

CATHOLIC NEWS.

His Lordship Mgr. Fabre has appointed Rev. Mr. F. Pariseau Vicar at St. Timothee. The congregation of St. Mary's Cathedral, Kingston, Ont., have cleared \$3,000 by their bazaar.

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Saturday last was the 61st anniversary of the ordination as priest of the Venerable Archbishop Bourget.

Rev. Canon Nicholas Donnelly has just been named coadjutor of His Excellency Cardinal McCabe of Dublin.

The new parish church of Three Rivers, when complete, will be the handsomest edifice of the kind in the diocese.

We regret to learn that Abbe Hoffman, cure of Saint David de Lanbertiere, has been seriously indisposed for some days.

The Rev. Mr. Tessier, vicar of Three Rivers, has been named cura at St. Leon, and the Rev. Mr. Parent exchanges places with him.

The Rev. O. Monet has resigned as cura of St. Barnabe on account of ill health and will live in retirement at Ste. Brigid d'Iberville.

The handsome sum of \$406 was realized in Quebec by the collection recently made at the blessing of the bait destined for the Convent of the Sacred Heart, Quebec.

It is stated that the Vatican will not renew negotiations with Prussia until the demands of the Holy See regarding the education of priests are complied with.

Paris has sixty Roman Catholic churches, and some thirty chapels for other denominations. It is estimated that there is a place of worship for every 20,000 of the inhabitants.

A plan has just been completed for the enlargement of the Ottawa College to double its present capacity. A theological seminary will also be erected, and will cost about \$80,000.

The Pope has sent a special Pontifical benediction to Miss Baiter, of Lafayette, Ind., who was recently cured after an illness of eight years by use of the miraculous water of Lourdes.

Rev. Mr. Monette, cura of St. Barnaby, was presented with an address and a purse of money by his parishioners on Sunday last, on the occasion of his resigning his charge to go to Ste. Brigid.

The Rev. Father Lacaze is at Saguenay seeking information relating to that district and La Cote Nord for the Societe Geographique de Quebec. The Rev. Father is certainly qualified to undertake the task.

Abbe J. B. Primeau, of Archbold, Ohio, ex-cure of Notre Dame des Canadiens, of Worcester, Mass., will, upon his return, take charge of a French congregation out west.

The work of constructing the St. Jean Baptiste des Oubadieres Church, at Ottawa, is rapidly progressing. The first Mass will be said on the 24th proximo, and great preparations are being made for the occasion.

Recently the Bishop of Sherbrooke presided at the ceremony of blessing the new church bell at Saint Hermenigilde de Barford in the diocese of Sherbrooke. The bell weighs 813 pounds; \$330 were collected on the occasion.

Monsieur Vannutelli, the new Nunzio for Lisbon is one of the tallest men in the world. Pius IX. used to call him the one-and-a-half pius, on account of his extreme height. He is also described as a man of great genius and learning.

The Rev. J. D. Meunier, assistant at St. Ours, has been named cura of St. Barnabe, and the Rev. A. Boucher, late vicar in the parish of St. Barnabe, goes to the diocese of Portland to fill the duties of vicar with the Rev. Mr. Chevallier at Manchester.

The American bishops have closed their conference with the Papal Propaganda. They consider the result very satisfactory. The bishops will have a grand reception at the College of the Propaganda on the eighth December and leave Rome on the tenth.

The American bishops are preparing an address to the Pope, thanking him for summoning them to settle the grave questions submitted for their consideration. The address will express unchangeable devotion and attachment of the bishops to the Holy See.

The Revs. Ph. Fortier, officiating priest at Cacapebio, in the diocese of Rimouski, Osmile Fouchet, vicar of St. Felix de Valois and Anthony Boucher, vicar of St. Michel de Yandreville, will leave the parochial ministry to enter the spiritual corporation of Les Clercs de St. Viator.

The interior of St. Peter's Church, corner Dorchester and Visitation streets, is being repaired and newly painted. There are also new stained windows being put in, these already in being too dark. With these improvements the church will be one of the handsomest finished in the city.

Mgr. Colet, Archbishop of Tours, whose death was announced on Saturday, was born in 1806, and was consecrated bishop of Dijon in 1861. He had been archbishop of Tours since 1874, and was appointed an officer of the Legion of Honor in the same year. He was a distinguished speaker and writer.

