

DOWN BY THE SEA.

New Churches to be Erected in Prince Edward Island.

Social Features—An Active Crusade Against Street-walking.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

SUMMERSIDE, P. E. I., February 10.—Left to themselves, without proper parental restraint, children are pretty apt to run to mischief and to get into trouble. This is particularly the case in seaport towns, like those of Prince Edward Island, where street walking by the young, after night, is one of the social evils that has to be combatted. It is painful to note the number of boys (some of whom imagine themselves men, since they can smoke and swear like man-o-war sailors) and slips of girls, all in their early teens, to be met with on the streets at late hours of the night, when they should be at home instead of graduating into circles which they ought to avoid as they would a plague stricken district. So intolerable has this nuisance become in Charlottetown that a "Curfew-by-law has been passed by the City Council.

The same nuisance exists in Summerside, and the "Curfew bell" is also talked of here. It is to be hoped, for the sake of the young folks who are not looked after at home as they should be, that the proposal will ere long materialize.

A few evenings ago a large and thoroughly representative audience enjoyed a genuine literary and historical treat, when Hon. F. de St. C. Brecken, assistant Post Office Inspector and ex-M.P., Charlottetown, lectured in the C.M.B.A. hall, Summerside, under the auspices of Branch 215, on "Bonnie Prince Charlie." Mr. Brecken's narrative of the landing of Prince Charlie, the uprising of 1745 and the battles of Prestonpans and Culloden Moor, the escape of the Prince—through the devoted assistance of Flora Macdonald—to the Continent and his subsequent wanderings there, his closing years and his death, was told in a manner that awakened the keenest interest of the audience, while they were charmed and delighted with the way in which he interwove incident and anecdote, and portrayed the intense devotion and fidelity of the Highlanders to their unfortunate hero. The hon. gentleman's peroration, in which he described the last resting place of Prince Charlie in St. Peter's at Rome, was inspiring.

At the close of the lecture Mr. Brecken was tendered and fittingly acknowledged a hearty vote of thanks, which was moved by Rev. D. J. G. Macdonald, seconded by Mr. Neil Macleod, and supported by Rev. D. M. Macdonald (Tigish) and Hon. W. G. Strong, all of whom spoke in the highest terms of the effort.

Mr. Brecken's lecture was the first we have had in Summerside this season.

This year promises to be more than usually active in church building on Prince Edward Island, and several new churches will ere long replace as many old and antiquated edifices that have become too small to accommodate the respective congregations.

The most important of these structures is of course the new cathedral at Charlottetown, which was begun last spring, and of which the basement and outer walls have already been built. It is being constructed of grey stone, and when finished it will be the handsomest building in the city, and will have cost from \$100,000 to \$125,000, or even more. The contractors for the erection of the building and towers are Messrs. Paquet & Godbout, Quebec, and their contract price is \$59,995. This, however, does not include any work on the interior, which will form a separate contract, and for which tenders will be called later. The receipts on the building fund, up to January 10th, 1897, when the accounts were balanced, amounted to \$42,433.33, and the expenditure to \$40,584.42, leaving a balance on hand of \$1,848.91. The expenditure, in detail, was as follows:

Secretary's salary, etc.	\$ 182.98
Removal old cathedral	1,175.34
Advertising for tenders new cathedral	68.80
R. P. Lemay, inspector	640.00
F. X. Berliquet, architect, on account plans, etc.	1,000.00
Canadian Bridge and Iron Co., steel work	5,940.00
Paquet & Godbout—on account	31,584.30
Total	\$40,591.42

The beautiful Church of St. Mary's, Indian River, was last summer struck by lightning, which set it on fire, and it was burned to the ground. Preparations are now being made and money collected for rebuilding, but it is not probable that the construction of the new church will begin until the summer of 1898. The new church will be built of wood, and will be a handsome specimen of ecclesiastical architecture.

The parishioners of St. Malachi's, Kinross, are preparing to build a new church. Although they have a good deal of money and material on hand, they will not begin actual building operations before 1898, as they wish to have sufficient funds on hand to go right ahead when they undertake the work of construction. Messrs. Berliquet & Lemay are at present engaged upon the plans, which are expected to come to hand some time this month. They have instructions to make the specifications for a wooden building costing about \$11,000, to seat about seven hundred people, and with organ and choir gallery only. If, upon seeing the plans the parishioners decide upon a brick church, new plans will be made accordingly. Mr. Lemay advises against a clerestory, as he thinks it better to put the extra cost of that style of building towards beautifying the interior.

