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Feast of the Nativity.

THE Nativity, or Christmas, greatest of Christian feasts, was appropriately ushered in at midnight by solemn religious services in St. Dunstan's Cathedral. A Solemn Pontifical Midnight Mass was celebrated by his Lordship Bishop McDonald.

At the Cathedral the following circular, addressed to the clergy of the diocese, was read:

CHARLOTTETOWN, Dec. 22nd, 1899.

REV. DEAR FATHER,—

As we are about to enter upon the closing year of the present century, a time designated by His Holiness, Pope Leo XIII, as the Holy Year, it has seemed fitting that this sacred time should be ushered in with some solemn rite and offering of thanksgiving to the Most High for the manifold blessings bestowed upon mankind during this century.

Yours faithfully in Christ our Lord, J. C. McDONALD, Bishop of Charlottetown.

A VERY sad accident took place at Souris on Saturday night. While Mr. Angus P. McDonald of Little Harbor, five miles east of Souris, was returning home from the station, where he had gone to meet a train which had on board a parcel for him, one of the wheels of his cart went into a deep rut, and Mr. McDonald was thrown with great violence to the ground, one of the cart-wheels passing over his head.

SEVEN forty children were rescued at Peshingham, Belgium, on Friday. The children had been given a holiday, and were playing on the ice of a frozen river. When the merriment was at its full height the ice broke suddenly, and the children disappeared. A few were rescued half-drowned. Thirty-five bodies have been recovered. The disaster caused great consternation in the town, nearly every family having suffered loss.

Second Contingent.

THE TREASURER OF THE CANADIAN EXPEDITION OF THIRTEEN HUNDRED WILL BE THE HON. MR. SIFTON'S OFFICIALS FAILED TO SIGN TO THE OCCASION.—MANITOBA WAS NOT WORKED BY MACHINERY.—A MONTREAL DEAL AND TARTER'S CHANGE OF MIND.

(Special Correspondence to the HERALD.)

OTTAWA, Dec. 22.—Once more the ministers have yielded to the patriotic demand of the Canadian people, and in preparing for the despatch of a second contingent to Africa. Yet the government does not allow itself to be carried away by over enthusiasm. In response to the demand that 5,000 Canadians should be allowed to go to the government, the same old conditions are made as to pay. From the date of the arrival of the corps in Africa the soldiers are to be paid by the home government. Until they arrive the Canadian government will pay them at the rate allowed to the permanent force. In other words, the C. O. D. arrangement under which the first corps was shipped is repeated.

IT MIGHT BE WORSE.

While Mr. Tarte allows the second corps to be raised, he may find some satisfaction in the fact that Australia, with less population than Canada, and a third less military establishment, is sending more than double the force that Canada sends. This is not the fault of the Canadian people. The rash of applicants for places on the first contingent was mild and feeble compared with that which Dr. Borden has now to resist. Already more than 5,000 men have been heard from, and the minister's mail gets heavier every day. It may be that many who went with the first expedition did not expect to fight. But those who now apply do so with the full knowledge that they are offering their lives for the maintenance of British power in Africa.

A FINE FORCE.

There is little chance for militia volunteers in this contingent. More than half of it will be made up of mounted police, and western "rough riders." The remainder are selected from some twenty-five corps of cavalry and field artillery. About a dozen men from any regiment or battalion are all that can be accommodated. The preponderance of well-trained men, and the large range of choice for others gives the commander-in-chief a chance to select a magnificent corps. Even if it is small it should be of great service. But there is a feeling in the air at the capital that all the efforts of the minister will not be sufficient to keep the number so small as is desired. General Sifton is supposed to have large ideas that the minister, and though La Patrie gave him a scolding and threatened him with dismissal for saying that Canada could, if necessary, supply fifty thousand men to the defence of the empire, there is reason to believe that General Hutton holds the same opinion.

MR. SIFTON EXPLAINS.

