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News from the Catholic Parishes of the City.

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH.

The British Army and Navy veterans attended High Mass at St. Patrick's Church on Sunday last. They were attended by St. Patrick's Cadets, several veterans of the South African war, and the Canadian Association of Veterans. There were 200 in all in the parade. Commander P. Matthews was in charge of the veterans. Captain J. J. Ryan was the Cadets' officer, and Commander Watts looked after the Canadian Veterans' Association. The parade left the Drill Hall shortly before 10 o'clock, and headed by the drum and band, marched to St. Patrick's Church, where they were welcomed by Rev. Father Martin Callaghan, who preached an eloquent sermon on the occasion.

The pastor extended to the heroes a most cordial welcome, who came, he said, in such large numbers to assist at the holy sacrifice of the Mass in the mother Irish Catholic Church of the city. He congratulated them for having served under a flag which of all flags is most deserving of respect and admiration. The flag of this mighty Empire might boast of being the most ardent and generous friend and most powerful champion of personal, social, political and religious liberty. Here Father Callaghan alluded to the past wrongs and woes of Ireland, but praised the broad and tolerant spirit of the present, and those who were trying to right the wrongs of the past under the guidance of a king who is universally loved and trusted. The speaker concluded by congratulating St. Patrick's Cadets for having, at a recent competition, placed themselves at the head of cadet marksmanship of Canada.

The musical portion of the service was well rendered. Prof. Fowler presided at the organ. Rev. Dr. Luke Callaghan sang High Mass. The visitation of the parish commenced on Monday. Rev. Father Martin Callaghan divided the parish into four sections. It will take about a month to complete the work. The new marble altar of the Blessed Virgin donated by Mrs. Jas. Cochrane, wife of ex-Mayor Cochrane, was put up on Monday and finished on Wednesday of this week. It is a real work of art, and cost \$1500. It will be blessed in the near future.

Tuesday being the feast of St. Luke, and Rev. Luke Callaghan's feast day, Father Luke was the recipient of many presents and good wishes. The eucharist given by St. Patrick's Total Abstinence and Benefit Society are proving very enjoyable, and are attended by a large number of the members and their friends.

On Sunday last Rev. Father Dufresne, C.S.S.R., of Montreal, who arrived from Belgium last week, sang his first High Mass at St. Ann's Church. The high altar was tastefully decorated with banners, silk streamers and flowers, while innumerable colored and other lights shed their radiance over the scene. At the altar the young Levite was assisted by three college mates, Rev. Father Trudel, C.S.S.R., being assistant priest, Rev. Father Perrier, S.S., as deacon, and Rev. Father McCrory of the Montreal College being sub-deacon. The sermon was preached by Rev. E. Strubbe, C.S.S.R. The gentleman gave an excellent sermon on the dignity of the priesthood. He took for his text: "There stands one in the midst of you, whom you know not." The preacher said that that day 25 years ago the Redemptorist Fathers came to Montreal first, and twenty years since they took charge of St. Ann's parish. They came as strangers to the people, yet they were received with every mark of kindness and respect, and the people of St. Ann's have remained faithful to the traditions of their forefathers. After dwelling at length on the great dignity of the priesthood, turning to the young priest whom God had called to such

an exalted vocation, he wished him years of joy and success in the ministry, and that his work would be fruitful in the vineyard of the divine Master. The young priest's parents and friends occupied special seats of honor near the altar rails. The music of the choir was of the highest order, Faconier's Mass being faultlessly rendered. Prof. P. J. Shea presided at the organ. An immense congregation assisted, and at the end of the Mass approached the altar rails to receive the young priest's blessing.

The cause of the canonization of Blessed Gerard Majella, a humble lay brother of the Redemptorist Order, will be proceeded with on November 11th at Rome. Several of the Redemptorist Superiors will be present for the occasion, among them being Rev. Father Rioux, P.P., St. Ann's.

