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the same source that our summers men-caught over night in a storm, get their salubrity, from the fact lost their lives. Some by drowning, brunt of the Atlantic gales. Our be the men who go forth on such vengrees. Instance the St. Lawrence be- lowing is the address:ing frozen, solidly, whilst our bays and harbors are open to navigation.

This season's frost was far more half a century. It intensified the "La Grippe" epidemic, from which our vest of the ice-fields, gathered to do people are now slowly recovering. The cold was most severe from Feb. 1st to the 20th. Such a spurt of sentative, and to extend to you and frost at that season is known in this country as a "Candlemas Snap." Since March 1st, the weather has been mild. "March comes in like a lamb, goes out like a lion," is another of our proverbs. The last few days in a hundred forms while searching have been bright, with high cold for a livelihood upon the ice-pans. winds (Northerly), and the weather wise say we may have a "Patrick's Brush," that is a snowstorm or two. to wind up the month. Anyhow, hard weather from January to March is regarded as a good sign of an early summer with us, for as the people say: "If you don't get hard weather then, you'll get it later." Sports and industries have benefitted by the frost. Our numerous sea-arms, stretching in from the bays, are still spanned with glassy ice, and skaters are taking advantage thereof. The St. John's rinks are in full swing. Outport folk have the great rinks of nature. The snow and frost, with hard

bright weather, are also favorable to the working man. He is enabled to slide his timber out of the woods, for house building, boat building, flake stuff, fencing and fire wood. Our people build their own boats and houses, generally in the fall and winter. The summer (May to October) is given over to the great business of the country, the Cod fishery.

Amongst the drawbacks of this colny, the chief is the lack of some

March 14, 1899. is the advent of the new governor, equally appreciated by owners and It is sometime since I have address- Sir Henry McCallum, to fill the place men. Perhaps you may be inclined to ed a Newfoundland letter to the of Sir Herbert Murray. His Excellen- laugh at what I am now going to "True Witness." So now in compens- cy held a review of the sealers before say, but I tell you, in all sincerity ation, I must give you a resume of their departure for the "ice fields." that it would give me the greatest news such as I may cull from the There were in the demonstration ab- possible pleasure to accompany you news' such as I may can not the Laure and the Laure and the sealers as- on this voyage and see for myself the man on the occasion of the laying or studies established by the laurests. daily papers, from popular gossip, or out 2,500 men. When the sealers as- on this voyage and see for myself the the corner-stone was very able and the Marists, the Franciscans. This sembled at the rink, and before Sir First, as to the weather --- that Henry had spoken, the Hon. S. Blandgrand unfailing old subject of con- ford read the sealers' address, to His versation, etc. The weather with us Excellency the Governor. It will give happier than it is at present. Other since Jan 1st, to date has Leen win- the readers of the "True Witness" ter in the most arctic sense. A witty some idea of the extent of the great tention for the welfare of our coun- it marks an important stage in the solidity, the architectural individual once said about Newfound- sealing industry of the Island, one land: "The climate is all right only of the most perilous and heroic. The to study her wants and requirements for the weather." Well, Newfound- last sealing voyage was darkened by for the future. land winters get their sharpness from 'a terrible tragedy. Forty-seven brave

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May it please Your Excellency,-You see a spectacle never before witnessed in this colony, or elsewhere, intense than can be remembered for many hundreds of hardy toilers of the sea, seeking for the great white harhonor to the Gracious Queen whom all love, by saluting her chosen repreyours a kindly fisherman's welcome to our rock-ribbed, ice-bound, but still beloved land. Hardy men, but faithful are those you see before you. Rovers of the sea, they tempt death But they are loyal men, also, with warm and grateful hearts, and they are deeply pleased that you have shown your interest in them so carly and so signally. You have, this day, seen their ships, their homes for days to come, and it is, we know, your wish that you may next look upon them as they enter the harbor "log-loaded," as the phrase is, with the harvest that pays for the "crop" and leaves a tidy "bill" over and above it. We, the masters of the sealing ships, in our own names and in behalf of our crews, thank your Excellency for your kindly interest in us, and we give to you, to your wife and to your daughter, a hearty, whole-souled fisherman's welcome to this colony, with the wish that you may have many happy useful days in our midst. Forgive our shortcomings as a people, believe in our desure to do right and be right, and your kindly sympathy shall so draw us to you as to increase your usefulness here, and make your name a signal by

> works and a higher prosperity. Samuel Blandford, A. Kean, Isaac Mercer, Arthur Jackman, Henry Dawe, Darius Blandford, Geo, Barbour, Geo. Hann. Job. Kean, Job Knee, E. Mercer. St. John's, March Sth, A.D., 1899.

