

formance of the accomplished, though very youthful, pupils of Notre Dame.

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**LOGICAL.**—Mr. Principal Howe, a prominent speaker at a late meeting on the question of Education, whose proceedings are reported in the *Gazette*, is logical and quite consistent. He is in favor of "compulsory" education; and therefore would, as far as possible, prohibit home education. He has the good sense to see that the system he favors is incompatible with the recognition of any rights in the family. We give the words of the speaker as reported in the *Gazette*:—

Principal Howe said that if the compulsory system were introduced it would not do to allow parents to evade the law on pretence of educating their children at home, as such a system would require too expensive a system of inspection. He believed in having a compulsory system of education and that only.

We have no doubt that Mr. Howe is a terrible fellow on civil and religious liberty; an out and out Liberal in short. From such men and their counsels good Lord deliver us.

**THE MESSENGER OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS.** January 1872. This excellent monthly comes to us as usual filled with a large amount of very interesting reading; it has the approbation of His Grace the Archbishop of Baltimore, and requires only to be had to be appreciated; with this number it commences its seventh year of usefulness. We give below a list of the Contents:—The Paradise of God; St. Blasius and his Companions; Historical scenes of the Fourth Century of the Church; The Sacred Heart in the Manger, (Poetry); Pansies, Reflections for the beginning of the New Year; A few passion flowers (Poetry); General Intention; General view of Graces obtained.

**CANADIAN MONTHLY AND NATURAL REVIEW**—January, 1872.—Adam Stevenson, Toronto: Messrs Dawson Brothers Montreal.

We have received the first number of this publication, which promises to be a valuable addition to our Canadian literature, and of which judging by the specimen before us, the Dominion will have good reason to be proud.

We give below a list of the contents:—Introductory; The Treaty of Washington, by Charles Lindsay, Esq.; Marching Ont, a Poem on the Departure of the British Troops from Quebec, by York; Anne Hathaway, a Dialogue, by Daniel Wilson, Esq., LL. D., Professor of History and English Literature, University College, Toronto; January, a Poem by S. J. Watson, Esq.; Marguerite Kneller, Artist and Woman, by Miss Murray, Author of "The Cited Curate," (Chapters I., II., III.); The Two Cities, a Poem, by J. C. Hamilton, M.A., LL. B.; Man's Place in Nature, by H. Alleyne Nicholson, Esq., M. D., D. Sc., F. R. S. E., Professor of Natural History, University College, Toronto; The Mocking Bird, a Poem, by Charles Sangster, Esq., Ottawa; The Cavalry Charges at Sedan, by Lieut.-Colonel G. T. Denison, Junr.; The Consolations of Science, a Translation from the opening of the Second Book of Lucretius, by Goldwin Smith, Esq., M.A.; Curiosities of Canadian Literature, Washington and Jumonville—by W. J. Anderson, Esq., LL. D., Quebec; Paolo and Francesca, a Poem, by John Reade, Esq., Montreal, author of "The Prophecy of Merlin, and other Poems"; An Historical Night in the Old Canadian Parliament, by S. J. Watson, Esq.; Love in Death, from a Poem of Callus; Translations and Selections:—The end of Bohemia, From the French of F. Caro; The Last Tournament, a New Idyll of the King, by Alfred Tennyson, D.C.L., Poet Laureate; Book Reviews; Literary Notes.

**BLACKWOOD'S EDINBURGH MAGAZINE.**—Dec. 1871.—Leonard Scott Publishing Company, 140 Fulton Street, New York; Messrs. Dawson Bros., Montreal.

