

NOTES FROM OTTAWA.

From Our Own Correspondent.

On their patronal feast, the Patronage of St. Joseph, the third Sunday after Easter, 1'Union St. Joseph of this city together with delegations from Hull, Orleans, Clarence Creek, and Rockland—about seven hundred in all—marched in procession, headed by two bands of music, to St. Ann's Church, where a Solemn High Mass was chanted by Mgr. Routhier, V.G., assisted by deacon and sub-deacon. After some words of welcome from the pastor, Rev. Father Beausoleil, a sermon was preached by Rev. Father Portance, of the Sacre Coeur Church. After Mass they again formed in procession, and marched to the new Orphelinat de St. Joseph, where they partook of a banquet provided by the sisters in charge, for the benefit of the institution. About three hundred sat down, and His Grace the Archbishop and a number of clergymen also participated.

The great feast was also observed with becoming solemnity in the titular church on Sandy Hill. Preceded by the College band, His Grace the Archbishop attended by Very Rev. Dr. Constantineau, O.M.I., rector of the University, as assistant priest, and Rev. Fathers Howe and Duffy, O.M.I., as deacons of honor, proceeded from the University to St. Joseph's Church through two lines formed by the College and University. Arrived in the sanctuary, His Grace assumed the vestments for Pontifical Mass, which he celebrated, assisted by Rev. Messrs. Gagnon and Chartrand, as deacon and sub-deacon of office. His Grace also preached, pointing out the great and important part St. Joseph had had in the early life of our Lord.

Two elaborately finished altars—one to be dedicated to the Blessed Mother of God, and the other to St. Joseph, are being erected in the chapel of the Sisters Adorers of the Precious Blood in the Blessed Sacrament. They are the handsome gifts of Hon. Senator Armand, of Riviere des Prairies, Que., and of M. Fauteux, contractor of this city. The solemn dedication will take place when they are erected.

Amongst the first Oblates of Mary Immaculate who came to Canada in 1841, was the venerable brother Rioux, who departed this life at the Oblates' house, in Hull, on Thursday last, where he had resided for the last twenty six years and where he had become a great favorite for his piety and kindness. In his early youth he had served in the regular French army, but on his discharge had "chosen the better part" by entering the Oblate Order. He was 85 years of age at the time of his death. His funeral and interment took place on Saturday last, when His Grace the Archbishop officiated.

Rev. Father Cote, O.P., has gone to preach a retreat in Cleveland, Ohio.

Rev. Father Pilon, of Curran, Ont., was in the city last week.

The feast of the Blessed Grignon de Montford, founder of the Company of Mary, was celebrated at the Church of our Lady of Lourdes, Montreal road, Friday afternoon. Headed by St. Ann's Parish band, the Montford Court of Catholic Foresters, conducted His Grace the Archbishop and attendant clergymen to the church. Sermons in English and French were preached by Rev. Father Sloan, P.P., of Falloufield, and the Very Rev. Father Guardian of the Capuchin Friary, Father Leonard. The music in the church was under the direction of the pastor, Rev. Father Pineault, whilst Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was bestowed by His Grace the Archbishop. Afterwards the Foresters gave a literary and musical entertainment in their hall.

Rev. Mother Catherine Aurelia has gone on a visit to her spiritual children, the Sisters of the Precious Blood at St. Hyacinthe.

In connection with the Forty Hours devotion which commences in St. Patrick's on Monday next, the Catholic Truth Society (the St. Patrick's branch) has issued a four page leaflet entitled "A Quarter of an Hour Before the Blessed Sacrament." It was distributed on Sunday last, enclosed in the St. Patrick's Church Calendar for May.

At the annual meeting of the St. Jerome Sewing Society of St. Bridgid's parish, held recently, Very Rev. Canon McCarthy warmly thanked the society for the good work of the session. A statement was read showing the number of different articles of clothing distributed and also a cash balance of \$20. The election of officers resulted: President, Mrs. McEvoy; Vice-President, Mrs. Ryan; Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Wade.

Rev. Father Fallon, O.M.I., rector of St. Joseph's was in Paris, Ont., during the past week.

The question for debate at the St. Mary's Temperance and Debating Society, last week, was: Country life is preferable to city life, and it was decided affirmatively. There was also a programme of music, vocal and instrumental.