> which to chain our people to greater

pleasure to find that great pains have been taken of late to provide for your greater comfort and welfare at the seal fishery. The ships this year are not so overcrowded, a fact which is conditions of life on board and on the spot, and by such means, in the future, your lot on board may be made matters, however, will engage my at-. try, and I will have to set to work

With a Responsible Government a Governor can do little, but it is a good thing to have a thorough know- and of triumph over obstacles! We | In the Middle Ages the great Unithat our Island is exposed to the full others by exposure. Lion-hearted must ledge of what is going on, so as to be a friend and adviser in the people's, frost is never so intense as you have tures. The fleet left on the legal sail- interests in the time of need. The exit in Canada, not by perhaps 20 de- ing day-the 10th of March. The fol- pression in your address-"Be right and do right"-struck me as being a very happy one. I agree with you, that this should be the motto of rich . and poor, of Governors and fishermen. With regard to your kindly reference, warm sunshine and fertilizing waters (torists and others have grouped their to Lady McCallum, I regret to say, of Papal protection and love, with respective houses of studies around that she has lately suffered the loss of a favorite brother, a fine young fellow, snatched away in the prime of life. She desires me, however, to wish you God speed on your voyage, and every good wish for your future es, welfare. When you know her better, the the same kindly feeling that has en- the deared her to me, as my wife, will made this youthful instructor Capitol the departments of the maalso cause her to be loved by you and during the first ten years of its exist- tion's political existence. Here are your families and friends.

> I hope the next time I shall greet you that you will have returned safe from the ice-fields with full cargoes. and that the seal-fishery of 1899 will closing is contained in the history of and women. The days of doubt and be a prosperous one. Not to detain you any longer I will now say "Good Same period. Struggle shows life, en- cure; we had the blessing of the corbye; God speed, God bless you!"

ter the Narrows, all things going well by the 1st of April, let us hope "log loaded." Thousands of St. John's people will go up to Signal Hill, to see if any distant smoke may tell of the first arrival from the ice.

The winter in St. John's has been brightened up by a round of amusements, sociables, club dinners, lectures plays and concerts. Apropos of our Evangelists, lately in St. John's, who held a series of "revival meetings," for their denomination. They were well meaning and undoubtedly clever men, and I am not calling in question the amount of good they may have wrought, but like many men of the platform, they mixed up things a lit- to be shown through the Smithsonian ; "That's dago money, ain't it, sir?" tle in condemning theatrical amusements. They lost sight of the distinct by the man. A member of the Smiths-

tion between a thing bad in itself

BISHOP O'GORMAN ON UNIVERSITIES.

The corner stone of the New Holy | has prospered; this ceremony draws Cross College on Rosemount Heights, attention to a factor of the greatest overlooking the Catholic University power and importance. From this hill of Washington, was formally laid re- where we stand behold the immosing cently. The new college is to be dedi- halls of the University itself, and see cated in October next. Bishop O'Gor- clustering around them the houses of man on the occasion of the laying of studies established by the Paulists. highly instructive. The eminent pre-building, the corner-stone of which late said in part:---

Unheralded and informal as may home of the students of the congregabe the laying of this corner stone, yet tion of the Holy Cross. The dimengrowth of the Catholic University of beauty of this college prove that its America. The first decade of its founders have confidence in the future existence is coming to a close, but of the University as the undoubted what a decade of struggle for life centre of higher education in the Caand of progress through difficulties ited States.

do not repine, we do not regret, we versities became sooner or later the do not complain; for does not growth rallying point of numerous colleges mean, in institutions as in mun ev- crected by different nations, or proerything else that lives and grows, vinces, or monastic and religious resistance to and victory over resist- bodies. Thus grew Oxford and Cataing forces? And if growth means a bridge, Paris and Salamanca. Thus, favorable environment, has not this in our days, grows Louvain, where university been favored with the Dominicans and Jesuits and Redempthe fostering care of hierarchy and the university.

clergy, and with the warm and gon- History is repeating itself in our erous sympathy of a laity eager for time, on our soil, in this capital of the blessings of the highest and best 'the nation. As in the administration education? The force of circumstance so in the educational sphere, the Disor, rather, to speak trief of Columbia is to be the theatro language of a Christian of a growing centralization. Here ruling of Providence, has converge around the dome of the ence the centre, storm as well as sup- converging and will converge more shine centre, of the Catholic (burch and more with fine around Caldwell in the United States; so that the his- and McMahon Halls the houses of tory of our Church in the decade past studies of our religious orders, men the Catholic University within the hesitation are over; the future is sevironment accounts for grow-a.