High Mass was sung by Rev. Father A. Cullinan, and the sermon preached by Rev. Father McDonald. The St. Vincent de Paul Society of the parish are to hold a concert on Monday, November 7th, the proceeds of which will be used for the funds of the society. The arrangements are in charge of Rev. Father McDonald, and an energetic committee.

High Mass was sung by Rev. Father Thomas Heffernan, and the sermon preached by the pastor, Rev. J. E. Donnelly. At the low masses the pastor delivered short instructions on advantages and disadvantages of universal suffrage. At the High Mass the subject was handled in an able manner. The pastor told the congregation to follow their conscience in exercising their right to vote and with this guiding star they could not err.

In the afternoon, the children of the parish, to the number of between six and seven hundred, made their jubilee visits. Rev. Father Thomas Heffernan accompanied the children.

At St. Gabriel's Church on Sunday last, Rev. Father Fahey sang High Mass, and the sermon was preached by the pastor, Rev. Wm. O'Meara. The preacher dwelt at length on the mercy of the divine Master in contrast with the hard-heartedness of man, and concluded by referring in a special manner to the purity of the Blessed Virgin, whose feast the Church celebrated to-day. The singing of the choir was very devotional, Dumont's sixth tone Mass being rendered. At the Offertory "O Gloriosa Virginum" was feelingly sung. The collection in aid of the fund for the church steps was a very generous one. The pastor and people of St. Gabriel's parish are to be congratulated on the many improvements made in the parish. A beautiful church, a first class hall, well equipped schools for the children of the parish, tell a tale of unity, good will and perseverance. Bravo to old St. Gabriel's.

High Mass was sung by Rev. Father R. E. Callahan, and the sermon preached by Rev. Father Kiernan, P.P. The pastor preached on the Epistle of the day. "St. Paul's lesson to the Ephesians," said the preacher, "abounds in serious matter for reflection. Princes and principalities alluded to, and with whom mankind has to wrestle, are the fallen angels who from heavenly hosts became devils. In their hatred of God, and of souls redeemed by Him, their chief aim is to occasion sin, and thereby destroy our spiritual union with God. These tempters are to be greatly feared, for though they forfeited, in their pride, their beauty and innocence, they did not lose their angelic intelligence and knowledge, which, being far superior to ours, leave us at an immense disadvantage. Truly, if left to ourselves, we should have reason to despair, but

with God, with Whose strength we can do all things, we are enabled to cope with all their attempts, and obtain victory."

Rev. Father Hayes, of Annapolis, N.S., who had been a guest at the presbytery, returned home a few days ago.

His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi will solemnly bless the new church on Sunday, Oct. 30th. His Lordship Bishop Lorrain, of Pembroke, is expected to sing Pontifical High Mass. His Lordship Bishop Casey, of St. John, N.B., has been invited. After the ceremony a dinner will be tendered the Archbishop, Bishops and clergy.

His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi has granted the Archconfraternity of St. Michael, and has enriched it with all the indulgences annexed to the famous Archconfraternity of Mount St. Michael in France, the famous shrine of pilgrimage.

The conversation which was held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week was quite successful. The ladies and gentlemen in charge have reason to be proud of their efforts, and quite a decent sum was realized for the benefit of the Church fund.

ST. AGNES PARISH.

The masses at St. Agnes Church on Sundays are at 7.30, 9 and 10.

The 7.30 on Sunday was said by Rev. Father W. H. Condon, C.S.C., St. Laurent College, and the 9 and 10 by the pastor, Rev. Father Casey. At the High Mass Rev. Father Casey also preached, his subject being "Restitution."

On Sunday, Oct. 30th, Rev. Father Connolly, S.J., Immaculate Conception Church, will open a week's mission in the parish.

On Wednesday, Nov. 9th, the first of a series of eucharist parties and concerts will be held in the town hall, cor. Rachel and St. Lawrence streets. Six valuable prizes have been kindly donated. The tickets for the eucharist parties are \$25 and \$15 prizes at the end of the series.