By means of their cheap, but elegant reprints of the leading periodicals of the British Empire, the Leonard Scott Publishing Company make easily accessible to all on this Continent, the best productions of the best writers in the English language in the Old World. The several Reviews reproduce every shade of political and religious opinion, from those of the more advanced Protestant party, represented by the *Westminster*, to those of the old fashioned Conservatives, of whom *Blackwood* and the *London Quarterly* are the organs. The present number of *Blackwood* contains articles of much interest, and of which we give a list:—The Maid of Sker—part 5; More Roba di Roma—conclusion; The Two Mrs. Scudamores part I.; Cornelius O'Dowd; What the Pope Might Do; The Heads and the Hands; Our Quacks; Unreflecting Childhood and Age; Gerty's Necklace; French Home Life; No. 2. Children; Illustration; The House of Lords.

Cornelius O'Dowd is of opinion that the case of the Pope is by no means desperate, and hesitates not to avow that, were the people of Italy free, and at liberty to express their feelings at

the hustings, they would very soon send Victor Emmanuel, and his mercenaries packing. He says:—"The Pope's case is by no means so hopeless as it appears. The very weapon—of constitutional government—by which he has been spoiled, and deposed, may, one day be used to restore him. \* \* \* If one day universal suffrage should become law, the whole Left of the Chamber would be Papal; and I am by no means sure but that they might become powerful enough to sway the Chamber by their numbers, and seize the reins of government."—p. 730.

Not a doubt of it. If ever the people of Italy be able to throw off the yoke of military despotism, which now represses every free act, every free word, and which for the moment has crushed all manly sentiment out of them; if ever they recover their freedom, the first use they will make of it, as the Protestant writer in *Blackwood* anticipates, will be to restore the Sovereign Pontiff to his rightful throne, and to purge the Holy City of the foul vermin by whom it is at present defiled. Let us pray that the day may come quickly.

**MR. THOMAS HANOVER** of Bennie's Corners has kindly consented to canvass for the TRUE WITNESS in the Ottawa District and he is hereby authorised to receive subscriptions and grant receipts therefor. We hope our friends in that quarter will give him a warm reception in his efforts to extend the circulation of the TRUE WITNESS.

Father's Stafford's Christmas offering this year was \$407—the largest ever made in Lindsay.

**LA REVUE CANADIENNE**—December, 1871. M. E. Senecal, St. Vincent Street.

We give below a list of the contents of the current number:—1. Helika, Memoire d'un Vieux Maitre d'Ecole, (Roman Canadien) suite; 2. Les Canadiens de l'Ouest: Joseph Larocque, suite et fin; 3. L'Homme Public; 4. Louis Joliet; 5. Chronique du Mois; 6. Bibliographies: Causeries du Dimanche, par A. B. Routhier.

**L'UNION MEDICALE DU CANADA.**—This is a monthly medical journal, edited by M. Rottot, M.D., with MM. Dagenais and Desrosiers for assistants. It is also the first medical journal ever published in this country in the French language. We offer its editors our best wishes for its success.

**NEW MUSIC.**—*L'Ombre*, Reverie pour la Pianoforte, par F. Boscovitz, Montreal; C. C. Dezhouche.

We have to thank the publisher for this very pretty and sparkling piece of music.

**THE CATHOLIC RECORD**—January 1872.—Hardy and Mahony, Sanson Street, Philadelphia.

The several articles in this excellent Catholic periodical are of great merit, and its low price, \$2 50 per annum, puts it within the reach of every Catholic family.

**A WOMAN DEAD IN A CELLAR, AND EATEN BY THE RATS.**—An inquest was held by Mr. Coroner Jones this morning on the body of a woman named Ellen Donnelly, who was found last evening in a cellar, at No. 46 St. Paul street, under the following circumstances: A person named James McNiece, who lives next door to the premises in question, had just returned from Lachine, when he heard cries proceeding from the house next door. He went in and found that a young woman (a cousin of witness) had fainted in consequence of going down a cellar, where lived a man named Nolan, his wife and sister-in-law, and seeing the body of the sister-in-law partly eaten by rats. Mr. McNiece said to a boy who came in at the moment, "let us go down and see." They went down, and after forcing open the door which was fastened by a piece of wood, they saw a body covered with a quilt, from which a hand protruded, which was

