same as with our own McGill, in mocrat, N. Y.

ly we connectice this week, with the entry will be called upon to nominal :

we to organize? Here many different tention of some parties to call hints may be given but for the pro-public caucas of the Irish electors sent we offer the following symbols: to choose a representative, and to any amendments that wiser cones possible to make it manimott. To ate selection of a man whose social sels may offer. Let our people held my mind that is the proper way. Hochelaga, and St. Denis. In all whom we know to have Irish more as far as the entire city is concerned? these district --- they are a good- ests at heart." business-like manner.

does not meet with general approba- our article, on the same subject, in that organ, we recalled the words of tion, then let others suggest one, or our last number—that we deem it the same honorable gentleman, as podies, such as the Church wardens the communication above quoted. We have served Montreal as Mayor for our first suggestion.

But no matter what the course adopted may be, there is one thing positive-the action to be taken must be immediate. As will be seen by an article, in another column, upon the come when we must either awaken the fate that will be of our own ere-

self-sacrifice. All minor interests, individual ambitions, and personal the necessity-in every sphere-of a to offer any sacrifice required of him for the greater good of the whole over the story of the Old Land to people. There is a generosity that savors of the heroic when practised at the expense of one's own aspirations and when exercised without even a remote expectation of general recognition. Let each one resolve, at this moment, to merge all other dethe result will be incalculable-organization perfect, action immediate, success inevitable!

A PAGAN PRACTICE.

Not long since the Rev. Pastor of St. l'atrick's made strong observa-

taking a stand against this custom. sense, he should be a man to whom ation. But we do not believe His are endowed, the more money the Rev. Father acted purely and all would look up with entire con- Honor is serious in his contention. simply in accord with the dictates of fidence in his integrity, ability and In reply to the question regarding want. The average American college a sacrament to the level of a com- in mon or ordinary human ceremony or ic

countenances such practices :

He said that it was a disrespect to him. Give us an organization, and with the combined forces of these the sacrament of margimony and a leader, and we claim that the next three great factors in public affairs. from both students and property that be had determined that it century will witness such prosperity demonstrate in a practical manner, owned, American universities receive should be stopped.

of face tried to decourage the and tow most symbol is into be heritage of equal rights and absolute which must ultimately prove thatmake stopped." he said. "If there liberty, Is now he read it here her I proposto each near firety and buye them proreal at weblings to emed the lies

The claimed that it was discurred able together to resort to such me. age, but that he full become one Association in was no districted puror solven, everyout

A LEADER REQUIRED.

written as a very tensky letter. . . which, amongst other things he say

"The time is fast approaching who Some acceptable marner. Consequents the Local Catholic electors of the an Irih Catholic for the Wayoralty . . . I have heard it is the a

any election. Let each of these meets going letter suggests, we will dedic- devising ways and means of securing ings select a number of delegates to ate a separate article, in this issue for our people their inalienable alities and reflections to the practice, attend a general meeting, at which to its consideration. So important rights in every department of public the whole civic situation—as far a , has the issue become — mainly , affairs, our interests are concerned-may by through the fact that the English When we read the comments of La considered in a broad, patriotic and and French daily press of the cry; Patrie on our editorial of last week have apparently been considerably and the remarks of Mayor Prefor-If this plan -- thus roughly drawn -- moved, each in its own direction, by taine, regarding the same matter, in express their views. Our columns are well to deal fully and exhaustively given in the "Daily Witness" open to any correspondence pertinent with at in this week's "True Witto this subject. In our five parish- ness." However, there is another, not Mayor Prefortaine said: es there are many standing executive less interesting matter styrred up by of the various parishes; or the differ- i may be lacking in many minor re- two years, and as far as he was ent committees that have been called quisites of success in civic affairs, concerned he would insist upon the into existence by the pastors; or the but these can be easily supplied. League of United Irish Societies that What we really need most is a least between the various sections of the has made its influence for good be er. By this statement we do not community under which representafelt on more than one occasion in re- wish to be understood that any re- tives of the various nationalities fillcent times; or any other associations | flection is east upon our present re- ed the office of Mayor in rotation. It -whose members might meet and presentatives in the Council, because was the turn of the Irish people to take action on the lines given out in we know them to be men of honesty elect a Mayor after his term had exand integrity, who have done much pired." to advance the cause we have so much at heart.