The foundations of a new Catholic church are being built at Masohang, Mass. When completed the sacred edifice will be 75 feet long by 45 feet wide, and will be erected exclusively by French Canadian workmen. All the parishioners of Abbe Delphes have promised to contribute to the enterprise.

Some of the parishioners of Saint Hyacinthe presented, on Sunday last, their cura Rev. Elphege Gravel, with his portrait in oil and a handsome purse. The presentation took place at the City Hall which was literally packed with people. The Superior of the Seminary was also present with a band of music composed of the pupils of that institution.

The Rev. Father de Repentigny, for the past three years assistant to Father Hogan, at St. Ann's Church, has been appointed to the parish of St. Ovide, on the other side of the river. He leaves for the scene of his new labors on Friday. The parish is a new one, the church building having only been commenced and both it and the presbytery are to be built.

The Boston Pilot of the 24th ult. says that the Rev. Francois Oing-Mars has lately been appointed cura of St. Alexis de Westport and of the missions of St. Laurent and Mill Stream. The Rev. Mr. Oing-Mars has been four years in the United States and has already organized two parishes—that of Sacred Heart at Winn, Maine, and that of La Congregation Canadienne de Great Falls, New Hampshire.

At a recent census taken at Webster, Mass., by the Rev. Mr. Perrault, the following facts were ascertained:—The total Catholic population numbers 2,360, making 470 families; 1,148 can read and write; there are 628

children between the ages of 5 and 14 years, of whom 307 attend school. It is proposed to build a convent school, and \$4,042 has already been subscribed for the purpose. \$1,171 of which has been paid up.

The French Canadians of Millbury, Mass., contemplate organizing a Canadian parish and erecting a church. A meeting was held last Sunday in the City Hall, when about 400 persons attended. The idea was enthusiastically received. A Sunday School has been opened under the direction of Mr. Louis Boucher, for boys, and the classes for girls will be under the care of Madames Hubert Mathieu. The Bishop of Springfield has not, for the present, entertained the scheme as he is not in favor of building a new church, as he is of opinion that the Canadians are not yet numerous enough to support a church. On the other hand the Canadians believe themselves capable of meeting all the necessary expenses, and intend once more approaching the bishop. In case of a negative answer they will appeal to the archbishop. As matters stand at present they will continue to attend divine worship in the City Hall.

The Catholic Bishops of the Province of Quebec, with the view of educating Indian children in the Northwest, lately ordered a collection to be taken up in all the Catholic Churches for that purpose. The result has been highly gratifying, the magnificent sum of \$6,600 being collected. One quarter of the amount will be donated for the support of the Indian schools in the Archdiocese of St. Boniface, one quarter to those of Athabaska and Mackenzie, and the remainder will be equally divided between the dioceses of Pontiac and Labrador.

The Right Rev. the Bishop of Peterborough visited the parish of Eastmore on Sunday, Oct. 28th. The priest and people met His Lordship at Mud Lake and escorted him to the parish church, where Mass was said by the Rev. Father Kelly, and a most interesting and edifying discourse was preached by the Bishop. In the afternoon His Lordship blessed with all due solemnity the two grave-yards of the parish. He was accompanied by the priest of the parish, by the Rector of the township, by the municipal council, by the members of the church committee and a large concourse of people. On Monday morning His Lordship administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to thirty-two persons. A very large congregation was present, and among the clergy from a distance we noted Father O'Connell, of Downsville, and Father McEvoy, of Foulon Falls. On Monday and Tuesday mornings as many as five hundred people partook of the Holy Communion. Altogether the Bishop's visit was an epoch in the history of the parish. His Lordship left on Tuesday for Peterborough.

