

AN AWFUL CATASTROPHE.

East St. Louis Express Crashes Through a Bridge—Nine Lives Sacrificed.

St. GEORGE, Ont., February 27.—Never in the history of western Ontario since the DeJardin canal accident, has the population been thrown into such a state of excitement...

As near as can be ascertained the accident happened in the following manner:—The train broke just as the train passed the station, causing the rails to spread as it proceeded.

THE LIST OF THE DEAD.

The following is a list of the killed:—George Leggett, of Mitchell, Ont. W. M. Wemp, of London, Ont. Dr. Swan A. W. Francis, of Woodstock, Ont.

THOSE WHO ARE INJURED.

The names of the wounded are: Thos. L. Donaty, the temperance lecturer. Mrs. and Miss Jennings, of Paris, Ont.

THE WORK OF RESCUE.

The town is wild with excitement and special trains have brought delegations from various towns to witness the scene.

AN APPALLING SCENE.

The scene of the wreck is appalling. On one part of the bridge are a number of ties heaped together, and some of them splintered to atoms.

MISSION IN ST. ANICET.

The construction of our new church having been completed, which is much admired as a gem of architectural beauty, our worthy parish priest, the Rev. Father Beaujean, ever zealous in his ministrations, decided to give his parishioners the benefit of a mission.

Accordingly, having communicated with the Redemptorists Fathers of St. Ann's, Montreal, those indefatigable missionaries kindly acquiesced to the solicitations of our reverend pastor to conduct the mission, and acquitted themselves of that sacred and important duty in a manner very edifying, and in every way satisfactory.

HIS LORDSHIP'S REPLY.

His Lordship made an eloquently of about an hour's duration. After expressing his pleasure in being with the Trenton congregation, His Lordship thanked the Committee for the kind words written of him in the address.

THE GIRL WHO LIVED ON WATER SINCE CHRISTMAS DAY, 1881.

To the Editor of THE TRUE WITNESS:—Sir, Miss Bidard, a French-Canadian girl of St. Patrick's Hill, in Trenton, has just returned from Boston, where she was accompanied by her father, Ambrose Bidard.

IMPORTANT CEREMONY AT TRENTON, ONT.

His Lordship the Bishop of Kingston Bleses the New Organ in Father Walsh's Beautiful Church—An Address from the Congregation—His Lordship's Reply.

Early in the present month Rev. E. J. Walsh, the zealous pastor of Trenton mission, had Messrs. S. E. Warren & Son, of Toronto to place in the Church of St. Peter-in-Chains, Trenton, a magnificent pipe organ.

THE ADDRESS.

To the Most Reverend James Vincent Cleary, S. T. D. Bishop of Kingston.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR LORDSHIP:

On behalf of the congregation we extend to your Lordship a most cordial welcome on the occasion of your first official visit to Trenton mission since your return from the S. of Rome in June last.

TWO LONDONERS KILLED.

LONDON, February 27.—About thirty tickets were purchased at the station here by passengers on the St. Louis express this afternoon, and when the accident to the train was reported it caused great excitement throughout the city.

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GLASGOW LINE. During the season of Winter Navigation steamers will be despatched regularly from Glasgow for Boston, and regularly from Boston to Glasgow, as follows: From Boston: Siberian, Saturday, Feb. 13. Sardinian, Saturday, Feb. 14. Sardinian, Saturday, Feb. 15. Sardinian, Saturday, Feb. 16. Sardinian, Saturday, Feb. 17. Sardinian, Saturday, Feb. 18. Sardinian, Saturday, Feb. 19. Sardinian, Saturday, Feb. 20.

TRAVELERS' EXPENSES. In support of this contention of the Times there are almost unlimited wealth and almost absolute executive power, controlling a more than Russian police force. On the other side, the bill must be paid by a few not very wealthy, Irish members aided by voluntary subscriptions. Yet they must not only pay eminent counsel, able to deal with the law, but also the expenses of England, in the shape of postage of many witnesses when their turn comes to produce evidence. It has been stated in the press that the Times & Co.'s expenses—notwithstanding their advantages through the police, maintained by the taxpayers—were £100 per day. And their side of the case is not for each of the English, but for each of the "Tribunals" who pay for all this out of their journalistic treasury. But neither wealthy classes nor a powerful executive assist in presenting the other side of the case, which may cost as much and whose presentation is necessary to the interest of justice. Under all these circumstances I venture to appeal to Canadians who are not of Irish race, on behalf of what is called the "Parnell Defence Fund," but what should be called the "Defence of Ireland Fund."