The minister of the interior has only one explanation to offer for the collapse of his party and his cause in Manitoba. He says it was due to want of organization. If Mr. Sifton means that it was due to disorganization and general disaffection, it is manifestly right. It is a reform to want of ordinary campaign arrangements he admits a weakness on his own part. Mr. Sifton spent weeks in Manitoba preparing the people for the contest. It was only when he had the local government that satisfied themselves that all was ready, that they issued the writ giving the shortest possible notice to the other side. Mr. Sifton's statement is also a confession of weakness in his department. A brigade of the officers from the department of the interior operated in the campaign as if they were a single body. They carried, they made election arrangements, they performed the duties usually assigned in Ontario to Mr. Preston's threshing machine. One of them has been arrested for bribing electors. Whether they can be connected with the alleged attempt to "switch" votes remains to be seen. The general impression is that Mr. Sifton is too modest. His organization work was up to the highest machine standard. Only the people of Manitoba refused to be organized according to instructions.

THE SCHOOL QUESTION IN IT.

Sir Wilfrid seems also to have constituted an organizer. About the time that Mr. Russell, the London solicitor for the Dominion, went to Rome and made his representations to Cardinal Rampoldi, papal secretary of state, on behalf of the press, Sir Wilfrid sent a political friend to Manitoba John Griffin, his master, was going aboard, when he missed his footing and fell into the dock. His foot became caught in the cleats of the vessel so that he could not free himself, and he drowned hanging by his foot.

Perils of the Doctor.

Mr. R. M. Bissler, Cambridge, King's Co., N.S., says: "I was troubled with a running nose in my ear, for which I tried all kinds of doctors, but could not get cured. I was recommended to try Burdock Blood Bitters, which I did, and the sore was completely healed."

Liberal-Conservative CONVENTION.

A Convention of the Liberal-Conservative electors of the Second District of King's County will be held at Morell Hall, on Wednesday, the 27th of January, A. D. 1900, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of selecting two candidates to contest the district at the approaching election. A full attendance of delegates for each poll is requested.

L. P. DOYLE, Convener, St. Peter's Bay, Dec. 19, '99—21

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Prize Winners

The drawing in connection with the lottery in aid of St. Mary's Church, Indian River, took place on Monday evening last night. Following are the names of the prize winners:

