

History of the Church.

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But the ocean, with its long arms, separates continents, hinders people from communing with one another? On the contrary: it is the ocean that makes communication easy, teaches peoples to know one another, and makes one family of all. Who ever took it upon himself to go to the Cape of Good Hope from Berlin or Paris by land? Who would think of going from Montreal to Cape Horn by stage and trade with the people he might find on the way? Without the sea we would never have known the earth (Without the sea America might not yet have been discovered.) The ocean carries houses on its back, floating citadels which, opening their wings,—their sails—to the wind, travel much faster than the caravans in the desert. The stars guide those ships; and when they sail under strange skies where the stars best known are past the view,—when new seas are to be explored, a little needle will be found, which, steadily fixed on the poles of the earth, will teach the sailor where his route lies and guide him in foul weather as well as in a clear sky. This weak little iron needle will discover to Europeans the Indies, China, Japan, America, Oceania, and numberless islands; it will show them by experiment that the world is round, pressing on every point to its centre, and suspended in space with no other support than the will of God. All the branches of the human family will know one another and have communication. Arts, sciences, religious traditions, will circulate from one end of the world to the other. We will see more and more that Catholicity is necessarily true and that truth is necessarily Catholic. And when in order to facilitate the complete union of all peoples of the same faith, the same hope, the same charity, surer and more rapid means of communication become necessary, do not be troubled: God gives man wood, the paddle to cross water; to find his way on the great ocean, God gives him a little needle, the compass; to carry him with greater speed, God gives him the wind. But sometimes there is no wind, or if there is, it is a contrary one? Even so, did not God give you fire and water? The water reduced to vapor, the steam by the fire, will make the floating citadel travel on wheels even through the tempest. In spite of the wind your ship will roll along like a car; with the wind it will both run and fly. Christians! every day in our holy canticles we invite fire and water, the winds and the seas, to bless the Lord. It is we ourselves that have the greatest need of this invitation! Since the time the Lord made them they have never ceased blessing Him in their own way, that is to say, by executing His orders. Behold the sea and the wind offering to take us to the most distant shores to make Him more loved and adored. They mean, the same as any other creature, when compelled to serve vanity, so often to carry objects of pride and ambition, to be means of bearing men who think of nothing but the undoing, the robbery, the killing of their fellow men; they with the rest of creation are waiting for the time when the children of God will have recovered their glorious liberty, so that they may be delivered also from the slavery of corruption. They mourn because there are so few apostolic navigators who, like St. Paul, seek nothing but the glory of God and the salvation of souls. They are waiting for us; they say also: Children of men, bless the Lord! you, His ministers, come and cause Him to be blessed by all nations! We also chant a similar invitation to the earth: but the earth can teach

us a great lesson by giving the same answer. For the earth also ceases not to bless its Creator; at His bidding it comes from the bottom of the waters; it hollows out abysses in their bowels; and to preserve the harmony so disturbed, it raises islands, continents and mounts rains on them as the annuals of the time when nothing living existed. It preserves the remains of beings that came afterwards and that preceded man. Here and there we find huge rocks, such as granite which science acknowledges to have been at one time in a liquid state, and in which no trace is found of either plant or animal. Alongside of them in more recent formation we find rocks that contain the petrified remains of fishes and plants. In other places of still more recent formation there are found the remains of animals that once lived on land. Thus we read in the bowels of the earth the same as in the books of Moses, that is to say, that there was a time when there was neither on earth nor in the waters any living creature, that later on the plants and aquatic animals appeared, and that the land animals appeared last of all. Science also admits from the way in which the layers of rocks are torn apart, or standing or thrown down, that the earth has gone through terrible and certainly sudden revolutions. When we come to the deluge, we will see the hills and valleys, the rivers and the seas, the arts and the sciences, history and traditions, all in accord with Moses both as regards time and circumstances. The earth came from the bosom of the waters, naked and sterile. It is about twenty-five thousand miles round, and about eight thousand miles in diameter, so that one would have to go down about four thousand miles to find its center. The deepest mine is not over three-quarters of a mile under ground, so that we only know the thin outer skin of the earth. However, in what little we know of the naked, sterile earth, Divine Providence offers us wonders and blessings without number. The ancient rocks serve to build the houses in which we live, and the temples in which we together praise the greatness of Our Father who is in Heaven. Stones whitened by fire and mixed with sand, fasten those stones together. Pebbles are transformed into clear glass which lets in the light and keeps out the wind and rain. Clay gives us tiles and slates to make the roof. Lower down in the earth are found the metals, iron, silver, gold, precious stones to ornament them. Copper and tin will give us the most necessary metals, which suspended between heaven and earth, will invite us to breathe out to God our joys, our sorrows, our hopes, our fears. Tin and lead lengthen out into organ pipes to celebrate with us the Creator to whom the earth belongs and the fulness thereof. Who can count the numberless uses to which metal is put, the vases and implements that we owe to the minerals, from the ploughshare that turns the sod to the chalice which we use in the celebration of the greatest of mysteries? However, the earth was yet naked and dry, nothing could be seen but a rough, dead matter. "No shrub existed as yet," says Moses. "No plant grew in the field, for the Lord God had not rained upon the earth, and there was not a man to till the earth. But a spring rose out of the earth, watering all the surface of the earth." Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth the green herb, and such as may seed, and the fruit-tree yielding fruit after its kind, which may have seed in itself upon the earth. And it was so done." The word of God is a seed. (To be continued.)