The fifth anniversary of the birth of the Rev. Father Labelle was fittingly observed on Nov. 30 in the quiet little town of St. Jerome, where the worthy cura is the spiritual adviser of its people among whom he is greatly and deservedly beloved for his many good qualities of head and heart. The houses on the principal streets were gaily bedecked with flags, streamers and every kind of bunting which could be procured for the occasion. The handsome little church, where the religious services took place, was decorated in a very tasteful manner and presented a charming appearance. The Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Father Labelle himself, assisted by Rev. Mr. Fournier and Abbe Gaudin, cura of St. Adolphe de Howard. In the choir was a large number of priests who came from the surrounding parishes. A choir composed of St. Jerome students attending Victoria University, aided by a number of friends, also took part. On the conclusion of the Mass Abbe Neau, Superior of the St. Therese Seminary, read an address from the clergy to Father Labelle, at the same time presenting him with a gold watch and chain valued at \$156. The address, which was couched in complimentary terms, referred to the many amiable qualities of the recipient, his untiring labors for the spiritual and temporal welfare of his people, allusion being especially made to the attention he had always bestowed on agriculture, industry and colonization.

Rev. Father Labelle, who appeared to be greatly surprised, thanked his brethren for this evidence of their regard and for their many kind wishes.

Mr. J. B. Villeneuve, Mayor of the town, and Mr. E. Latour, Mayor of the Parish of St. Jerome, then came forward and presented their honored cura with a rich outfit of winter garments and furs, and an address which was couched in the most complimentary language.

Father Labelle again replied and afterwards received the personal congratulations of many of those present. In the evening, a large torchlight procession, a large assemblage gathered in the hall of the Commercial College, where a drama, entitled Arthur de Bretagne, was performed by the pupils, under the direction of the Brothers of the Congregation of the Holy Cross. After the performance, Mr. Eugene Beauchamp, one of the scholars, read an address to the Rev. Father Labelle, expressive of the profound veneration and gratitude of the pupils to the founder of the institution and of their pride at having in their midst one who, while devoted to his religion, had earned the title of an apostle of colonization, and one who would be known in the national history as a benefactor of his country. As he labored not for popularity or worldly success, but for an eternal reward his soul would continue until life was ended, and that he might be spared to them for many years to come was their sincere desire.

Rev. Father Labelle briefly replied, and while thanking them for their kind address, humbly ascribed all the success of his efforts to the blessing of God. They had called him the founder of the college, but though he might have assisted in some measure, the merit belonged mainly to the Brothers of the Holy Cross.

This concluded the interesting proceedings of the day, which will be long remembered by the good people of the town.

HAMILTON'S NEW BISHOP. Rome, Nov. 16.—The correspondent of the Liverpool Catholic Times writes:—On Sunday the 11th of November the consecration of Right Rev. James Joseph Carberry took place in the Church of the Minerva. Thirty-nine years ago, on this very day, the young Father Carberry, having completed his novitiate in the Dominican Order, left the celebrated monastery of La Quarola near Viterbo on his way to Rome with his companion, Father Michael Costello. The latter assisted at the consecration of his fellow-student this morning. All the English-speaking Catholics of Rome, and others not of the faith, as well as a large number of Italians were present in reserved seats in front of the High Altar. At half-past eight, the central door of the church was opened, and Cardinal Howard in crimson soutane and baretti entered the church, being

received at the door by the Dominican Fathers and proceeded by the mosaic-bearing in 16th century Spanish costume, and, accompanied by Mgr. Gallus, Mgr. Cleary, Bishop of Kingston, Canada, Mgr. Carberry and others, proceeded to the High Altar. The interesting ceremony, at which the American Archbishops and Bishops, with their attendant priests assisted, lasted until half-past eleven. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the Cardinal, the Prelate, and the lady invited on the occasion, partook of a refreshment, served in the great sacristy of the Minerva, in that society which witnessed the election of Pope Eugenius XV. in 1431. On Tuesday next a dinner will be given to the newly-elected Bishop of Hamilton, Canada, Mgr. Carberry, by the Prior of St. Clement's, where Father Carberry spent several years as an Irish Dominican. Amongst the persons present this morning at the consecration and collation was Mr. Errington, M.P., who arrived in Rome on Wednesday, to begin again, as it is said, his efforts for the establishment of diplomatic relations of some indefinite character between the Vatican and England. Cardinal Howard was the consecrating prelate on the occasion.

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THE LATE WILLIAM SALMON. At a general meeting of the St. Gabriel T. A. & B. Society held on Sunday, the 2nd inst., the following resolutions of condolence were unanimously carried:

Whereas, this Society has learned with profound sorrow of the death of the late William Salmon, Esq., V.S., the respected father of our esteemed president and pastor, Rev. J. J. Salmon, P.P., be it therefore

Resolved,—That the members of this Society do hereby tender their most heartfelt sympathy to the Rev. J. J. Salmon, P.P., and to the other members of the family of the esteemed deceased; and be it further

Resolved,—That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Rev. J. J. Salmon, P.P., and also published in the newspapers of this city.