The energetic and popular pastor of St. Malachi's, Rev. John J. Macdonald, is one of the most hospitable of Prince Edward Island's sons.

The old wooden church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, at Fifteen Point, is to be replaced by a handsome brick church, costing, when complete, about \$25,000. The brick will be manufactured in the immediate neighbourhood, and the foundations of the church prepared, during the coming summer, and the building itself will be erected in the summer of 1898. The new church will be 132 x 58 feet, not including the chancel, and will seat about eight hundred persons, the choir gallery accommodating about two hundred more. There will be three altars, and the whole will be beautifully finished. There is, in connection with this church, a colossal statue to Our Lady of Mount Carmel, erected many years ago by Father Quevillon.

The congregation of St. Ann's Church, Lot 65, of which Rev. D. B. Reid, Kelly's Cross, is the popular pastor, is subscribing generously for the erection of a new church, the foundation of which will be laid next summer, and the building is expected to be completed the following summer. Mr. R. P. Lemay, Quebec, is preparing the plans, which will be, no doubt, according to the latest designs of architecture. The new church will be a wooden building, with a seating capacity of about six hundred, and, when finished, it will be a credit to the parishioners of St. Ann's and to their beloved pastor.

BARNEY O'REGAN.

OUR RAMBLER

In St. Ann's District and St. Gabriel Parish.

Mr. W. P. Kearney, for many years connected with the well-known establishment of Mr. Richard Meshane, on McGill street, and recently associated with the Catholic publishers, D. & J. Sadlier, has secured a very good position with The Toronto Tire Co., of Toronto, and leaves for that city on Friday evening next. Mr. Kearney has always been a favorite amongst all classes of young men of Montreal, and his departure will be keenly felt by them. He is a clever and energetic young Irish Canadian and will make his mark in his new career.

The St. Ann's Young Men's Society are arranging to attend the performance of the "Bells of Shandon" at the Queen's tomorrow evening. The author of the play, Mr. John J. McGinniss, a young Irish American, is a prominent member of the A. O. H. in Brooklyn, N.Y. An effort is also being made to interest the local Hibernians, the S.A.A.A., and other Irish organizations to attend on the same evening.

The young Irishmen of St. Gabriel parish have decided to form a young men's society. A preliminary meeting will be held within the next week and a committee appointed to draft the constitution and by-laws.

St. Ann's Choir held its annual meeting on Friday last and there was a large attendance of members present. Mr. P. J. Shea, organist, occupied the chair and in a neat speech complimented the members upon their spirit of enthusiasm during the past year, and pointed out the necessity of laying down certain rules for the future operations of the organization. The election of officers for the ensuing term resulted as follows: Honorary President, Rev. Father Strubbe; President, Mr. P. Burns; vice-president, Mr. W. Murphy; secretary, Mr. R. J. Hillier; assistant secretary, Mr. F. Hartford. Executive Committee—Messrs. P. Malone, T. Sullivan, Ed. Quinn, J. Quinn, P. Premier, J. Morgan (Leader), P. J. Shea (Organist).

The C.M.B.A. stalwarts in the vicinity of St. Ann's Church, of Branch 41, will hold a public meeting on Wednesday next, at which Hon. M. F. Hackett, the Grand President, will deliver an address. The St. Ann's choral organization will also perform a musical programme under the direction of Organist Shea.

Rev. Father Strubbe delivered a very well timed instruction at St. Ann's on Sunday, on fraternal and national societies. After dealing with this subject at some length he turned his attention to the question of parishioners exercising greater care in regard to infectious diseases, and pointed out where such sad visitations appeared that the head of the family should not allow the children to attend school or any other place where there was a danger of spreading the contagion.

Mr. J. P. Clarke, of the firm of Pearson & Co., Chaboulez square, has gone to Boston, Mass., for a well deserved vacation.

Old and young in this neighborhood have been frequently heard bemoaning their position through being unable to exercise their rights as citizens at the polls. The fault, in a good many instances, is due to their negligence to see that their names were properly registered at the City Hall.