At the Mother House of the Order, Water street, last week, the annual retreat for the Grey Nuns was preached by Rev. Father Lacoste.

Mass was offered in St. Patrick's on the feast of St. Monica, 4th inst., for the members of the parish sewing society.

Solemn Mass and Procession, during which the Litany of the Saints was chanted marked the feast of St. Mark in the Basilica. After the last Mass in all the other city churches and chapels the Litany was recited.

The number of pews in the Dominican Friar's Church, (St. Jean Baptiste) is being largely increased.

The Sodalties of the Children of Mary and of St. Anne purpose celebrating the golden jubilee of their respective foundations during the month of June.

A Novena to St. Catherine of Siena, the Patron Saint of their foundress, closed at the Monastery of the Precious Blood, on Sunday last, the festival of the Saint.

The Sacrament of Matrimony and the Sanctity of the Marriage tie was the subject of the closing sermon of the course preached to la Congregation des Hommes, in their chapel on Murray street.

Probably for the first time in Canada, the Mass recently composed by the brilliant Italian priest-composer, Father Parosi, will be sung by the choir of the Basilica on Ascension Thursday.

Rev. Father Cote of the Dominican (St. Baptiste) Church, on Primrose Hill, is in Cleveland, Ohio, preaching a retreat.

Rev. Father Bedard, of Lefebvre, Ont., was in the city last week.

The matter of the abrogation of the Coronation Oath is being followed up. Copies of the tract dealing with it have been sent to each senator and member of the House of Commons; and the different Catholic organizations in this vicinity are passing resolutions, praying for the same.

The Very Rev. Canon Bouillon is also an architect. He has planned a new church at Rimouski, Que., and has just returned from inspecting the work.

The arrival at the New Orpington Lodge at Hintonburg, Ont., of some forty immigrant boys, sent out by the Catholic Society at Southwark, Eng., is expected shortly.

each shareholder, the inducement to take a share being a prior claim to obtain a loan. Loans are made for three months at from 6 to 8 per cent. by these "people's banks," with renewals under certain conditions. The working classes are greatly benefited by these banks, which now exist all over the empire, and do a business estimated at \$500,000,000 a year.

Preparations are being made for the international Peace Congress, which is to open on May 18. It may be of interest to state the points which the Czar has suggested for consideration by the conference. They are:

An understanding not to increase for a fixed period the present effective of the armed military and naval forces, and at the same time not to increase the

budgets pertaining thereto. A preliminary examination of the means by which a reduction might even be effected in the future in the forces and budgets above mentioned.

To prohibit the use in the armies and fleets of any new kind of firearms whatever and of new explosives, or any powders more powerful than those now in use, either for rifles or cannon.

To restrict the use in military warfare of the formidable explosives already existing, and to prohibit the throwing of projectiles or explosives of any kind from balloons or by any similar means.

To prohibit the use in naval warfare of submarine torpedo boats or plungers or other small engines of destruction. To give an undertaking not to construct vessels with rams in the future.

To apply to naval warfare the stipulations of the Geneva convention of 1864, on the basis of the articles added to the convention of 1868.

To neutralize ships and boats employed in saving those overboard during or after an engagement.

To raise the declaration concerning the laws and customs of war elaborated in 1874 by the conference of Brussels, which has remained unratified to the present day.

To accept in principle the employment of the good offices of mediation and facultative arbitration in cases lending themselves thereto, with the object of preventing armed conflicts between nations; an understanding with respect to the mode of applying these good offices, and the establishment of a uniform practice in using them.

One great drawback to the conference is that, owing to the hostility of Italy, the Pope, the representative of the Prince of Peace has not been invited to send delegates to it; and another is the fact that since the Czar's circular was issued Russia, England, the United States, France, and Germany have been increasing their armed military and naval forces.

HOME RULE IRELAND.

The "Daily Chronicle" last week produced an excellent map of Ireland showing in shaded colors the Unionist fringe—Antrim, Down, Derry, and Armagh. The map shows at a glance the state of Home Rule feeling in Ireland. Only in four counties have the Unionists a majority, and in two

MARKET REPORT.

Specially Prepared for the "True Witness."

