

In and Around Toronto

COLLECTION WAS TAKEN UP.
The annual collection in aid of the House of Providence was taken up at the Masses on Sunday last.

CENSUS OF THE CITY.
At the late census it was found that Toronto has a population of 825,726, an increase of 11,609 over last year.

FEAST OF PURIFICATION.
Sunday is the Feast of the Purification and Candlemas Day. The candles will be blessed at the late Mass in all the churches.

HOLY NAME AT ST. MARY'S.
At the quarterly Communion of the Holy Name Society of the Holy Name Society on Sunday morning, the Very Rev. Vicar-General complimented the Society on its large turnout, and on the edifying spectacle they presented.

OFFICERS ELECTED.
The following were chosen at the recent elections of St. Mary's Sodality: President, Josephine Collins; 1st Vice-President, Dora Carolan; 2nd Vice-President, Margaret Saunders; Treasurer, Christina Collins; Secretary, Addie Jordan; Librarian, Carrie Cayley.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN TORPY.
The death of Mr. John Torpy took place at St. Michael's Hospital after about a week's illness, on Sunday last. Deceased, who was in the plumbing business, was one of a respected and long resident family in St. Mary's parish. The funeral took place on Wednesday from his mother's residence, 47 Denison avenue, to St. Mary's church, thence to St. Michael's cemetery. R.I.P.

NOVIATTE WANTED.
A meeting at De La Salle Institute to devise means for establishing a Novitiate for the Brothers of the Schools, was called for Tuesday evening. The necessity for the institution arises from the new law requiring all teachers to take the Departmental examinations. The Novitiate at present is in Montreal, but the examinations have to be taken in Ontario. A fund of \$100,000 may be needed.

AN ENCOURAGING INCIDENT.
Rev. Father Hayes, C.S.B., in his sermon last Sunday at St. Basil's, referred to an incident which had come under his own personal observation as tending to show the good that is being done by the Holy Name Society. In a certain parish in which the bulk of the men were made up of a mixed foreign population, most of them workmen, the priest had, after several years' work, become almost discouraged on account of the drinking, swearing and card gambling that was carried on among the men on Sundays and holidays and in fact all the spare time they had. Father Hayes had seen the men at this time and he thought they were as tough as screws as could be got together. The Holy Name Society was organized among them and in a year's time a wonderful reformation was effected. The men were attending Communion monthly; they had given up the gambling and they and their friends were benefiting immensely by the change. The Rev. Father thought that a society which could work what looked to be almost a miracle, deserved to be encouraged, and he asked all the men in St. Basil's parish to connect themselves with the Branch there. —Com.

McNEIL—CLARKE.
At half-past eight o'clock January 15th, in the Church of the Holy Family, Parkdale, Rev. Father Coyne celebrated the marriage of Mr. Hugh A. McNeil, son of Mr. J. J. McNeil, Mayor of Latchford, New Ontario, and Miss Mary Agnes (Mayme), second daughter of George and Margaret Clarke, Toronto. The bride, who was one of Parkdale's most popular young ladies, was given away by her father, and was attended by her sister, Miss Thecla Clarke, and by Miss Mabel Ealand. The groom's brother, Dr. Hector McNeil, Latchford, formerly of Toronto, attended as best man. Messrs. Frank Dissette and Anthony Croft as ushers, and the groom's brother-in-law, Mr. Joseph Heffernan, Winnipeg, sang a solo. The bride wore over liberty satin and chiffon, a beautiful wedding gown of Brussels lace, patterned with satin rosebuds and seed pearls, and a veil of tulle arranged over a wreath of orange blossoms. Both the bride's attendants were in dainty princess gowns of silk lace crystalline with picture hats, Miss Clarke wearing mauve, Miss Ealand pale blue. Both carried violets. A reception and wedding breakfast followed at the home of the bride's parents, 139 Dowling avenue. Mr. and Mrs. McNeil left on the 5.30 p.m. train for New York. They will return to Toronto before going to their home in Latchford.