To the Editor of THE POST AND TRUE WITNESS. Sir,—My attention has been called to a communication in a recent issue of your paper, purporting to be from an "Irish Catholic," and dated from St. Peter's, in this province, which letter reflects very unjustly upon the present management of the Prince Edward Island Railway. The rather serious charge of making use of his official position for the purpose of driving Catholic employes from the railway service is preferred against Mr. Superintendent Coleman, and your correspondent insinuates the case of Mr. James Bambrick, recently stationmaster at St. Peter's, who, it is alleged, fell a victim to Mr. O's religious bigotry. In the neighboring province, where Mr. Coleman is well and favorably known, and where he has labored for years in the Government Railway service, a reputation of a charge of this nature, utterly groundless as it is, would be altogether unnecessary; but in this Island, where his official career is as yet of short duration, and where he is still, comparatively speaking, a stranger, there may be those who, being unacquainted with the facts, might be disposed to attach some importance to the statements made by your correspondent. Therefore it is that I take the trouble to notice the letter in question; and believing that you would not knowingly give insertion to an article calculated to place a man occupying an important official position in a wrong light before the public, I have no hesitation in asking you to give publicity to a few facts in connection with Mr. Coleman's management of the Island R. W. way.

Mr. Coleman assumed control of the road in May last. Since that time four Catholic employes left the service; two of these voluntarily resigned—one to pursue his studies in college, the other to accept a more lucrative position on another road; the third, Mr. Bambrick, also left of his own accord, and the fourth was dismissed for an inexcusable offence, in compliance with instructions from his quarters. Four Catholics, and, with one exception, Irish Catholics, were appointed to important permanent positions in the service during the same period, and two other Irish Catholics, both station masters, were promoted, in strict conformity with their wishes, to more important stations. It will thus be seen that Catholics—especially Irish Catholics—have no cause for complaint against the present management, and that the charge made by your correspondent, that no fair play or promotion is allowed them because of their creed, is without even the shadow of a foundation upon which to rest.

Now, as to the case of Mr. Bambrick: In the more important stations on the P. E. Island Railway dwelling houses are attached; and to the others there are none. Mr. Bambrick filled the position of Station Agent at one of the latter places, and he had for some time been clamoring for a house in connection with the station. An opportunity presented itself in August last for meeting Mr. Bambrick's wishes, without at the same time incurring the expense of erecting a dwelling specially for his accommodation. He was offered a station on another part of the road, to which the same salary that he had been receiving at St. Peter's was attached, and connected with which was a comfortable dwelling, and as Mr. B. did not at first demur, his place at St. Peter's was filled. He subsequently refused acceptance of the proffered position, which was in reality a promotion, inasmuch as he would be under no expense for house rent, fuel or light, and there being no other position vacant at the time to which he could be appointed he elected to leave the service. No one acquainted with the facts of the case, unless he be hopelessly blinded by prejudice, will attach the slightest blame to Mr. Coleman for the part he acted on this occasion. It is a somewhat difficult matter for a man in Mr. Coleman's position to please every person with whom he has to do, but his management of the road is fast winning for him the respect and esteem of all classes and creeds in the community.

Yours, &c., A CATHOLIC EMPLOYE, Charlottetown, P. E. I., Nov. 23, 1883.

It is clear that the French are justified in the views they notoriously have entertained as to wife selling in England. At the Liverpool Assizes on Nov. 14, Selby Wardle was charged with bigamy. The defence of the prisoner, who came from the mining district of St. Helens, was that her husband sold her for a quart of beer, and two female witnesses who attended at the second marriage were called, and stated that they thought the sale justified the second marriage. The Judge said the whole of these witnesses were as guilty as the prisoner, and he must inflict some punishment if only to show the people that it was wrong. He sentenced her to a week's imprisonment.

Telegraphic Summary,

FOREIGN AND CANADIAN NEWS.