Napoleon once made the remark, when referring to the organization of a special army, that it was not Mayoralty question the time has men that he needed, but "a man." There are always enough of active to the full realization of the situa- | men to constitute the rank and file; tion, or else for all time close up often there are too many Lieutenour voices and silently bow down to ants, Captain and Commanders of various minor grades; but "the man," the leader-in-chief, the one to Then let us have organization; and whom all eyes instinctively turn at let it be immediate! To secure this the moment of any important crisisthere is one grand essential-it is such a leader we have not. Experience as well as history, can teach us feelings must be effaced. Each one, head, a chief, a director. No cause in his own sphere, must be prepared can be successful without one. And we Irish people have but to glance discover how true is this contention. The next few years contain many

vital problems for the consideration of our people. These may concern representation in civic affairs; or our rights in the various departments of the public service; or our educationsires in the one grand cause, and al necessities; our commercial interests. But no matter in what light we regard the situation, and no matter what phase of our national existence may be affected, one grand and paramount fact stares us in the face the necessity-of a leader. As a consequently of the coming changes to which we make lengthy reference in another column, this question of ance that is not at first sight fully realized.

> It is not for us to now occupy the attention of our readers with an es-

duty. The Church is opposed to all spirit. That such a leader is not at his intention of being a candidate or university loses money, so to such practices which tend to reduce present at the head of our forces, and Mr. Prefontaine said. "I have notic speak, on every student; and this active service transaction. In connection with this are confident that he is to be found. friends." In plain English this means posed that the aim of every educatisubject we may quote what one of and easily found in our ranks. Surely that he intends to seek a second onal institution is to get us many our exchanges tells regarding the vig- amongst 40,000 to 50,000 Irish-Ca- term. The sooner we realize the fact students as possible. As a matter of orous action of an American priest. tholics in this city, we can produce that the present Mayor proposes be- fact, however, the problem in the The following is evidence that one man possessing all the requising a candidate for the next term most popular American university is neither in one country nor in another ites and qualifications of a leader, the better for all concerned. The Ir- to keep out large numbers of studer does the Church approve of or We have appealed for organization ; ish Catholic element must act with ents. The plan ordinarily resorted to "Rev. Charles P. Gillen, pastor of to be taken by such organization - must lose no time in securing the dents within the limits that the in-St. Joseph's Catholic church, Patter- for we are going to have it at once co-operation of that large and in stitution can afford to receive is to son, N.J., denomined from the alter -should be the selecting of "the fluential class of French-Canadians raise the cost of tuition or to in-Sunday the practice of throwing rice man," and once he is chosen, he which has ever been friendly to- crease the requirements for entrance.

THE MAYORALTY.

Under this heading we published an article in our last issue which evidently struck the right chard; at all events it has awakened considerable comment, much approbation, and a little criticism, according to the tiews of the different organs-Engash or French-- which have touched gion the subject, it is now time cost a few pertinent questions should be asked and a plain assertion made, An Irish-Catholic Mayor will hold

office during the next term; all fairmended French-Canadians say so ; a torge number of Protestants Say so. Now, let us plainly ask, do the brish-Catholics say so? zf they do, is It their intention to support their assertion by practical efforts, by a union of forces, and by the immediposition, intellectual attainments. meetings in each of the following. . . . We move to be able to see and financial strength constitute him wards; St. Gabriel's, St. Ann's, St. ect a thoroagmy representative Ir so in every sense, a worthy representa-Anthony's, St. Lawrence, St. Louis. Catholic, one who has always identis tive of our people, and a useful as West, Centre, St. James, St. Mary'r. fied himself with his countrymen and well as ornamental chief magistrate These questions not unnaturally flash ly number-sufficiently strong to 'In regard to the question of an Ir- through the minds of men who have hold the balance of power in almost lish Catholic Mayor, which the fore- devoted both time and thought to