EATEN BY THE RATS. They withdrew the covering and found that the greater portions of the body were eaten in the same manner. McNiece covered it up again and went and notified the police immediately. The Coroner was notified and procured permission from the authorities of the Medical Institute on Craig street to have the body deposited there until this morning. Nolan, the brother-in-law of the deceased woman, testified that deceased was sixty years of age, was unmarried and had lived with himself and wife for about twenty years. On Thursday last she died, and his wife (the supposed) covered her with the quilt. He did not know from what she died. She had been accustomed to drink, as they all were. He did not notify the Police of her death because he expected to get money enough to buy a coffin for her himself. She had in consequence lain there from Thursday until last evening when the body was discovered in the above manner. Both Nolan and his wife were during the greater portion of that time in a state of beastly intoxication, as they were last night when the body was found. According to the evidence of Detective Murphy, the room was nothing but a mass of filth and straw and the stench was almost insupportable. The premises are owned by a person named McNiece, who keeps a crockery store there and is a relation of the witness above mentioned. Dr. Rottot, who made an examination of the body, stated that part of the inside was ossified and the liver was softened. He was of opinion that death was caused by congestion of the lungs consequent on the ossification of the arteries. A verdict was returned in accordance with the evidence.—*Daily News* 26th ult.

A Coroner's jury sitting at Quebec yesterday had a curious case in hand. Human remains, frozen and cut up into short pieces, constituted the subject of the inquest. These remains were found in a box, unaddressed, which appears to have been banded in at the receiving office at Quebec for shipment to Point Levis, freight being paid. The keen-sightedness of a porter and a Mr. Muir, who perceived a human hand through a crack in the box when shipping it on board the steamer, led to the startling

discovery which yesterday occupied the attention of the jury. The police are endeavoring to fathom the mystery.—*Gazette* Dec. 27.

**HOW RENFORTH CAME TO DIE SUDDENLY** DURING THE ST. JOHN BOAT RACE.—According to a so called religious writer in the *Boston Watchman*, who dates from St. John, N.B., the death of poor Renforth was a judgement from the Lord, not for any sin that he had committed, at least so far as this intimate acquaintance of Providence thinks it discreet to make known the facts, but for those of the people of St. John.—*Montreal Herald*.

**IMPROVING.**—McLaughlin, the man who was stabbed some ten days ago by two sailors, McKenna and Fletcher, is steadily progressing, and will soon be able to leave the hospital.

**QUEBEC, Dec. 27.**—Last night about 10 o'clock a fire was discovered in the back part of Messrs. Guay & Co's dry goods store St. John street. The fire soon rendered the inside of the building and the stock a blackened and charred mass. The fire communicated with Mr. George Hall's grocery store and destroyed a large amount of provisions. The building, formerly dining room of the Russell House and latterly occupied as a billiard hall also fell a prey to the flames. The Russell House was considerably injured, and the total value of the property destroyed cannot fall short of \$30,000. Messrs. Guay & Co's stock of dry goods was insured for \$10,000 in the Liverpool, London, and Globe office, and for \$5,000 in the Etna. The store is owned by Mr. Hall, and insured in Quebec for \$8,000. Mr. Hall's grocery store is insured in a Quebec office for \$6,000, and his stock is covered by \$2,000 in Quebec, and \$6,000 in the Royal. The billiard hall, which is also owned by Mr. Hall, is insured for \$4,000 in the Royal. Two billiard tables were burnt, and a piano owned by Mr. Larue. The old Russell House was somewhat injured, but is covered by \$10,000 insurance in the Liverpool, London, and Globe. Messrs. Bergevin & Gosselin's dry goods store, adjoining Messrs. Guay & Co's store, was filled with smoke, and the contents were spoiled thereby: this is covered by insurance in the Queen.