I have named some factors of the ful, even if less stormy, than even the Thesteamers will be expected to re-en- environment in which the University first decade of the University.

LORD HERCHELL AND THE GUIDE,

Lord Herschell had a fondness for ed to the man as if he were "sitting going around and looking at things under" some famous between only on his own hook. When he first came occasionally regarding the guide with to Washington he was driven over the a sly twinkle in his eye when the city numbers of times and shown the wealth of misinformation and tompoints of interest, but he liked walk- myrot was flowing particularly free. theatricals, there were two Methodist ing better, and he took numerous After an hour or so thus spent the long prowls about the city quite un- Englishman dismissed the guide and accompanied. On one of these occa- handed him a sovereign from a numsions he was accosted in front of the ber that he fished out from his trous-Smithsonian Institution by a guide, ers pocket. The guide looked at the The guide's manner of mixing his coin suspiciously, sized up both sides negative probably appealed to the of it and then handed it back to Lord Englishman's fancy, for he consented Herschell.

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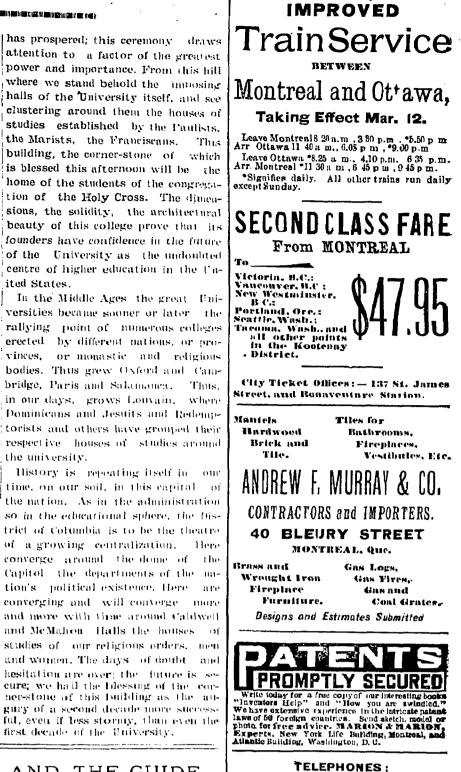
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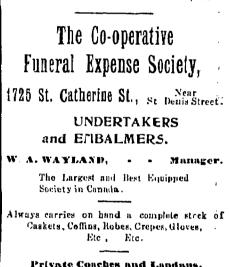
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productive industry to supplement the fishing, and employ the people in the dull season. This want is most noticeable in the outport settlements. A few weeks ago some leading men in Bay of Islands set on foot a movement to introduce weaving in that district. Wool factories should succeed in Newfoundland, owing to its being a splendid sheep raising country. Let us hope that some such factories will soon be in operation in our leading outports.

Amongst the hopeful signs of the future of our people, one is that our young men are beginning to settle and build homes and clear land in their own harbors. Our great popular trouble has ever been the want of belief, in what all the world now recognizes, viz.: -- The boundless resources of Newfoundland. That ancient prejudice has robbed Newfoundland of the flower of her people and sent them all over America. I should rather say the lack of enterprise and development which such false notions produced has depleted our nopulation.

The winter herring fishery at Placentia Bay has been a success. Rev. V. F. Reardon the popular and accomplished pastor of Placentia, held a bazaar after Xmas, and realized a good sum. Many of his parishioners, were engaged in the herring fishery, and their success put a good deal of Uncle Sam's "Yellow Boys" in circulation. Father Reardon is now busy preparing his church in Placentia for the celebration of St. Patrick's Day. He has invited Rev. E. P. Roche, one of our young priests, and a very able preacher to deliver the panegyric on the great Apostle. The day will also be marked by a public parade of the Star of the Sea Society, started about 22 years ago and having a membership of 150 stalwart men, planters and fishermen. Thus will Placentia, the "Ancient Capital," the "Killarney" of Newfoundland keep up the honors of the day: Father Reardon is also a lover of music- vocal and instrumental; and has around him a galaxy of vocalists and instrumental performers.

The Superioress of the Presentation Convent, Placentia, Mother Joseph Walsh, is one of the leading vocalists of Newfoundland,

The latest important colonial event your ships, and it gives me great

The Governor's reply was as follows :----

It gives me great pleasure to have arrived in Newfoundland in time to wish good-bye and God speed you and your hazardous voyage. In your address you have made reference to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen. I need not remind you that our beloved Sovereign has always taken a deep interest in the "toilers of the sea," and that her son and grandson -our future King-are both seamen. I congratulate myself that I have arrived here just in time to wish you good-bye, and to express the hope that you will escape all the dangers of the trip.