- 1. Daniel Campbell, Indian River, Town Lot in Souris.
2. E. McMillan (address unknown at present), Jersey Cow.
3. Capt. C. E. Mochler, 1712 East Spruce Street, Seattle, Wash., three sheep.
4. Joseph Shes, Kensington, hay fork.
5. Minnie Shea, Kensington, gold watch.
6. C. P. Cronin, Arlington, Mass., china tea set.
7. Lydia Larkin, Kensington, gent's silver watch.
8. William March, St. Mary's Road, pair men's boots.
9. John T. Brennan, Darnley, barrel of flour.
10. L. McDonald, East Point, new cook stove.
11. C. L. Steele, New Annan, rocking chair.
12. Rose Ann McKenna, New Bedford, Mass., hand cart.
13. Mr. Hiram Farrington, 8 Park Place, Portland, Me., parlor table.
14. Miss Lucy Walker, Cardigan Bridge, arm chair.
15. Isabel E. McDonald, Harmony, King's Co., water set dishes.
16. Willie Shean, Kensington, Ayreshire cow.
17. Willie Cleary, 4 Grap St., New Bedford, Mass., two sheep.
18. Miss Etta F. Toban, Hops River, brooms hall lamp.
19. H. Deane, 23 Ward St., Berlin, N. H., hat stand.
20. P. J. D. Edmonds, Summerville, Lot 66, glass water set.
21. Miss Maggie McEasar, Malbourne, Lot 8, bedroom set.
22. Angus McMillan, New Annan, folding chair.
23. Mrs. V. S. Gillis, Indian River, set of dishes.
24. Harry Brown, 3 Park Place, Everett, Mass., silver pickle dish.
25. S. E. Gilmore, 4 Warren Ave., Summerville, Mass., crest stand.
26. Katie Galloway, Eldridge St., Newion, alarm clock.
27. James Cantwell, New Zealand, King's Co., oil stove.
28. Matilda McDonald, Grand River, Lot 14, baby's carriage cradle.
29. Mathias Smith, Emerald, ladies' watch chain.
30. Mrs. Albert Connick, Spring Valley, ladies' satchel.
31. Michael B. Brahan, Kensington, Durham cow.
32. Peter Chasson, Bear River Station, Lot 42, volume of poems.
33. Miss Mary McDonald, New Glasgow, N. S. Box 20, life size crayon.
34. D. A. McDonald, 478 Fourth Street, South Boston, Turkish chair tidy.
35. Bridget Donahoe, 143 Main St., N. Y., pair cuff buttons.
36. Mrs. Janie B. McDonald, Indian River, silver butter plate.
37. M. E. McCormack, Richmond Centre, Beacon St., Brookline, Mass., table cover.
38. Joseph Morrison, Darnley, lemon squeezer.
39. Peter Landry, Montague Bridge, granite tea set.
40. Miss Mary Elizabeth Campbell, Indian River, a large lamp.
41. M. B. McDonald, New London, Conn., pair mitts.
42. Miss Minnie J. Edmonds, Summerville, Lot 66, set of vases.
43. Thomas Gorman, Noank, Conn., pair ladies' slippers.
44. Mr. John McGourty, 199 Waterloo St., St. John, bedroom set of dishes.
45. Mr. Mackay, 211 Cedar St., New Bedford, Mass., pair blankets.
46. Michael Tiernan, No. 40 St., South Boston, gent's plaid.
47. D. A. McNeill, Kensington, gold pocket and chain.
48. Jennie Sweeney, F. I. River, Mass., 127 Lindsay St., one sofa pillow.
49. D. Mosearty, March St., St. John, one counterpane.
50. Miss Ann McInnis, St. Andrew's, French Village, one mat.
51. Edward McPhillips, Kinkora, Lot 27, Yr. sugar bowl.
52. Mrs. Jonathan McInnis, Tryon, Lot 28, one sheep.
53. Miss Elizabeth McKinnon, 608 St. Nicholas Ave., N. Y., one grand quilt.
54. Alexander Conway, Bonshaw, one glass pitcher.
55. Joseph M. Bradley, Mill View, Lot 49, one cake basket.
56. Mrs. Daniel Campbell, Indian River, glass butter cooler.
57. Allan McDonald, Kinkora, water tap.
58. W. B. Downes, New Annan, water set.
59. Miss Flora McDonald, Boston, Mass., silver pickle dish.
60. James Getchell, Bath, Maine, two glass sugar bowls.
61. Annie Miller, 94 Charles St., Boston, Mass., table cover.
62. Mrs. Adn Malone, Lower Freetown, one sofa cushion.
63. T. McDonald, North Lake, one sofa cushion.
64. M. A. L. McLellan, barrel of fish.
65. C. L. Steele, New Annan, hay fork.
66. Mary O'Connor, 11 Maple St., New Bedford, one blanket.
67. Wm. J. Sullivan, Bassin, Magdalen Islands, glassware set.
68. Andrew Murphy, Long River, Lot 20, silver butter dish.
69. Michael A. Bady, Burlington, Lot 18, hand painting.
70. John McKinnon, New Annan, pair bedroom slippers.
71. Mrs. Cornelia Hughes, Halifax, N. S., paper holder.
72. John Costley, South —, Mass., civil war illustration.
73. Michael T. Lamb, Springfield, one chair.
74. Mrs. Chas. F. Poore, No. 1. South Worthington St., Roxbury Mass., rocking chair.
75. M. P. Drieool, Freetown, parlor table.
76. Miss Flora Peibohand, Amherst, Magdalen Islands, barrel flour.
77. Miss Maggie Christopher, Piasville, Lot 4, 2 pictures.
78. John E. Brennan, Darnley, a book (Faith of our Fathers).
79. Miss Maria Kelly, 13 Mill St., Gloucester, a lamp.
80. Wallace McKay, Margate, grand lamp.
81. Thomas Kilmain, Cedar St., Newion, Lower Falls, Mass., a mat.
82. John Weale, Atlanta St., Montello, Mass., a lamp.
83. Hattie Sherman, 13 Roxham St., Rosedale, pair of socks.
84. Mrs. James Brennan, Darnley, one work basket.
85. John A. McLellan, (P. M.) Indian River, Following of Christ.

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