THE BANK OF HAMILTON.
For a bank to hold its own during the crucial year just past is to win for itself an enviable record, but to surpass its former successes is something worthy of more than passing note. Yet this is in reality what the Bank of Hamilton has been able to accomplish. The Statement of this institution shows a satisfactory increase in profits even over those of last year being at the rate of 15.57 per cent. on the paid-up capital. In consequence, the bank is able to carry forward to credit of profit and loss the very handsome balance of \$217,949, as compared with \$110,270 last year. The general statement shows

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little change from last year. The deposits are practically the same and in this respect the Bank of Hamilton has fared better than the majority of institutions, there having been a decrease in the deposit items in most cases. The capital stock and reserve continue to equalize each other. Call loans have been reduced by \$316,000, while commercial loans have been slightly increased. In view of the conditions prevailing in recent months the Bank of Hamilton is to be congratulated on holding its own so capably.

TORONTO MARKETS

Grain:	
Wheat, spring bush	0.95 0.00
Wheat, fall, bush	0.99 0.00
Wheat, goose, bush	0.92 0.00
Wheat, red, bush	1.00 0.00
Rye, bush	0.84 0.00
Peas, bush	0.88 0.00
Buckwheat, bush	0.64 0.65
Barley, bush	0.77 0.78
Oats, bush	0.59 0.56
Seeds:	
Alsike, fancy, bush	\$8.25 \$8.60
Alsike, No. 1, bush	8.00 8.25
Alsike, No. 2, bush	6.75 7.25
Red clover, No. 1, bush	10.00 10.25
Hay and Straw:	
Hay, new, per ton	\$19.00 \$20.00
Cattle hay, ton	12.00 14.00
Straw, loose, ton	10.00
Straw, bundled, ton	14.00 15.00
Fruits and Vegetables:	
Potatoes, per bag	0.95 1.10
Apples, per barrel	1.75 3.50
Onions, per bag	1.00 1.25
Poultry:	
Turkeys, dressed, lb.	0.16 0.17
Geese, per lb.	0.10 0.11
Spring chickens, lb.	0.12 0.14
Spring ducks, lb.	0.12 0.14
Fowl, per lb.	0.08 0.10
Dairy Produce:	
Butter, lb.	0.28 0.33
Eggs, strictly new laid, per dozen	0.30 0.35
Fresh Meats:	
Beef, forequarters, cwt.	\$5.00 \$6.50
Beef, hindquarters, cwt.	7.50 10.00
Beef, choice sides, cwt.	8.00 9.00
Lamb, dressed weight	10.00 11.50
Veals, common, cwt.	5.00 6.00
Mutton, light, cwt.	7.50 9.00
Veals, prime, cwt.	8.50 11.00
Dressed hogs, cwt.	7.25 7.75

Catholics and The Y. M. C. A.

The following is from The Tidings, Los Angeles, Cal., in its issue of Jan. 10th:
The question is often asked as to whether a Catholic can join either the Young Men's Christian Association or the Young Women's Christian Association, and as it is frequently represented that these organizations have in them no opposition to Catholics, there is discussion as to the advisability of membership. It is well to remember that these associations in their origin and in their present form are purely evangelical organizations and the evangelical test is essential to membership. If there had been any doubt about this matter, the last International Convention of the Y.M.C.A. in Washington would have settled the matter. An effort was made to have what is known as the evangelical test removed, and a prominent member named G. K. Shurtleiff, advocated its abrogation. Prominent in maintaining the evangelical test was the Hon. Wm. J. Bryan of Nebraska, the so-many-times candidate for the Presidency. He defended the test and succeeded in having it retained. This test practically excludes Catholics, Unitarians, Universalists and Jews from holding office in the Y.M.C.A. or being active members of the organization. The one modification that was passed was in not insisting upon the evangelical test for college branches of the organization. Those who do not belong to the evangelical churches may become what are known as "gymnasium" members and entitled to some of the privileges, but it does seem to any person with a sense of honor that there should be no disposition on the part of Catholics to belong to any organization which places as a test to membership an obligation which rules against their belief. These organizations have a perfect right to have such a test for membership just as any religious organization may require church membership. The one thing is that it should be known to the public that they are essentially religious and that certain classes of our people cannot conscientiously join them. The constitution bars them from membership and as such it cannot be maintained as purely non-sectarian. It is hard to see how any intelligent Catholic can belong to either of these organizations while such a bar to their faith is an essential part of the constitutional test. No one questions the enormous amount of work done—and good work—in the interests of good citizenship and for the salvation of many young people, but when it is a question with regard to the membership of Catholics in the organization they must be judged by their evangelical traits.