· February 13th last. On that occa

"It was honor enough for him to observance of the tacit understanding

Not seeing any valid reason why His Honor should have changed his attitude, as well as his sentiments, in this regard, and being desirous to know the whole truth about the matter, a representative of the "True Witness" called upon Mr. Prefontaine and plainly asked him if he had been correctly reported in La Patrie of the 26th instant. The question was evaded, and the only reply obtainable was: "I could not say." Then when asked what his attitude was. at present, regarding the Irish people and their claim to the coming term His Honor said: "I have no attitude towards the Irish people; I have been their friend and wish to continue so. It has been advanced that there should be a French Mayor, an English Protestant Mayor, and an Irish Catholic Mayor every two years; this I do not admit is a fair way of dealing with the question, as in that case the French-speaking :people which represents seventy-five percent. which represents seventyifive percent. of the citizens would only be repressented every six years."

Here is a flat contradiction what the same gentleman stated as his view of the situation in February last. We are at a loss to know what has transpired during the past seven months to cause the Mayor of Montreal to undergo such a revolution of sentiment. As far as matters of a public nature are concerned, we can see nothing at all; we are, thereforescen last winter. If Mayor Prefontaine's reasoning of to-day and every sphere throughout the Domin- \$1,000,000 each. ion, it would prove very unsatisfac-

but it must be remembered that, in should be fully equipped in every in the direction of Federal represent- Montreal—the more liberally,

red to the affect at all the masses, ations should be allowed to excuse out and so active in this city-and course to those means, and success attending our fellow- to Mr. Prefontaine that it is a dan- large amounts year after year from al prosperity. The history of Montreal's Mayorel-

ty is studded with the names of distinguished Irish-Catholics whose presence in office has left an impress of patriotic endeavor and spirited avtion upon the heart of our chy's rie and expansion. Are we, then, to be denied the privileges, or curculed in the rights of the past, simply because ambitions--personal or otherwise --sway the movements of the present occupant of the Chief Magistreev ? A lack of evidence as to our people's ability to fulfil acceptably to all the duties of certain offices, has been unjustly advanced in other lands, as a reason for their political ostracism; we to be told in Canada, that same unfair treatment is due them on account of the pronounced ability displayed by their representa-

tives in other days? We had hoped that expanding Mainreal, with the development of her industries, the improvement in the beauty and solidity of her construcopportunities, which of late years ever again need—to speak out—as occasion.

Was our hope a delusion? It remains for the next few months to decide that question.

Possibly a note of warning to certain city journals, that spasmodically undertake to plead our cause, may FEAST OF THE HOLY ROSARY not be untimely.

The effort to prove their passing interest in the Irish Catholic people ion Square), on Sunday next, Octmay be over-done! Let sincerity mark such advocacy, or else let the recog- the Mass and Vespers : nized voice of our fellow-countrymen be allowed to state their case as they gin Mary, in E flat, by Prof. J. A. would have it presented!

In urging a just claim we have no desire to clash with the rights and interests of any other section of the and community. All we seek, as far as the civic situation goes, is to secure a fair share of that representation which is the birthright of every class in the country; all we desire is to be allowed to do our part in the grand work of building up this city's future, to be permitted to enjoy a proportionate opportunity of contributing to the advancement, glory, and prosperity of our native, or our adopted land. We wish to co-operate with our fellow-citizens of every race and of every creed in the magnificent enterprise of making Montreal the city of great commercial, industrial, and educational achievements.

To gratify this legitimate and patriotic ambition, we cannot afford to sacrifice one iota of our rights in matters of civic representation!

AMERICAN COLLEGES.

An idea of the heavy odds against which Catholic colleges in the United States have to struggle in their battle for faith and principle is afforded by an examination of the financial condition of secular educational institutions in that country. As a writer in the New York Sun recently observed, in the United States "the business of college education is one of the great business enterprises of I. P. the country." The colleges and universities there have 175,000 students and represent an invested capital of \$250,000,000. Counting the amount paid out by students themselves, and the amount expended in their behalf fore, forced to the conclusion that by the colleges, the total sum paid there must have arisen some person- out for college education in the al contingency that was entirely un- | great republic is about \$100,000,000 a year. Seven institutions alone possess property worth \$81,000,000, or proper, and it is, then, the right of the grand sacrament which the mar- say upon the various qualifications new method of calculating public an average of \$13,000,000 each. Their the people to either accept them. or ried ones had received. The timely re- that such a leader should possess. It rights were to obtain in all places, in annual income is \$7,500,000, or over