OUR MONTHLY CALENDAR

Table with columns for date and feast name. Includes: 1 January, Circumcision of Our Lord; 2 January, St. Basil; 3 January, St. Epiphany; 4 January, St. Titus; 5 January, Octave of the Holy Innocents; 6 January, St. Epiphany; 7 January, St. Epiphany; 8 January, St. Epiphany; 9 January, St. Epiphany; 10 January, St. Epiphany; 11 January, St. Epiphany; 12 January, St. Epiphany; 13 January, St. Epiphany; 14 January, St. Epiphany; 15 January, St. Epiphany; 16 January, St. Epiphany; 17 January, St. Epiphany; 18 January, St. Epiphany; 19 January, St. Epiphany; 20 January, St. Epiphany; 21 January, St. Epiphany; 22 January, St. Epiphany; 23 January, St. Epiphany; 24 January, St. Epiphany; 25 January, St. Epiphany; 26 January, St. Epiphany; 27 January, St. Epiphany; 28 January, St. Epiphany; 29 January, St. Epiphany; 30 January, St. Epiphany; 31 January, St. Epiphany.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will apply to the Legislature at its next session, to obtain a charter of incorporation to them and all such persons becoming shareholders in the company, under the name of "Hochelega Insurance Company." The object of the proposed company is to transact all kinds of insurance and reinsurance against fire and its consequences, plate-glass, steam boiler, live stock and all kinds, and to perform all matters and things connected with such objects and suitable to the accomplishment thereof. Montreal, January 9th, 1908. Henri Wilfrid Cathart, J. M. Robitaille, H. Landry, M. E. Bourcier, Pierre-Auguste Hubert.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC, District of Montreal. Application will be made at the next session of the Legislature of the Province of Quebec, for the incorporation of the "Third Order of Saint Francis, Saint Patrick's Fraternity," as a religious and philanthropic corporation, with power to hold real estate, and for such other powers as may be necessary or incidental thereto. BEAUDIN, LORANGER, ST. GERMAIN & GUERIN, Attorneys for Applicants. Montreal, 15 January, 1908.

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late William Kerr will apply to the Quebec Legislature, at its next Session, to obtain an Act to ratify a deed of sale by the testamentary executors and fiduciary legatees of the late Honorable Sir George Etienne Cartier, et al. to M. Browne & Ferley, executed before J. L. Coutlée, notary, the 5th May, 1874. For the interested parties. L. LYMAN, Attorney. Montreal, 17th December, 1907.

NOTICE.

The Fabrique of the Parish of Holy Angels, Lachine, have decided to enlarge the Catholic Church of this parish, and being duly authorized to this effect, give notice that they will apply to the Quebec Legislature at its next session, to obtain the passing of a law authorizing a special loan with assessments on part of the immovable property of Catholic landowners, to enable them to undertake the cost of the enlargement, and all the expenses proceeding therefrom, create a Syndic office, having all the powers, rights and obligations required and necessary for the purpose of enlargement, assessment and everything required in such cases. JOS. A. DESCARIES, Cressé & Descarries, Attorneys. Montreal, Jan. 7, 1908.