A CATHOLIC PAPER ALMOST A RELIGIOUS DUTY.

Rev. Henry Day, S.J., in the London Tablet.

Every Catholic household should regard it as a sacred—almost as a religious—duty to be supplied with a good Catholic paper in order to supplement the non-religious journal and to counteract any poison of religious indifference or even irreligion which it may contain. It may here be remarked that complaints are not infrequently made in respect to the quality and quantity of our Catholic newspapers. There is no need to discuss the justice of this. Suffice it to say that the proprietors and editors of Catholic papers have every reason on their side to reproach the Catholic public with apathy in regard to the existing Catholic press, which, if not the best, at least contains much of what is good, and even excellent. A lack of interest is evidenced both by the fewness of purchasers in comparison with our numbers, and also by the unwillingness of very many to assist the Catholic reporter in his endeavor to obtain current information and the news of the week. If there is a practical demand for an enlarged and improved religious press, the supply will undoubtedly be forthcoming.

THE SHAMROCKS' TROPHIES.

Lacrosse is finished for 1904. The famous Shamrock lacrosse team captured the honors of the championship of the world, and the Minto Cup for the fourth successive time. To this honor the Shamrocks have also added more: La Presse cup, and the Ottawa Evening Journal cup are theirs. The famous Capitals gave the Shamrocks the greatest game of their lives at Ottawa. The game will live in the history of sport, being a draw. The series between Capitals and Shamrocks ended 24 goals for Shamrocks and 10 goals for Capitals. There exists no doubt about the superior team. It is to be regretted that the Shamrock Athletic Association had a very poor season financially.

General Items of Interest Around the City.

His Grace Archbishop Langevin of St. Boniface blessed fifteen banners at St. Joseph's Church, Richmond street, on Sunday, and afterwards officiated in the procession of the Holy Rosary Sodality which took place through the principal streets of the parish. His Grace was assisted by Rev. Father Belanger, P.P., and the clergy of St. Joseph's Church.

The men of St. Jean Baptiste parish made their jubilee visits last Sunday afternoon.

His Grace Archbishop Gauthier was a guest at St. Patrick's Presbytery last week on his way to attend the meeting of Archbishops on educational matters held at Quebec. During his stay in the city His Grace visited St. Patrick's school, and was highly pleased with the institution and its work.

Thursday, Oct. 20th, the ambulance was presented to the Sisters of the Hotel Dieu by a number of citizens, was formally presented to the institution. At three o'clock the ceremony took place. His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi presided, assisted by several of the city clergy. After the affair was over, the Sisters entertained their guests to a lunch.

On October 14, the first official visit of Bishop Archambault, of Joliette, to the College of L'Assomption, which is his Alma Mater, was made the occasion of a brilliant reception by the students and officials of the college and the parish. The Bishop was met at the station by the students, who formed up on the station platform in parallel ranks, carrying French flags, and forming a guard of honor. Mgr. Archambault was driven from the station to the college at the head of a long procession, the Lieutenant-Governor being in the carriage. At the college an extensive programme of music and recitation was excellently rendered by the students, and an address was presented to Mgr. Archambault by Hon. L. A. Jette on behalf of the college, to which the Bishop replied in eloquent terms. An illumination in the evening terminated the proceedings.

REV. BRO. PRUDENT HONORED.

The St. Ann's Total Abstinence and Benefit Society sent a flattering testimonial to Rev. Brother Prudent for his great work in the cause of Irish Catholic education at St. Ann's school for the past ten years, during which time he had been director of the school. He is now director of St. Patrick's School.

St. Patrick's School, Montreal, Oct. 15, 1904.

To Mr. J. F. Quinn, Sec. St. Ann's T. A. & B. Society.