To these Irish Catholics, young and old, I now say, do not fail to attend to this important duty before the 23rd inst.

Rev. Father O'Meara delivered a very thoughtful and eloquent sermon on the "Dignity of Labor," at Grand Mass, in St. Gabriel's last Sunday.

will illustrate the subject with appropriate remarks, and no better way will be found of celebrating the evening than by visiting the old land in the company of such an expert and enthusiastic guide as the reverend lecturer.

The County Board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians are now engaged in making preparations for the celebration of St. Patrick's Day. The committee having the matter in hand are sparing no effort to make the celebration of this year a grand success. It is fully expected that 1000 members of the organization will be in line in the parade. The committee have already secured the Rev. W. J. O'Sullivan, of Montpelier, Vermont, to deliver the address at their entertainment which is to take place at the Windsor Hall. Father O'Sullivan, it will be remembered, delivered an eloquent and patriotic discourse in St. Patrick's Church on the occasion of the celebration of St. Patrick's Day, 1894.

The veteran members of the S. A. A., and their wives and cousins, to the number of sixty, held a gala night at the club house on St. Lawrence street last week. All the old time dances so characteristic of the Irish race were the features of the evening. There was no place for the fancy round dances and aesthetic flourishes which occupy the attention of the rising generation. Mr. J. B. I. Flynn, was master of ceremonies and from the moment he announced the first cotillion until the final double reel, the veterans exercised their physical strength to its fullest capacity.

Refreshments were also served during the evening in the commodious supper room of the club house, and the veterans proved themselves to be good talkers as they spent an hour in the recital of the stirring events, in the days of long ago, when they stood upon the green award to maintain the supremacy of the Shamrock colors.

B. J.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick has sailed for New York, on his return. His mission, according to reports, has not been very successful.

Interprovincial Hockey is the title given to a recent encounter between two teams from Munster and Leinster, which was held at Blackrock.

Chauncey M. Depew, president of the New York Central, is rumoured, will succeed Thomas F. Bayard as American Ambassador to London.

Sir Richard Cartwright and Hon. Mr. Davis are coming home from Washington, perfectly satisfied it is said with the result of their mission.

The Woman's Suffrage Bill was defeated in the Nova Scotia House by a majority of 23 to 5. Two years ago this bill was only defeated by one majority.

General Montgomery Moore acts as administrator of this country during the absence of Lord Aberdeen at Nashville, Tenn., attending the wedding of Lady Aberdeen's brother, Mr. Marjoribanks.

Mr. Gladstone is about to publish a second series of gleanings from his occasional writings. The first volume is expected in the spring and will consist of ecclesiastical and theological essays.

Hon. Mr. Flynn, leader of the Government, and Hon. Mr. Marchand, leading the forces of the Opposition, are both addressing meetings of supporters in Montreal. The day of battle cannot be far off.

A despatch announces that, recently, Mr. Gladstone said: "I do not dare to stimulate Greece when I cannot help her, but I shall profoundly rejoice at her success. I hope the powers will recollect that they have their own character to redeem."

The special gifts to the Queen by the potentates and magnates throughout the world in recognition of her reign of sixty years will be officially delivered either on her birthday, May 24, or on coronation day, June 25. Sunday, June 20, is the actual anniversary of the Queen's accession to the throne.

Sims Reeves, the oldtime favorite English tenor, finds himself at 70 without money or voice. He has been declared a bankrupt. Reeves has earned and squandered a half dozen fortunes. His easy-going notions and his extravagant disposition for entertaining his friends is the cause of his difficulties.

Lord Salisbury, it is stated, can have a dukedom if he wishes it this year. The Queen made him the offer in the jubilee year in 1887 but he refused to accept the honor. Probably he will not care to refuse twice. Moreover, during the past ten years his record and esteem in public life would now make the promotion natural.

The new Education bill before the British Parliament is causing all sorts of discussion. Some of the industrious newspaper correspondents say that Mr. Balfour may resign in consequence of certain features of opposition offered to the proposal. Others say he will be elevated to a position in the upper house.