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Golden Wedding at Corkery Ont.

On the 6th day of January, Mr. and Mrs. John Meehan, of the parish of St. Michael's, Corkery, Ont., celebrated the 50th anniversary of their marriage. Mr. Meehan is 70 years of age and his wife, Katharine O'Connell, is 74. They were married at Richmond half a century ago by the late Father O'Connell, who had the unique distinction of being 44 years pastor of St. Philip's parish, Richmond. Though a namesake and warm friend of Mrs. Meehan's family, he was no relative. Mr. Meehan was the eldest son of Mr. Michael Meehan, and came from County Cork Ireland and settled in this part about 35 years ago. Mrs. Meehan's father, Michael O'Connell, was from the same part of the Emerald Isle, and about the same time settled in the neighboring township of Goulbourn. This happy festival of the golden wedding, coinciding as it did with the feast of the Epiphany, made the family reunion that took place with it an unusually happy event. Their children all assembled and partook of the good cheer and offered their filial felicitations to their aged parents on this occasion. The family, consisting of four sons and four daughters, all of whom are married and doing well, succeeded in being present, and it is a blessing for which the aged couple expressed themselves grateful to God, that all their children were living and enjoying the blessings of health and a fair share of the world's goods. In the midst of the happy throng, and in accordance with the good old traditions of the Celtic race, was a prayer for the good that all their wishes and to share in the cheer of the evening's celebration. Song, story and reminiscences of the olden time made the evening hours seem far too short for those who were assembled there. The recollections of the good and true were recounted once more, and all their virtues recounted once more, to the edification of the young who sat gladly listening to these pleasing narrations of the interesting past. A little before the midnight hour the guests dispersed for their respective homes, expressing once more on parting their cordial congratulations to the good old couple that God had blessed with the privilege of celebrating such a jubilee. The golden wedding coinciding with the Feast of the Epiphany made it necessary to have the Mass of Thanksgiving which is customary on such occasions, deferred to another day, which was fixed for the following Monday. On both days Mr. and Mrs. Meehan, and their children, were present and partook of Holy Communion, and received the good wishes of all their friends and neighbors throughout the parish. May the good God, who has so blessed them and granted them such unusual privileges, continue to bestow His choicest favors upon them for many long years to come, and grant them the consolation of seeing their children's happiness and prosperity continue to the end of their days. MARTRY.

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NOTICE.

Notice is given by Philias Vannier, gentleman, Narcisse Laurier, gentleman, both of Montreal, that they will, with other proprietors, apply to the Legislature of the Province of Quebec, at its next session, to amend the act of this Province, 3 Edward VII., chapter 62, section 52, subsection 15, paragraphs C and D, in order that the City of Montreal be forced to pay alone that part of the cost of expropriation, representing the amount of damages and the value of buildings erected on or beyond the homologated line of Saint Antoine street of said city, for the third and fourth section, in as much as the proprietors who have constructed in this manner, have done so because the said city gave them an erroneous line to erect their said buildings. Montreal, 22nd January, 1908. BEAUDIN, LORANGER, ST. GERMAIN & GUERIN, Attorneys for Petitioners.

NOTICE is hereby given that Messrs. Louis A. Lapointe, broker; Remi Gohier, real estate agent; Moses Heilig, manufacturer, all of the city and district of Montreal, Joseph Chevalier, trader, of Longue Pointe, and Charles Arthur Hogue, insurance inspector, of the said city and district of Montreal, will apply to the Legislature of the province of Quebec, at its next session, for an act incorporating them and all others who may become shareholders, in a company under the name of "The Modern Fire Insurance Company," having its chief place of business in the city of Montreal, with power to make insurance contracts and re-insurance against fire, together with all the powers necessary and useful for carrying out the operations of said Company. M. G. LA ROCHELLE, Advocate for said applicants. Montreal, Jan. 15, 1908.

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