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## CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY SPEAKS ON THE NE TEMERE

**Says Misrepresentations and Misunderstandings Exist Regarding Marriages and the Church's Position**

As there has been much misunderstanding and not a little misrepresentation of the position of the Catholic church on the marriage question, the Catholic Truth Society of the Archdiocese of Halifax authorizes the following statement:

1. The Catholic church does not, as has been falsely stated, regard as invalid the marriage of two Protestants by a Protestant minister. On the contrary, she has always upheld the validity of such marriages as being contracted in good faith. The best proof of this is the fact that, when married Protestants decide to enter the Catholic church, they do not have to be remarried.

2. The Catholic church does not regard as invalid the marriage of two Catholics, or of a Catholic and a Protestant, by a Protestant minister or by any civil authority, which has been contracted since the promulgation of the Ne Temere decree. The main object of that decree is to prevent hasty and ill-considered marriages and the many evils admittedly resulting therefrom. Matrimony being a sacrament of the Catholic church, she has the right to lay down the conditions for its valid reception by her own children.

3. The Catholic church does not and cannot interfere with the civil law. Consequently, a mixed marriage contracted before a Protestant minister, though invalid in the eyes of the Catholic church, is not illegal except in the province of Quebec, for the Sovereigns reign. Outside of that province, if one of the parties were to years old.

desert the other or attempt to marry again, he or she would be liable to the penalties prescribed by the civil law.

4. It is not true that, when the Catholic party to a mixed marriage desires reconciliation with the church, he or she is required or advised to abandon the partner to the union and the children that may have been born of it. In such cases, the parties are urged to have the union validated in accordance with the laws of the church.

5. As regards the Hebert case, about which so much has been said, the Catholic church did not, as has been falsely stated, appeal to the civil law to annul the marriage. That appeal was made by one of the parties to the union who desired to desert the other. Ben French Canada, now the province of Quebec, was ceded to Great Britain, the Catholic church was guaranteed the free exercise of her laws, and subsequent acts of parliament enacted that the marriage regulations of any religious body in the province should be civil law affecting members of that body. Consequently, the marriage of these two persons, who, be it remembered, were both Catholics, by a Protestant minister, being null and void in the eyes of the church, was decided by the courts to be also null and void under the civil law. The case is unfortunate, but the Catholic church is in no way to blame, the parties themselves and the clergyman who aided and abetted them in performing an illegal act being altogether responsible for the sad result.

### NEWFOUNDLAND'S OLD LADY.

Mrs. Bryce, of Torbay, Nfld., is perhaps the oldest resident of any of the eastern settlements. She was born in 1812, in the reign of George III., being eight years old when he died so that she has seen six British Sovereigns reign. She resides with her eldest daughter, who is over 70

## CAPTAIN MATTHEW RYAN MAKES RECORD OCEAN RUN

**In Exactly Thirty-Three Days the Hilda R. Makes Run From Montevideo to Halifax With Big Seal Catch**

Thirty-three days out from Montevideo, the sealing schooner Hilda R. arrived at Halifax on Saturday night, making a record trip for a sailing vessel between the two ports. The Hilda R. which is commanded by Captain Ryan, of this town, is owned by the Canada Sealing Company, and the trip just ended was her first one after seals, and proved most successful. The owners of the Hilda R. commissioned Captain Ryan to search for new sealing grounds, where a better quality of seals might be obtained. While her catch on the past voyage was not as large in numbers as that of others of the Halifax fleet, it will likely be more profitable, as the quality of the skins obtained is very much better. When the Hilda R. sailed from Montevideo she was accompanied by the schooner Ysobel May, Captain Baker, but the former proved to be the faster sailer and arrived at Halifax nearly twenty-four hours before the Ysobel May. Like the Hilda R., the Ysobel May had a most successful trip and the crews of both vessels will fare very well. The schooner Agnes G. Donahoe, which arrived on Friday, sailed for home 14 days before the Hilda and Ysobel.

### MARRIED IN HALIFAX.

Yesterday morning in Halifax the marriage of Mr. M. G. Doyle of the Government steamer Tyrion, to Miss Murrans, a popular young lady of the Garrison city, was solemnized.

## DIGBY MURDERER SENTENCED TO DIE ON MONDAY, JULY 24.

Found Guilty of Brutally Slaying With an Axe an Old and Respected Farmer—Robbery Being the Motive.