The Rev. John B. Culpepper, at the Washington Street M. E. Church, Kansas, caused a sensation by proposing a tax on bachelors. "When a man is 23 and unmarried," said he, "he ought to be taxed \$100; when 28 he should be taxed \$200. The tax should be increased \$100 a year until he is thirty. Then, if he is not married, he ought to be put in the penitentiary."

The thirteenth annual session of the High Court of the Catholic Order of Foresters opened at Columbus, O., last week with about 100 delegates in attendance. After the opening the High Court officers and delegates attended Solemn High Mass at St. Joseph's Cathedral. At the business meeting the report of the High Chief Ranger, Thomas H. Carmo, of Chicago, showed the Order now has 636 subordinate courts in good standing, an increase of 100, and a total of 44,456 members, an increase of 12,004. During the year 204 deaths occurred in the Order, representing a demand of \$267,000 on the endowment fund. The financial

statement shows a balance in the endowment fund of \$33,160.72, and a balance in general expense fund of \$4,291.79.

The Ontario Legislature opened last week. The speech from the throne contains references to the long reign and approaching jubilee of the Queen, to the convalescence of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, and to the various matters which will be placed before the House for consideration during the session. Two of the most important being legislation regarding mining and the care of imported wits. Before the House adjourned the presentation of a portrait of the Hon. Edward Blake to the Legislature was the occasion of more speeches and more eulogy, in which Dr. Hoskin, the Hon. G. W. Ross and Mr. Whitney took part. Dr. Hoskin presented the portrait on behalf of the Trust Company, and Principal Sheraton unveiled it from the ladies' gallery. The new Speaker, Hon. Mr. Evans, acknowledged the gift on behalf of the House; the Minister of Education, in a brief and interesting speech, reviewed the History of the Provincial Parliament, and Mr. Whitney, in a few courteous and pleasant remarks, replied for the Opposition.

A CANADIAN SKY-SCRAPER.

The Estate Barron Now Considering Plans to Rebuild.

The New Structure to be Modern and Intended to Meet an Urgent Demand for the Facilities of the Professional Classes—Some of the Drawbacks in So-called Modern Structures Pointed Out.

There is every prospect that the unsightly ruins of the Barron Block, on St. James Street, will soon disappear. The Barron Estate is now considering the plans for the erection of a palatial building which will surpass, in architectural design and in the measure of modern facilities, that of any of the structures which now ornament the leading thoroughfares of Montreal.

That there is ample room for such an enterprise is very evident, from the demands which now prevail in the midst of citizens engaged in various professions who are in search of suites of offices equipped with all modern improvements, such as fire-proof vaults and other furnishings. Strange as it may appear, the recently erected Canadian sky-scrapers, with all their wealth of granite and artistic outward adornment, with their triple elevators, their gorgeous stairways and wide passages, given to the immediate conveniences of the occupants of the offices. A professional man has, but scant accommodation afforded to him in the way of safely storing away the valuable records of his calling, or even the means to preserve that measure of order and tidiness so indispensable to every well-kept establishment. The rentals for the available offices, considering the facilities afforded, are abnormally high. It is therefore learned that, for these considerations, the Estate Barron is about to erect a mammoth building which will be thoroughly modern in the sense in which the professional men of Montreal appreciate it.

That such an undertaking will yield a handsome revenue, and be enthusiastically supported by the applicants for offices is a foregone conclusion.

John E. Redmond, M. P.

Cork, Ire., February 13.—Among the passengers who arrived to day from New York on the steamer Britannia was John E. Redmond, M.P. He was received by the mayor of Cork and delegates from Dublin and this city, who extended a most hearty welcome to him on his return.

Speaking at a subsequent meeting, Mr. Redmond said the only and right policy for the Irish to follow was to adhere rigidly to the lines laid down by Parnell.

If you want a piano for a lifetime buy a Heintzman & Co. Upright; the graceful bridge and transposing keyboard are among the modern improvements to be found only in the genuine Heintzman & Co. Piano, for which C. W. Lindsay, 2366 St. Catherine street, is the sole Montreal representative.