Bathbun's factory at Belleville has shut down. Foochow, in China, is infected with cholera. It is said Tennyson will shortly be raised to the peerage. A hurricane has done much damage on the Newfoundland coast. The freight handlers' strike at New Orleans continues and trouble is expected. From the 1st January to November 30th 17,843 immigrants arrived at Toronto. Joseph Poole, who was convicted of the murder of Kenny, has been refused a new trial. The French Cabinet has rescinded the decree prohibiting the importation of American pork. Contributions from the States amounting to \$17,500 were transmitted to the Parnell fund yesterday. It is believed in Madrid that the Prince of Wales will visit the Spanish capital early next year. The estimated decrease of the public debt of the United States for the month just closed will be \$1,750,000. The locomotive works at Kingston have decided to run only eight hours a day during the winter months. Mr. A. Joseph, of Quebec, has purchased a magnificent farm at Rock Island, near St. Jean, from D. Borland. Robert Strather has been committed for trial for the embezzlement of \$24,000 from the Auditor's office, Halifax. Mr. Lowell declares he does not see a particle of evidence to implicate any American in the underground railway outrages. Seventy-five thousand cotton operatives in Northwest Lancashire have determined to resist the five per cent reduction of wages. An order has been promulgated at the Brigade office in Halifax abolishing the sale of intoxicating liquors in all the military cantonments. The Paris Gaulois states that M. De Lesseps has been promised that England will not facilitate the making of a second Suez Canal. The Madrid Cabinet has approved the decree abolishing the right of Cuban slave holders to purchase slaves with stocks and letters. Tenders for works at the head of Gloups Canal will be received until the 18th of December. Plans will be ready for inspection on the 4th. The annual meeting of the Quebec Victoria Association took place last evening in the City Hall. His Grace the Archbishop of Quebec presiding. The Protestant School Commissioners of Quebec have been obliged to close one of their schools for lack of the necessary funds to pay the teachers. The Union regiment, of which King Alfonso of Spain was lately made honorary colonel, gave a banquet on Wednesday in honor of the King's birthday. Mr. Frchette, the assented and disqualified member for Megantic, has instructed his lawyer to appeal to the Supreme Court from the recent judgment. Sir Andrew Fairbank (Liberal), member of Parliament, speaking at Friday, Eng., said he anticipated that America would shortly declare for free trade. The Egyptian Government has informed the powers that no change can be made in the status of the Suez Canal without fresh concessions from Egypt. 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Irish Affairs.

Alderman Meagher (Parnellite) was elected Mayor of Dublin on December 1st.

Mr. Matthews, editor of the Tyrone Courier, has been arrested on a charge of inciting the Orangemen against the Nationalists.

The Parnell fund aggregates £30 43s, of which Ireland gave £25 82s; America, £2,541; England, £1,045, and Scotland, £376.

The Parnellite members of Parliament announced to be present at the proposed League meeting at Newry, on Sunday, Dec. 2nd, were served by the police with copies of the Government's proclamation placing Newry under the Peace Preservation Act.

Thomas Sexton, member of Parliament, will go to America directly after the passage to Parnell to obtain funds in aid of the movement for the payment of Irish members of Parliament. It is stated Parnell will give five thousand pounds to start the fund.

At a meeting of Irish farmers, presided over by a priest, resolutions were adopted asking the National League to start a fund or the payment of Irish members of Parliament, condemning emigration, and pledging those present to forbid hunting over their lands while landlordism exists.

The Commissioners of the Privy Seal replying to Lord Rossmore's letter, say they regard his action as utterly subversive of the public peace. Loyal subjects can hold meetings to protest against sedition, but must not provoke a collision with their opponents in so doing, and the magistrates cannot be allowed to sanction such a course.

Michael Davitt, speaking at a land reform meeting in Bristol, on the 28th November, counted Mr. Coameralina with being powerless to prevent coercion. However placid that gentleman might be in his profession, he counted but one in the scale as against his colleagues in the cabinet, and for this reason his utterances and efforts in favor of the extension of the franchise were worthless.

Archbishop Croke, in receiving addresses of welcome at Watford on November 30th, said that after what had been achieved during the last few years by the Irish party in Parliament under their great leader, he had no doubt if the people persevered in their course, avoided crime and refused to allow themselves to be transported to Canada a good deal would be achieved within a measurable period of time. The present generation, the Archbishop said, might yet live to see the Old Land clothed in the garb of freedom under the Irish flag.