As a boy, I always took a deep interest in the seal-fishery, and written accounts of seal-hunting had a fascination for me. Little did I think then that I would ever come in actual contact with the brave hunters who take part in these hazardous voyages. I have read with deepest interest, in the history of your Judge Prowse the accounts of the hardy pioneers who first came to build up this country and prosecute her fisheries, from Devon and other parts of the West of England. In you, my brave fellows, I recognize readily the brave and hardy descendants of those intrepid West Countrymen. The good-looking, stalwart, healthy men I now see before me are worthy descendants of the pioneers who first came to settle on these shores. In this I can sympathize with you thoroughly, for although 1 myself am of Scotch extraction I was born in the West Country, and can fairly lay claim to being one of yourselves, and please God that you will find that during my tenure of office, as Governor of Newfoundland, I will lose no opportunity of becoming better acquainted with you all in order to improve your conditions in life. Your calling is such that you need all possible assistance and encouragement. It calls for all the best qualities that go to make a man --courage, patience, bravery and endurance. I have to-day visited and inspected and summer supplies.

and bad or good as the case may be by reason of its circumstances. Consequently they roundly rated the stage in all its moods and teases, and quoted St. Augustine and other Catholic writers to support their cause. Now, St. Augustine denounced the infamy of the stage in his day, as being in its abomination a renewal of paganism. But the stage in St. John's is not that. In other countries it may become so, but if the slightest abuse crept into our theatricals, the Catholic pulpit would need no American Evangelist to deal with it. Then they stated the stage presents a false view of life." So may a certain class of literature. But would you condemn Sir Walter Scott, for the absurdaties of the dime novel? Speaking of the Confessional, they said it was well to confess to your wife (why not to your mother-in-law)? but not to an ecclesiastical dignitary." (Take that ye Romans!) Well, the Apostles to whom our Lord said expressly: "Whose sins ye shall forgive they are forgiven them, whose sins ye shall retain they are retained," were ecclesiastical dignitaries, our evangelists to the contrary nothwithstanding. With all respect for the "Evangelists," I must say that in their indiscriminate attack on the St. John's theatre was unintentionally a wrong view.

Affairs ecclesiastical this season have been carried on with zeal and activity. Bishop Howley's timely and thoughtful pamphlet on temperance was issued to his Lordship's diocese on Quinguagesima Sunday, and excited universal interest. At present people are engaged in preparing for the celebration of St. Patrick's Day, a feast always honored with great enthusiasm, society parades, sermons, and ceremonial are the order of the day.

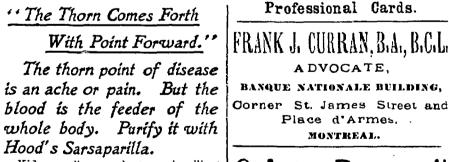
The greatest trouble in Newfoundland this year has been the prevalence of la grippe. The charitable organizations of St. John's (St. Vincent de Paul and Dorcas Societies), have coped pretty successfully with any destitution existing.

As soon as the ice blockade breaks

onian Institution's scientific curps. who was no great distance from the "That's an English sovereign-the titles Englishman and the guide as equivalent of about \$5 in American they went around the exhibits in the money.' two buildings, says that it was de-"That so?" said the guide, "Well licious to observe Lord Herschell's solemn reception of the guide's mis- if don't look exactly right to me, sir,

information. The guide knew absolute- and I'd rather have the American ly nothing about the exhibits, but stuff if you've got it handy." the fashion with which he descanted $_{1}$. Lord Herschell, then pulled out his upon them, says the scientist who wallet, took a new \$2 bill therefrom, overheardhim, was gloriously pompous handed it to the guide and went his

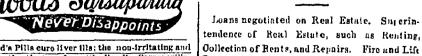
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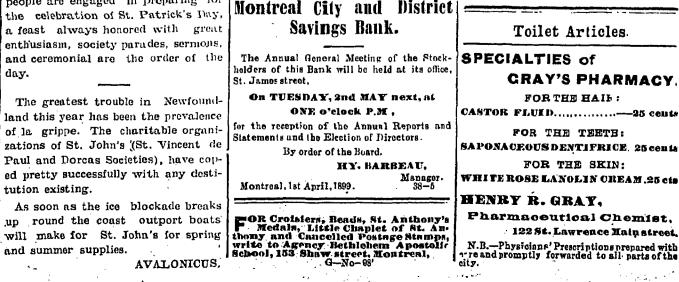
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