It is said that in Britain, there are 120,000 cases of typhoid fever every year, resulting in about 20,000 deaths, and in Canada we are sure the number of such is anything but small. Last fall, in Toronto alone, there were occasionally from two to three hundred cases at the same time, and a good many of these were fatal. This year typhoid is not so prevalent, but other fevers are more so. And why? That is exactly what we want to know. Medical men tell us that typhoid fever is commonly produced by breathing polluted air, and that typhoid is due almost entirely to drinking water polluted by sewage. We need not, in that case, wonder that both kinds are somewhat prevalent in the Queen city of Ontario, for certainly our bad smells are many, and the pollution of much of our drinking water unquestionable.—*Toronto Globe*.

**DRINK.**—An inquest was held by Coroner T. Tait Scott at Holmes Hotel, Wingham, on the body of one Robert Dickson, hostler, in the employ of Godfrey Holmes. Deceased was found dead, lying on his face, about 5 o'clock on the morning of the 26th December, in the bar-room of the hotel. After a thorough investigation the jury returned the following verdict: "Found dead; death caused by the excessive use of intoxicating drinks."

The Belleville *Gazette* records a fatal accident, directly traceable to the curse of intemperance. Sometime on Saturday afternoon, a man named Fletcher, who was employed as a blacksmith at Messrs. Brown's agricultural works, while passing up the Canifon road, under the influence of liquor, fell from the sidewalk into the ditch and was killed. His poor, neglected wife, who had been tremblingly watching at home for his return, was the first to find him. Not suspecting that he was injured, she procured a handkerchief on which she drew his inanimate form to the house, and endeavored to prop him up in a chair in order to restore him to consciousness. Failing in this, she called in some of her neighbours, when it was found that the man was dead; and the failure of the poor wife's kindly efforts were then made manifest.

**LOSERS, ONT., Dec. 28.**—Cyrus Pickard, the murderer of Duncan McDonnell, farmer, of East Nissouri, on the 21st of April last, was hanged to-day in the jail yard in the presence of the Sheriff, jail officials, and about twenty other spectators, consisting of magistrates, physicians and citizens. This was the first private execution under the Act of 1869. The prisoner admitted the justice of his sentence, and said he respected the dignity of the law, and was willing to die for the offence. When the drop fell the knot slipped round under his jaw, and he died after a fearful struggle. One of his arms was loosened, and he made effectual efforts to seize the rope by which he was suspended in order to release himself. He died by strangulation in about a quarter of an hour.

The Ottawa *Citizen* publishes for the benefit of the ladies during leap year, a list of the eligible and well preserved bachelors of Ottawa who should have been married years ago, but from lassitude, unrequited love, impunctuality, and various other causes still remain single.

Belleville has been the scene of a good deal of rowdiness this holiday season, and the *Ontario* explains the fact by the statement that "More liquor has been consumed in Belleville this week than during the three months previous, and a corresponding amount of sorrow and loss has been occasioned thereby."

**OTTAWA, Dec. 31.**—The Hon. Mr. Scott having declared in the most explicit manner that he is as much a Conservative, and as thoroughly hostile, to George Brown and the *Globe* as ever, he will not be opposed. The *Times* claims that Mr. Boyd's retiring from the contest in Prescott County, after what Mr. Hamilton had said, settles the question as to the position which Mr. Scott occupies in the Cabinet, and proves it to be a fact.

An English clergyman tells a story illustrating the way some persons read the Bible, looking upon it as a kind of charm or fetiche. He was called to visit a dying woman, and when he went he found her husband, his eyes streaming with tears, reading to her a list of genealogies from the Book of Chronicles.

A woman named Jane Thompson, was found frozen to death last Wednesday week, behind a fence on Burlington Heights, Hamilton. She had been greatly given to drunkenness.

A young man was arrested at Kingston on Tuesday week, for passing a counterfeit \$5 bill on the Oil Springs City Bank.

**TORONTO, Dec. 26.**—The dead body of a new-born female child was found yesterday morning at the corner of Peter and King streets, with a string tightly drawn round the neck.