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The article continues in pleading the cause of home rule the American bishops, we may be sure, were not moved by personal motives. They were moved for the interests of the Church as understood by them. They know the feelings of their own people, and dread the effect of the application of rigorous centralizing policy. On the other hand, the Roman authorities naturally fear, if exceptional liberties are granted to the Church in the United States, example may be infectious, and the discipline of the Church universal become dangerously relaxed.

Our contemporary seems to know all about Bishops, it is so sure that their motives demanding "home rule" were not personal and that they only argued for the interests of the Church as understood by them. There is neither fact nor truth in the above paragraph. It is fair fiction, but there is nothing to correspond to or reflect the reality of the situation. The writer then says:

The true Catholic requires to be a Catholic first, and an Englishman, American or Canadian only secondarily; and this is a fiction with which the Catholics of the United States find it hard to comply. How national feeling has been engrafted on allegiance to Rome in the past every year of history is a waste. The early history of England is largely narrative of the resistance made by the English sovereigns, from Henry II. downwards, to Papal claims. A more and more the assertion of Gallican rights by the French Bishops supported by King (Louis XIV.), in the year 1682, had resulted in schism. Yet we doubt whether there was ever either in France or in England so strong an opposition to the idea of foreign control in church matters as there is in the United States to-day.

Our contemporary is evidently not conversant with Catholicism, or it would have never uttered the statement that the Catholics of the United States would find it hard to place God before their country. The fact is that Catholic places his religion before his country, and that man who is ready to sacrifice his religion or has none to abandon.

On the contrary, makes him better and truer lover of his country. National feeling can never engraft upon spiritual allegiance to Rome, vice versa. The Star misrepresents history when it says that it was foreign sovereigns who resisted Papal claims; it was the contrary; it was the Pope who opposed and resisted the tyranny of kings. Our contemporary finally concludes:

The American citizen, whose sense of independence, if not of sovereignty, is continually being nourished and flattered, and whose imagination his own nation stands out vividly distinct from all the rest of creation, finds it hard to acknowledge that there appears in which his own business is to mix, and in which national differences are for nothing. These truths his bishops did fail disguise from him in some small degree, if possible, and this, if we mistake not, is the explanation of the attitude lately assumed by them at Rome.

This is a fitting conclusion to give to the article of error, absurdity and fiction which our contemporary has so unwarrantably put together and offered to its readers as a graphic explanation of the situation of the Catholic Church in the United States and of relations between American Catholics and Papacy.

Our contemporary should bear in mind the saying of the philosopher, that "a little knowledge is a dangerous thing," and should turn itself accordingly when it happens to upon a subject about which it knows little nothing, and which it is entirely incapable of appreciating.

J. CLORAN, Esq., Montreal, St.—Enclosed the further sum of \$2 for the Farwell Testimonial Fund. The subscribers are:—Shannahan \$1, and Edward McEvoy \$1. MICHAEL WALLACE, Dawson, P. O., Osgoode, Nov. 30th, 1883.

GLENGARRY NOTES. SOCIETY MATTERS.—A GRAND ST. ANDREW'S FEET.

The annual meeting of the Altar Society of St. Finian's Roman Catholic Church was held last Thursday. Mrs. D. B. Kennedy presided in the chair. The Treasurer, J. Millar's report of the finances and other business of the society was very satisfactory. A amount on deposit to the society's credit less \$5, was \$264.00, which was considered a very good showing for an infant society such as this is.

ST. ANDREW'S. The grand affair of the season was the St. Andrew's entertainment at Mr. J. J. McDonald's, North Lancaster. There were about a hundred and fifty fashionable couples present, some of whom after other festivities of the programme, entertained themselves occasionally to a grand Highland and Scotch dancing, which was of course enjoyable to all "clans." Music was dispensed by the Gregory Scotch String Band, and it was very excellent. Among those invited to be present were: Prof. E. J. McDonald, now of Montreal, but formerly a Glengarry boy, G. W. Sangster, St. Louis, Que., and A. O. Johnson, cattle dealer, Texas, also old Glengarry boy. Prof. McDonald gave exhibitions of Highland Fling and clog dancing.