After a brief but fair trial the case of John Tebo, Jr., charged with the murder of an inoffensive Digby, N.S. farmer named Edward McGregor, was finally disposed of at Digby on Friday. The jury were just thirty-five minutes reaching a verdict of guilty, and immediately afterward Chief Justice Townsend said: "John Tebo, the jury has convicted you of the awful crime of murder. I entirely concur in their verdict. I have but to say to you that I hope you will take counsel and prepare yourself for another world. I believe that this atrocious crime was committed in a most cowardly manner. You are to be taken to the county jail and from thence to the place of execution, and hanged by the neck until you are dead on Monday July 24th, between the hours of five and ten o'clock, and may God have mercy on your soul."

The prisoner received his sentence without a quiver in his face, while the jury was out he smiled several times. After the sentence had been pronounced he was immediately taken to the jail.

### SUDDEN DEATH OF

#### CAPTAIN GARNIER.

Stricken while in command of the schooner J. C. Silver, while on the voyage from Halifax to Marble Mountain, Captain Ernest Garnier, of this town suddenly expired Thursday. The schooner had just passed through the St. Peter's canal, when the mate asked his skipper, who was at the wheel, if he was unwell. The captain replied that he had a bad pain in the region of his heart, whereupon the mate insisted that the skipper leave the wheel and go below. Captain Garnier acquiesced, and a few minutes later, when dinner was announced, the mate called the Captain. Getting no response, the mate went below and found Capt. Garnier lying on the floor. His sudden taking off, Captain Garnier was a native of St. George's, N.B., but lived for several years in Charlottetown, coming here 10 years ago and residing on the Gannon road. The schooner was jointly owned by George H. Toombs, of Charlottetown and the deceased. Besides his widow Captain Garnier is survived by one daughter, Mrs. George McEachern, living in Moncton, N. B., and five sons, Messrs Frank, who conducts a general grocery store on the Gannon road, George, Sydney and Ralph at home, and Winaloe, who was in Cleveland, Ohio, when last heard from. The deceased was a well known and capable mariner and good citizen, and his sudden death will be heard with regret by many. The remains arrived from Marble Mountain Saturday night, the funeral taking place Sunday. Interment was in the new Catholic cemetery.

**DEATH OF OLD RESIDENT.**  
Death last week removed an old and well known citizen, Mrs. Louisa Brennan, who died at her home, Purves street, Friday last. Although in her seventy-fourth year, the old lady enjoyed good health up to within a fortnight of her death, and up to the last moment enjoyed her faculties. When a young woman, Mrs. Brennan travelled much, and formed one of the principals in the famous Hackett expedition to Cocos Island in quest of Captain Kidd's alleged hidden treasures. Two daughters survive, Mrs. York, of this town, and Mrs. Forest, of New Jersey, who arrived here to attend the funeral, which took place Sunday, interment being in the Catholic cemetery.

**WOULDN'T ELOPE, SHOT HER.**  
Because Mrs. Carmelia De Gruccia, twenty years old, refused to elope with him, John Omega walked into the restaurant in New York, last week, where she was employed pushed aside the infant she held, and shot her through the heart. Covering the proprietor of the restaurant with his revolver, Omega escaped. He is said to be the father of six children.

A London police officer became infatuated with a domestic servant girl of 16. The officer's wife was both generous and philosophical. She did not scold or tear her hair or make cruel, sarcastic remarks. She gently told the girl that the right thing for her to do was to drown herself. And the poor girl did precisely as she was told.

## NEWFOUNDLANDER MEETS SAD DEATH AT WATERFORD

**Grasped Live Wire by Mistake and Instantly Nearly 7,000 Volts Passed Through His Body**

The remains of a young Newfoundland man named Laprop March, who was electrocuted at New Waterford early Sunday morning, were sent to his home by the steamer Invermore last night. According to the Glace Bay Gazette, the unfortunate man with several other members of the electrical construction force had been ordered to remove a certain wire on one of the several cross arms of a pole, and which wire was of a very high voltage. The upper arm of the pole carried the high voltage wires, and March was cautioned to be careful not to touch them. He climbed the pole but went much higher than was necessary. Evidently forgetting given him, he grasped one of the high tension wires, which instantly sent 6,000 volts through his body, then falling against some dead wires underneath where he hung entangled by the feet. Both hands were severely burned, his left arm being almost burned off and there was also a deep burn on the back of his neck, almost severing his head from his body.

### EX-PREACHER SHELDON, THE WIRELESS WIZARD SENTENCED

Charge Was For Theft of \$15,000, and Before Judge Passed Sentence, The Prisoner Pleaded for Clemency Which He Did Not Deserve.