**PRactical JOKING.**—Some person or persons it is said have been playing a practical joke at the expense of the Roman Catholic Priest of Aylmer by sending him anonymous letters, in which he is threatened with being shot if he does not leave Aylmer. Such jokes are highly reprehensible, and the perpetrators are liable to a severe punishment if found out.—*Ottawa Citizen*.

**A SHARP TRICK.**—Some farmers who sell beef on the market have adopted the following practice to obtain high prices for their meat. When dressing a carcass after taking the entrails out, the kidney fat is slit with a knife, and blocks of wood are shoved under it on both sides, so as to puff out the tallow to four times its natural size. The lean parts of the carcass are plastered with the blood warm fat, which soon freezes on, and the meat is made to appear fifty per cent better than it really is.—*Ottawa Citizen*.

Weekly Report of the St. Bridge's Refuge, ending Saturday, 30th inst.:

Males.....	322
Females.....	98
.....	420
England.....	51
Ireland.....	309
Scotland.....	12
F. Canadians.....	45
Total.....	429

**BRACEFAST.**—EPP'S COCOA.—GRATEFUL AND COMFORTING.—By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well-selected cocoa, Mr. Epps has provided our breakfast tables with a delicately flavoured beverage which may save many heavy doctors' bills.—*Civil Service Gazette*. Made simply with Boiling Water or Milk. Each packet is labelled—"James Epps & Co., Homoeopathic Chemists, London." Also, numbers of Epp's Milky Cocoa (Cocoa and Condensed Milk).

**REMITTANCES RECEIVED.**  
Bailton, M. Keys, \$4; Grand River, T. Carbery, J.P., 2; Almonte, H. Stafford, 2; Lake Temiscamingue, Rev. Father Piam, O.M.I., 2; St. Margarets, N.B., Rev. T. J. Bannan, 2; Pictou, D. O'Shea, 2; Trenton, Rev. H. Brettargh, 5; St. Raphael, D. J. McDowell, 2; Bouchette, J. Roncy, P.L.S., 2; Marysville, P. Kilhurray, 2; Argyle, J. McKay, 1; De Cewaville, M. Walsh, 2; Colborne, M. Gormely, 2.  
Per J. O'Reilly, Hastings; J. Smith, 2; D. Smith, 2; J. Armstrong, 2; Dartford, T. O'Reilly, 2.  
Per Rev. K. A. Campbell, Atherly—T. Kelly, 6; Woodville, K. Campbell, 2; Brechin, P. Mangan, 1; Per J. Clancy, Hemmingford—Mrs. C. Connell, 1.50.  
Per J. Harris, Guelph—Self, 2; Marden, J. Gillis, 6.  
Per Rev. B. C. Bochet, St. Patrick's Hill—Self, 2; J. Williams, 2; T. Williams, 2; M. Gleeson, 2; J. Gleeson, 2; E. Goggin, 1; P. O'Brien, 1; Castlebar, W. Johnson, 2.

**MONTREAL WHOLESALE MARKETS.**  
Dec. 30.

Flour 47 lbs. of 196 lb.—Rollards.....	\$3.00 @	\$3.50
Middlings.....	3.50 @	4.00
Flour.....	4.30 @	4.30
Superior Extra.....	0.00 @	0.00
Extra.....	6.40 @	0.00
Fancy.....	6.10 @	6.15
Fresh Supers, (Western wheat).....	5.85 @	5.90
Ordinary Supers, (Canada wheat).....	5.30 @	6.00
Strong Bakers.....	6.00 @	6.00
Supers from Western Wheat [Welland Canal].....	5.90 @	5.95
Supers City Brands [Western wheat] Fresh Ground.....	5.90 @	6.00
Canada Supers, No. 2.....	0.00 @	5.50
Western Supers, No. 2.....	0.00 @	5.50
U. C. bag flour, per 100 lbs.....	2.70 @	2.75
City bags, (delivered).....	2.90 @	0.00
Wheat, per bushel of 60 lbs.....	1.42 @	0.00
Oatmeal, per bushel of 200 lbs.....	4.75 @	5.90
Corn, per bushel of 56 lbs.....	0.65 @	0.00
Pease, per bushel of 66 lbs.....	0.79 @	0.81
Oats, per bushel of 32 lbs.....	0.31 @	0.34
Barley, per bushel of 48 lbs.....	0.52 @	0.55
Lard, per lbs.....	0.10 @	0.10
Cheese, per lbs.....	0.10 @	10¢