Passion empties the heart of man. It takes away what is bad and does not replace what it takes away.—Ernest Hello.
Priest Heir to Half Million
Rev. Charles F. Kearful, one of the oldest and most prominent priests of St. Joseph, Mo., received notice last week from the State Department at Washington that he is heir to a fortune worth over \$500,000 left him by a grand uncle, Karl Kirkfogel, who died at Sydney, Australia, several weeks ago. Father Kearful says that he will devote the fortune to charity. He will leave for New York and will sail on the first steamship for Italy to receive the blessing of the Pope. From Rome he will go to Sydney to establish his claim to the inheritance. After thirty-seven years of service as a priest in Missouri and Kansas Father Kearful was retired in 1904.

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Clippings From Ottawa

Rev. Fathers Dowdall and Quilty of Eganville, have spent the past few weeks on a visit to Ottawa, Montreal and Three Rivers.

Rev. Father Brunet, of the Basilica, who has been confined to an hospital for the past week, is rapidly recovering and will resume his duties in a few days.

Oscar Renaud, of Ottawa, who stole a watch and chain from the room of Mgr. Ronthier, Vicar-General, while the latter was befriending him, during last week, was sentenced to one year in prison.

On the occasion of a recent visit to Rigaud College, Archbishops Duhamel and Emond, were presented with an address by the pupils. Their Graces responded in appropriate addresses and Archbishop Duhamel announced his gift of a medal for efficiency in religious instruction. Another medal, to be competed for by the students of Literature, will be awarded by Archbishop Bruchesi.

Before the D'Youville Circle, Rev. Father Smith of New York recently delivered a splendid lecture on the two great writers, Cardinal Newman and George Eliot. He traced the life history of each with its various influences and brought out ably the many points of similarity and contrast in the works of each. The lecture was largely attended and the eloquent speaker was well received.

Several transfers of priests have been made recently. At the Basilica Rev. Father Bouchard, who was ordained in Montreal last month by Archbishop Bruchesi, will replace Rev. Father Carriere, who has been appointed to the Church of Our Redeemer, Hull. Rev. Father Martin, who has been curate at Notre Dame De Salette, will take charge of a new parish, that of Ferme Neuve, Que. To this vacancy Father Belanger, who also was recently ordained at Montreal, has been appointed.

St. George's Home, the distributing station of the Catholic Emigration Society, has just closed a most successful year. During 1907 about 1,000 children from the old countries passed through the institution. The young immigrants are carefully selected, each is given a good outfit before leaving, and ninety per cent. of them prove quite satisfactory. A representative of the Home visits each of the wards once a year to see how he or she is being treated. If the conditions are unsatisfactory the ward is transferred to some other home. It is required that the children be not only well fed and clothed, but be educated as well, and the wages earned by them are placed to their credit in the funds of the institution. In this way each receives a good start in life, and many of the earlier charges have become prosperous Western farmers.

Archbishop Duhamel has returned from Rigaud, where in company with Bishops Emond and Valleyfield, Bruchesi of Montreal and many of the clergy of the diocese, he attended the funeral of Rev. Father Reid, parish priest of Rigaud. Archbishop Emond officiated at the requiem service and also delivered the funeral discourse. Deceased was formerly curate at a deaf and dumb institution in Montreal, where he made many friends. From there he was appointed parish priest of St. Telephore, Que., and was finally selected to take charge of the church in Rigaud. He was fifty-six years of age and the crowd, which filled the church to the doors, testified to the esteem in which he was held by all who knew him. Messages of condolence and expressing regret at being unable to attend, were received from Archbishop Langevin and Archbishop Archambault.