The culminating of the great Sheldon drama was reached Friday morning in the court of special session at Montreal, when Justice Langelier meted out a five year sentence to Charles Sheldon, the man whose financial exploits dazzled all Canada. The charge upon which he was sentenced was theft of \$15,000. Other charges of securing money under false pretences will be held in abeyance. Justice Langelier in announcing his verdict under a section of the Criminal Code which provided a penalty for unlawful failure to account and unlawful conversion. Sheldon heard the verdict calmly. Before being sentenced he pleaded for clemency on account of his advanced years, asking that the sentence be made as short as possible in order that he might be able to pay back the money. "To this purpose," he declared, "I intend to devote the balance of my declining years, and they will be all too few for the purpose."

### MAN USES \$50 BILL AS A TOWEL.

Frank Fox, of Pittsburg, father of Frank Fox, Jr., Indianapolis Taxicab Line owner, stood in the Hotel English at Indianapolis one day last week drying his face with a \$50 bill. He threw the bill on the floor and then produced from a bundle under his arm a handful of fives and fifties. Throwing them on the bar, he said: "Bartender, give me a drink, quick, or I will buy this hotel and have you fired." The bartender produced the drink, but the police were notified and Fox was taken to headquarter, where it was found his bundle contained \$3,005.

### ISLAND FARMER TO STAND TRIAL FOR MURDERING WIFE.

The preliminary trial of Wm. Molyneux, charged with the murder of his wife, who was found hanging in the pantry of her home on the evening of May 4th, was concluded at Georgetown, P.E.I., last week. The prisoner was committed for trial to the Supreme Court. Molyneux was arrested on the evidence of his eight-year old son who spoke of cries and seeing the father come out of the pantry on the night in question. The body was exhumed and an examination made.

### NEWS FROM THE BANKS.

A cable received here by French Consul Lacroix states that fishing on the Quero Banks during the past week has been very poor. At St. Peter's Bank, however, the catch is slightly better, while at the Grand Banks the fleet is faring with success. The French vessels hail with an average catch of one thousand quintals, and as the price at St. Pierre is from \$4.25 to \$4.50 per quintal, the fishermen will fare off pretty well. Caplin are plentiful at St. Pierre, but, as bad weather prevailed for several days, the dorset could not reach shore.

## COAL AREAS AT POINT ACONI TO BE OPENED UP

**Scotia Company Experts Finished Final Survey of Property and Two Slopes to be Sunk in a Short Time**

Unless the unforeseen happens, the valuable coal areas at Point Aconi will be developed, and that within a short time the product will be on the market. For some time Messrs John Johnson, superintendent of mines for the Scotia Company, and Mr. Robert Robson, another of the Company's coal experts, have been going over the property, and from reports furnished by them, the management have decided to at once commence development work. Two slopes will be sunk on the Stubbart property, to tap the invaluable and limitless areas of coal, and this will be followed up by active development on the part of the Scotia Company. What this will mean for this section of North Cape Breton can only be surmised by persons acquainted with the section. There is, according to the findings of coal experts who have gone carefully over the undeveloped property at Point Aconi, sufficient coal to supply the needs of the Scotia people for a century or more.

### NEGRO GETS ESTATE WHICH IS OVER 200 YEARS IN FAMILY.

Vice Chancellor Finds Woman Who Deeded Plantation and House to Servant Was of Sound Mind.

After litigation, which lasted years John Wilson, negro, now is legally entitled to the estate of Mrs. Sarah Wain Hendrickson, of Wainford, Monmouth county, New Jersey. The estate includes a manor house mill and other real estate, besides \$4,000 in personal property. E. R. Walker has filed opinions upholding the transfer made by Mrs. Hendrickson to Wilson who was a servant in her employ for forty years. The Vice Chancellor acted to give the suit charging conspiracy, filed twenty years standing. The principal part of the real estate which has been in the family two hundred years. The plantation is near Ailintown. Mrs. Hendrickson, who was ninety-one years old, died intestate in March 1907. One of the deeds held by Wilson recited that Mrs. Hendrickson's relatives, on account of an estrangement, never visited her and that she lived practically in isolation in the last years of her life.

### BOSTON STEAMER BURNS; TWO STEWARDESSES PERISH.

Asleep in their cabin between decks Harriet Kelley, the stewardess and Lizzie McNeil, an assistant, were burned to death when fire destroyed the Boston and Nahant passenger steamer Governor Andrew lying at Gove's Wharf, East Boston, Sunday night. Five deckhands who were caught in their berths suffered severe burns about the face and hands in making their escape from the blazing superstructure.

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