**MONTREAL RETAIL MARKET PRICES.**  
Dec. 29, 1871.

	RETAIL		WHOLESALE	
	\$	c	\$	c
Flour 47 100 lbs.....	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00
Oatmeal, ".....	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00
Indian Meal, (Ohio).....	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00
GRAIN.				
Wheat 47 56 lbs.....	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00
Barley ".....	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00
Pease ".....	0 00	1 00	0 00	0 00
Oats ".....	0 45	0 50	0 00	0 00
Blackwheat ".....	0 55	0 75	0 00	0 00
Indian Corn, (Ohio).....	0 00	0 55	0 00	0 00
Rye ".....	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00
Flax Seed ".....	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00
Timothy, ".....	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00

	MEATS.
Beef, per lb.....	0 07 @ 0 15
Pork, ".....	0 09 @ 0 10
Mutton, ".....	0 09 @ 0 10
Lamb, per lb.....	0 09 @ 0 10
Veal, per lb.....	0 10 @ 0 12
Beef, per 100 lbs.....	0 00 @ 0 00
Pork, fresh ".....	0 00 @ 0 00

	MISCELLANEOUS.
Potatoes, per bag (New).....	0 50 @ 0 60
Turnips ".....	0 00 @ 0 00
Hares, ".....	0 20 @ 0 25
Woodcock, ".....	0 00 @ 0 00
Snipe, ".....	0 00 @ 0 00
Plover, ".....	0 00 @ 0 00

	DAIRY PRODUCE.
Butter, fresh, per lb.....	0 30 @ 0 35
" salt, ".....	0 18 @ 0 20
Cheese, ".....	0 00 @ 0 00
Onions per minot.....	0 00 @ 1 00
Maple Sugar, per lb.....	0 10 @ 0 12
Honey, per lb.....	0 00 @ 0 00
Lard, per lb.....	0 12 @ 0 14
Eggs (fresh), per doz.....	0 25 @ 0 30
Eggs per doz, by wt.....	0 00 @ 0 00
Hallibut per lb.....	0 13 @ 0 00
Haddock.....	0 07 @ 0 00
Apples, per barrel.....	0 00 @ 2 50
Hay.....	0 00 @ 0 00
Straw.....	0 00 @ 0 00

**PRICES CURRENT OF LEATHER.**

	MONTREAL, Dec. 29, 1871
Hemlock Spanish Sole, No. 1 (b. a.) per lb.....	25 @ 27
do do No. 2.....	23 @ 25
Slaughter ".....	27 @ 30
do No. 2.....	00 @ 00
Waxed Upper, light and medium.....	42 @ 44
do do heavy.....	40 @ 43
Grained do.....	40 @ 43
Splits large.....	29 @ 35
do small.....	20 @ 30
Kips, Canada, (whole).....	50 @ 55
do ordinary.....	00 @ 00
Calf-Skin (27 to 36 lbs. per dozen).....	65 @ 85
do (18 to 26 lbs. per dozen).....	60 @ 70
Sheep-Skin linings.....	30 @ 40
Harness.....	30 @ 33
Buffed Cow, per foot.....	15 @ 17
Pebbled Cow, do.....	15 @ 17
Enamelled Cow do.....	17 @ 18
Patent Cow do.....	18 @ 20
Rough.....	28 @ 30
English Oak Sole.....	47 @ 50
English Kips.....	60 @ 70

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