The Sisters of St. Joseph of the Diocese of Detroit have the pious custom of offering up all their prayers and good works during the entire month of March for all who seek their aid in this way. Such as desire their prayers will write their requests, and sign the same, and forward them to the Superiors of the Sisters of St. Joseph, Lefevre Institute, Mich., on or before the 1st of March. During each year the Sisters are in receipt of many letters, expressing the gratitude of the recipient for favors obtained through the intercession of this Glorious Patron and this devotion. The sick claim they have been healed, extraordinary vocations have been obtained, unhappy marriages have been blessed, sin was overcome and virtue acquired.

A doctor in Chicago, a well-known eye specialist, has started a crusade against the wearing of veils. He has found by a series of experiments that every kind of veil affects more or less the ability to see distinctly. The most injurious kind is the dotted veil, and strained eyesight must result very soon from wearing it. But even undotted and unfigured veils are objectionable, and the more numerous the meshes the greater the evil. If, however, fashion decrees the wearing of veils we are afraid that eye specialists in Chicago and elsewhere will only waste their time in pointing out the evils that result.

Mabel—Your husband has a great opinion of you. He calls you his right hand.

Maud—Yes; that's because he never lets his right hand know what his left hand doeth.—London Pick-Me-Up.

C. M. B. A.

Presentation.

At the regular meeting of Branch 2, of the C.M.B.A., held last night, in their hall, there was a very large attendance. Deputy Meek, Chancellor Innes, and F. C. Lawlor, Sec. Sec. of Branch 1, were present.

Bro. Davis arose and addressed the Branch, and made a presentation, on behalf of Mrs. P. O'Reilly, wife of the late Patrick O'Reilly, Grand President of Quebec Grand Council of C. M. B. A., to Bro. Lawlor, of Branch No. 1, consisting of a gold breast badge, pin and watch chain, and placed the badge on his breast, taking Bro. Lawlor so much by surprise that it was with difficulty he could respond, which he did in a manner creditable to himself and the branch he represented.

Grand Deputy Meek addressed the meeting and showed the benefits derived from being a member.

Chancellor Innes also addressed the meeting.

The meeting adjourned on account of Bro. Doran's wife's death.

T. KEACH, Rec. Sec., Branch 2.

Resolutions of Condolence.

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God, in His Divine Providence, to remove, by the hand of death, the beloved wife of our esteemed Chancellor, Bro. Robert Doran; and

Whereas, by the untimely death, our brother has lost a faithful and devoted wife, his children a good and kind mother; therefore be it

Resolved,—That we, the members of Branch 2 of the C. M. B. A., in regular meeting, do hereby tender our most heartfelt sympathy to Bro. R. Doran and his children in this hour of sorrow, and pray God in His infinite mercy may enable them to bear their loss with true Christian fortitude.

And be it further Resolved,—That these resolutions be entered on the records of the Branch, and a copy sent to our bereaved brother, and also a copy be sent to the TRUE WITNESS.

(Signed) JAMES MCGINNIS, T. DAVIS, P. J. KENNEDY.

Smiles.

Jeweller: Well, madam, I have shown you all the rings suitable for a girl of twelve.

Lady: None of them will do; so I think I will wait until my daughter is fifteen.

Jeweller: Will you take a seat, madam.

Mr. John Bull (of England)—Why do the boys talk so excited?

Mr. Bull—They're at sixes and sevens over some hapless 'ave.

Mr. Bull—At sixes and sevens! They'll soon be at hives if they keep on.—Harper's Round Table.

Sheridan made his appearance one day in a pair of new boots. These attracting the notice of some of his friends, "Now guess," said he, "how I came by those boots." Many probable guesses then took place. "No," said Sheridan, "no, you've not hit it, nor ever will—I bought them and paid for them."

A mayor in a small village in France having occasion to give a passport to a distinguished personage in his neighbourhood, who was blind of an eye, was in great embarrassment on coming to the description of his person. Fearful of offending the good man, he adopted the following ingenious expedient of avoiding the mention of his deformity. He wrote, "Black eyes, one of which is absent."

"I was telling Miss Cayenne about an accident with which I recently met," remarked Willie Washington, with a melancholy look in his eye.

"Indeed?"

"Yes, I was getting off an electric car. Didn't realize how fast it was going, and landed on my hands instead of my feet."

"What did Miss Cayenne say about it?"

"Not much. She merely remarked that I had at last succeeded in being original."—Washington Star.

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