The very flattering testimonial expressive of the sentiments of your Society with regard to me, and my labors in St. Ann's parish, and signed by the chief officials of your Association, was duly received. It is a document I prize highly and shall ever guard with jealous care. I only wish I were worthy of such commendation. However, I must say I did, in my humble way, all I could to further the interests of the boys of your parish, and the reason I did not do more was because I did not know how.

It is a great source of pleasure to me to hold in my possession a testimonial from your worthy old society saying that the efforts made by me and my co-laborers during the past decade of years, for the betterment of the youth of your parish, has been endorsed by St. Ann's T. A. & B. Society.

Please to convey to the officers and members of your Society my deep felt thanks for the thoughtful expressions contained in your letter of the 23rd Sept., also for the many acts of kindness exercised towards

me by the St. Ann's T. A. & B. Society during my stay in St. Ann's. I have the honor to remain, Your obedient servant, BRO. PRUDENT.

AN IMPORTANT CEREMONY.

The crowning of Our Lady of the Rosary at Cap de la Madeleine, which took place last week was one of the most impressive ceremonies witnessed for a long time. Solemn High Mass was sung at the Church. Near the Church, a large tent was erected. A platform was built near it. The ceremony was one that will never be forgotten by those who had the extreme pleasure of witnessing it. Archbishops, Bishops and priests, both secular and religious, had assembled to take part in the proceedings. A special train from Montreal brought the tertiarines down. The Franciscan Fathers from Montreal and Quebec were there. Rev. Father Frederic, O.F.M., carried the crown. Rev. Fathers Ange, O.F.M., and Archange, O.F.M., carried Our Lady's statue. Rev. Father Ambrose, O.F.M., of Quebec, was the Franciscan Father who had the crown prepared. Rev. Father Christopher, O.F.M., was there as the representative of the English-speaking tertiarines, and Rev. Father Columban, O.F.M., as prior of the Monastery. A special guard of honor was brought from Quebec for the solemn occasion. Two sermons were delivered, one in English by His Grace Archbishop Duhamel, of Ottawa, and the other in French by His Grace Archbishop Begin of Quebec.

The crown and the heart with which the statue of Our Lady of the Rosary is now decorated have an interesting history, which the readers of the True Witness are the first to learn of. Both the crown and the heart were given by the first speaking lady-tertiarines of Montreal. It was resolved on the 15th August, 1898, to present the crown, which is solid gold. On the 5th June, 1898, it was resolved to place a golden heart on the statue. This heart was made of golden jewels given by the pilgrims who visited Cap de la Madeleine the year previous, and made a promise to that effect. The golden heart is attached with fine gold chains. The heart weighs 10 1/2 oz., is 8 1/2 inches long, and 4 1/2 inches wide. A sword runs through the centre. Near the sword are to be found five small diamonds and three rubies. The other portion contains one diamond, four small rubies and eight brilliants.

On the back of the heart is engraved the following: "Mine eyes shall be opened, and my ears attentive to the prayers of him who shall pray in this place." "Put me as a seal upon thy heart, for I have chosen this place that my name be there forever, and my eyes and my heart may remain there perpetually."

Hymns of praise were sung in honor of the Mother of God. What a day of joy and consolation it had been for the happy clients of Mary. How their sweet Mother looked down on them from the realms of bliss, and rejoiced that her children were still true to her, and their devotion and gratitude would not be forgotten.

HOME INFLUENCE.

As a rule children correspond to home influence. They are good or bad according to the influence exerted on them is good or bad, and the majority retain the good habits formed in early youth for "the child is the father of the man." The atmosphere of the home must be Christian that the spirit of peace and goodwill abide. Many of our boys are ruined by street influence which is a powerful destroyer. The atmosphere is always reeking with foul language, unsightly scenes, etc., and while the school and the home are Christian, the education of the

street is wicked and ruinous. Parents, keep your children from the street, and let home influence do its work, well, and good Christian Catholic young men will be in our midst.