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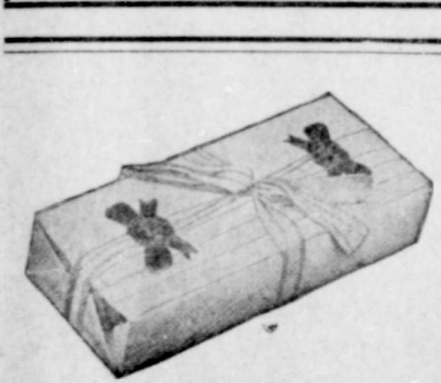
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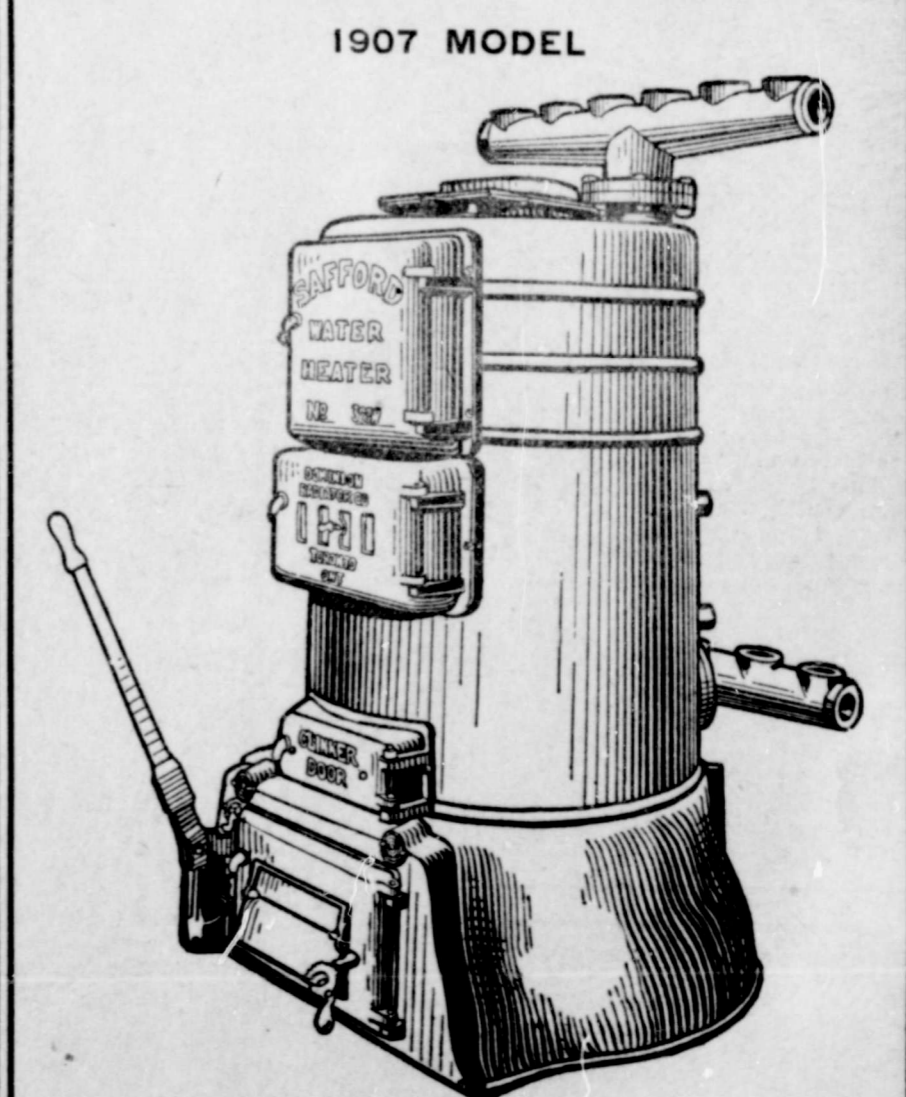
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