From present appearances Canadian dairymen and farmers will realize from 1½ to 2c per pound more for their early fodder cheese this spring than they did last. In fact the make of the month of April has already been contracted for at prices ranging from 9½c to 10c, as against 7½c to 7¾c last year. Supplies of old cheese here are practically exhausted, only a few thousand boxes remaining. Recent sales of old have been made from 10½c to 11c.

The butter market is quiet with prices rather in favor of buyers, sales being reported this week of fresh creamery at 16½c to 16¾c, but a creamery at West Sheffield in the Townships is said to have realized 16½c to 16¾c f. o. b. factory, which is equal to 16½c to 16¾c here in Montreal. Roll butter is no longer saleable here, but tub dairy ranges from 13c to 13½c as to grade.

Receipts of live hogs are light and prices are well maintained the bulk of the offerings being taken by local pork packers at \$4.60 per 100 lbs., although one or two choice lots went at \$4.75. At these prices packers complain that they are losing money in exporting bacon and hams, and assert that prices on the live animals will have to come down.

The egg market is easier under more liberal receipts, and prices have receded to 11½c, showing a decline of ¼c to 1½c, since last report, when sales were made at 11c to 11½c in 25 case lots. To-day also sales at 11 to 11½c in 25 case lots are noted, and although receipts are increasing they are very much below those of last year, those of the past week being 2501 pkgs, against 5654 pkgs. for the same week last year. Of course at present prices egg packers will not put many in their pickling vats for the English market, although some have already been placed there for local requirements.

Fresh killed poultry continues in fair request and prices are steady. Turkeys sell from 10c to 11c, chickens, 7c to 8c, geese 6c, and ducks 8c to 9c. Nothing but absolutely fresh killed stock is saleable, so that it is

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	Nationalist.	Unionist.
Ulster	97	88
Munster	137	9
Leinster	222	22
Connaught	81	2

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Nationalist Majority, 421.

In point of population the proportion, taking the last census—represented by Nationalists and Unionists is as follows:—

Nationalist	3,591,479
Unionist	1,113,270

Nationalist majority 2,478,209

It may be said that the Unionists represented a greater proportion of the wealth of the country, and that the Nationalists come from the poorer districts, where the population is denser. But on this basis, the Chronicle points out, the Home Rulers have all the better of the comparison. Last year's ratable assessments show that the relative value of property represented by the parties is as follows:—

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—Belfast Irish Weekly.

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Ashes are quiet at \$4.05 to \$4.10 for first pots and \$3.80 to \$3.85.

Tallow is quiet, but steady at 5c for refined and rough is quoted at 2½ to 3c.

There has been considerable trading in oats during the past week. It is estimated that sales in Ontario recently have aggregated close upon 200,000 bushels, a large portion of which changed hands at 31½ to 32c, f. o. b. in the West, equal to 37c afloat here, May, but all our exporters can pay is 36c afloat May.

Barley is quiet. Malting stock selling at 50c to 52c and feed barley 44c to 45c. Buckwheat is quiet and firm at 58½ to 59c in store. In Ontario, car lots are quoted 51c to 52c. There is not much doing in peas in this market, and very little in Ontario, and prices here are quoted 74c to 74½ afloat May.

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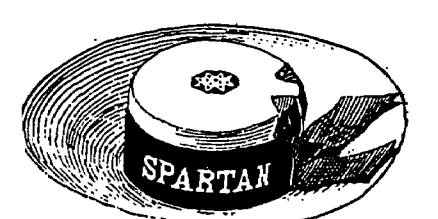
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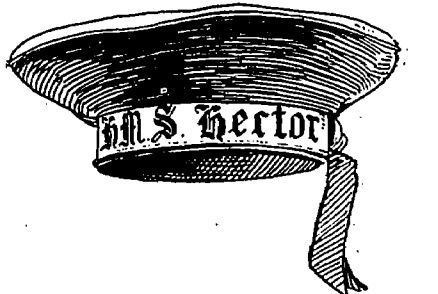
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Continued From First Page.

XIII's final announcement to the Catholic world. It is to be sincerely hoped that it will be nothing of the kind, but that the great Pontiff may live to issue many other encyclicals to the faithful.

It is not generally known that there have long existed in Germany what may be termed Poor Men's Banks. One of the primary objects of their establishment was to do away with the pawnbrokers and their exorbitant rates of interest on loan. The philanthropic founder started the first of these banks in 1850, with a small capital, \$2,500, and offered shares at \$150, and only one to