HONESTY.

"Honesty is the best policy," seems to be a maxim that is often abused. It is surprising to find in courts such large numbers of young men and others being tried for dishonesty. Little liberties lead to big ones, and in the end the stern hand of justice overtakes such persons. The seventh commandment of God says, "Thou shalt not steal," yet Catholic young men and boys disobey such a command. How many a promising youth who started with a brilliant future before him, went to pieces on the rock of dishonesty. How many a young man with a position of trust sacrificed all and became dishonest and thereby went to wreck and ruin. Those who practice such acts of dishonesty on their employers as they imagine cannot be found out, make the mistake of their lives. In the end such persons are caught, then shame and disgrace follow.

"Not the brilliancy of success," wrote Von Moltke on his eightieth birthday, "but the purities of our endeavors and faithful perseverance in duty, even when the result is scarcely visible, will decide as to the value of a man's life."

ST. ANN'S FIELD DAY PRIZES.

The successful competitors of St. Ann's School who won prizes at the field day sports, received them at St. Ann's Hall on Monday morning, when Rev. Father Rioux, P.P., C.S.S.R., presided. The prizes were tastefully decorated for the occasion. Several of the Christian Brothers were present. The following are the names of the successful ones, and what each received:

First (14 years and over)—J. Cloran, lacrosse; D. Sullivan, clock; T. Sullivan, hockey; P. Horan, clock; P. O'Reilly, clock; M. Sproule, crokinole board; J. Laydon, hockey and lacrosse ball; F. Ward, watch chain. 12 and 13 Years—G. O'Grady, hockey; L. Dempsey, watch chain; J. Barry, hockey; P. Hylands, hockey; R. Guilfoyle, fancy blotter and knife; W. Carrigher, fancy blotter and knife; W. Harold, lacrosse ball and puck; W. Cummings, baseball and puck.

11 years and under—C. Wharin, bat and puck; J. Ahern, lacrosse ball and blotter; G. Mullins, baseball and puck; J. Gallery, cards and baseball bat.

Seconds (14 years and over)—P. Horan, cards; T. Sullivan, gloves; P. O'Reilly, cards; J. Gleason, hockey; E. Costello, hockey; J. Laydon, lacrosse ball; D. Sullivan, fancy blotter; J. Ryan, baseball bat; E. Harney, watch chain.

12 and 13 years—J. Leonard, fancy blotter; G. O'Grady, penknife; L. O'Grady, inkstand; J. Fitzpatrick, baseball; G. McCrea, bat; W. Harold, bat; W. Cummings, penknife; R. Guilfoyle, cards.

11 years and under—J. Gallery, fancy blotter; C. Wharin, checkers; L. Millou, checkers.

Thirds—M. Sproule, gold cuff links; J. Cloran, gold cuff links; G. Curran, ink stand; P. Gallery, fancy blotter; T. Sullivan, penknife; F. Colligan, baseball bat.

12 and 13 years—P. Clarke, fancy inkstand; W. Russell, penknife; G. McCrea, baseball bat; W. Carrigher, baseball; L. O'Grady, penknife; G. O'Grady, puck; W. Harold, inkstand.

11 years and under—T. Feron, baseball; J. Donovan, penknife; J. Mullins, inkstand; J. Ahearn, checkers.

Fourth Prizes—D. Bahen, gold cuff links; J. Bracken, checkers; J. O'Brien, penknife.

The following boys who had gained all the points in the different events received special prizes:

J. Cloran, gold watch and chain.

J. Bahen, silver watch and chain.

J. O'Brien, silver chain.

M. Meehan, gold cuff links.

J. McCarthy, baseball.

D. Shanahan, cards.

H. Hyland, watch chain.

P. Dunphy, gold cuff links.

At the end of the distribution, Rev. Father Rioux addressed a few words to the boys and congratulated them on their success in athletics.