With the American Colleges it is

spend and the more money they in civ- ing to say on the matter at present has resulted in an extraordinary conaffairs, we admit; but we . . . I am in the hands of my dition of things. It is generally supnow we ask that the very first step that certainty before their eyes, and in order to keep the number of stuat newly wedded courses in and are should be obliged to accept the com- wards us and the sympathy of the Harvard, Yale, and indeed nearly all out newly account the reserve than the personal or other consider- fair-minded Protestants-so numer- the large universities have had re-

> In addition to their large incomes countrymen and co-religionists, that gerous thing to attempt the creation wealthy philanthropic individuals, their children will enjoy a chorious of a precedent, the consequences of Mrs. Leland Stanford's recent gift of \$10,000,000 to the University of trous to existing harmony and general California supplemented a previous gift of \$3,500,000. This endowment fund of \$13,500,000 places that institution second in the rank of wealthy American secutar Colleges, the first being the Girard College, of Philadelphia, the endowment fund of which is at present \$15,000,000. During the past year these secular American colleges received \$28,000,-000 in individual gifts.

In the administration of American secular colleges the present tendency is to have at the head of each a man of business ability as well as of broad scholarship, Columbia | led the way in this movement of putting Seth Low at the head of its affairs. A generation ago a man like Low, who had made his career in business, never would have have been thought of for such a place. Presidents Schurman of Cornell, Angell of Michigan, Harper of Chicago, and Jordan of California, were all college professors being appointed to their present positions. But they had all proved that tions, the ever broadening horizon of they were successful administrate ors, as is shown by the fact that has engirdled her, would experience they all have been called upon to a proportionate enlargement of sympathies, augmentation of tolerance The appointment of President Hadand justice, and that no section of ley to be President of Yale, is underher cosmopolitan community would stood to be due to the belief that that university has suffered from a plainly and to urge as strongly for lack of business enterprise, and needs its rights, as we have been compeil- a clever business man to direct its ed by circumstances to do on this affairs. The prevalent policy of the directors of secular American colleges is to make wach more and more a business undertaking, conducted on strict business principles and arriving at its results by business meth-

At St. James' Cathedral (Dominober 1st, Feast of the Holy Rosary, the following will be the music of

10 a.m .- "Mass of the Blessed Virof St. Patrick's Fowler, organist Church. At the Offertory: ' solo, by the same author. Maria,

7.15 p.m. - Vespers, Benediction English sermon, Schaller's Psalms. G. Conture's "Cor Jesu"; "Saint-Saens," duett for two tenors. Lex Domini Immaculata"; Leclercy's "Ave Maris Stella"; A. Guilmant's "Tantum Ergo," for bass solo and chorus.

Soloists: Messrs. Ed. Lebel, Ant. Destroismaisons, M. Langlois, Duquette, E. Guillemette.

REQUIEM MASSES.

A solemn High Mass was celebrated in the Chapel of the Deaf and Dumb Institute on the 27th inst., for the repose of the soul of the late

Mrs. Henry Kavanagh. On Tuesday next, the 3rd October, another Mass will be said for the repose of her soul in the Chapel the Nazareth Institute for the Blind. Mrs. Kavanagh had been a benefactress of both institutions.

THE LATE MR. J. O. NEVILLE.

Another old Irish Catholic resident of Montreal passed away a few days ago in the person of Mr. J. O. Neville. He was well known in the circles of our Irish National Societies. and always took a deep interest in all matters concerning his native land. A large concourse of citizens attended the funeral, which took place on Thursday afternoon to the Cote des Neiges Cemetery. To Mrs. Neville and family the "True Witness" offers its deep sympathy in the great loss they have sustained. -R.

THE BROTHERS' SCHOOLS.

We would never tire writing about the excellence of the schools conducted by the Christian Brothers. We know that these schools will go on increasing with the needs of education, and we are reassured and full of hope for the future of their schools and the welfare of the boys entrusted to the care of the good Brothers, from whose hands they will receive all that can he had in education and which will enable them to compete with the students not only of the public schools, but with the graduates of some colleges.—Sunday 1'e-