

"TALK."

By Our Curbside Observer.

"Talk is cheap." In an old saying, but sometimes talk proves to be very dear. I was led to this reflection by the following termination of an article that I recently read in an American Catholic weekly...

I "observe" that I styled the paper in which I read the foregoing, an "American Catholic weekly." There was really no need for me to add the qualifying word "weekly," since on the whole of the American continent there is not one "Catholic daily." Very strange, you may think; yet it is a positive fact...

During the past few years I have heard more about what should be done to make the "True Witness" the most independent and prosperous Catholic publication in Canada, than I have heard of any other paper...

I have stood on the curbside many an hour listening to the "talk" of some of my fellow-countrymen and co-religionists; and I have invariably found that in practice they do exactly the contrary of what they boast...

Did you ever listen to a group of our would-be critics, standing outside the Church, on Sunday, after Mass, and discussing and deciding what the priest ought to do in every detail of his sacerdotal functions? It is all "talk," in most of cases, and calculated to create distrust, division, and such like amputable sentiments...

There are other kinds of "talk" to which I purpose making a special reference next week; they deserve to be analyzed in a thorough manner. For the present I would say, in the somewhat vulgar phraseology of the race-course: "put up, or shut up." In other words, let us have less "talk" and more activity! We need organizers who know how to be systematic, who can speak both languages, and who draw heat and light from the barren fields of indifference...

A CITY RESURE NOW. The City Council with its sweeping reforms during the past session has wrought the most important change in the city's history...

latest fads of one of the reform elements is to introduce a kind of a civic poor house. Reports in the daily press are to the following effect:— Ald. Gagnon has given notice of motion in council of a resolution providing for a corporation shelter for the poor, something after the style of the Night Refuge, which is maintained by public subscription...

PRIZE WINNERS IN ST. ANN'S TOMBOLA. The annual Tombola in aid of the poor of St. Ann's parish, for which preparations have been in progress for the past month, was brought to a most successful conclusion, a few days ago. The drawing for the numerous and costly prizes took place in St. Ann's Hall, corner of Young and Ottawa streets...

LOCAL NOTES.

ABOUT ATHLETICS.—The annual meeting of the Hockey Association was a lively one, owing to an attempt being made to deprive the Shamrocks of an opportunity to play the Winnipeg Victorias early in the season for the Stanley cup. President Harry McLaughlin of the Shamrocks made a determined fight against the move during the course of which he accused one or two clubs of being prejudiced against the wearers of the green...

RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE. At a meeting of the members of Division No. 3, A.O.H., the following resolution was passed:— Moved by Bro. Gallery, and seconded by Bro. McCarthy, that the members of this Division have leave of absence with sincere regret of the death of a member of Bro. O'Donnell's family, which sad event occurred on Tuesday, the 4th inst., at Sault Ste. Marie, and the members of this Division do hereby extend to his afflicted parents and relatives their hearty sympathy at the loss which they have sustained...

THE CAZOTHIA.—This novel social undertaking, which is in progress as we go to press, is attracting a great deal of attention in St. Gabriel's parish. Large crowds visited the hall during the week, and the greatest enthusiasm prevailed. Further O'Meara is greatly pleased with the result so far. Next week we hope to be able to give a full report of the various features of the programme.

C.M.B.A.—Branch 26.—A very large and enthusiastic meeting of Branch 26, Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, Grand Council of Canada, was held in their hall, 92 St. Alexander street, Monday, December 10th, at which the following officers were elected for the year 1901:— Chancellor, James J. Costigan; president, Francis J. Curran, B.C.L.; second vice-president, Jos. H. Maiden; recording-secretary, Patrick J. McDonagh, re-elected; assistant recording-secretary, Francis D. Daly; financial-secretary, Robert Warren, re-elected; treasurer, John H. Feeley, Jr.; guard, Lionel Johnson; Marshal, Joseph O'Toole; trustees, Fred. J. Sears, P. J. Darcy, R. Gahan, Thos. Harding, W. F. Wall; representative to Grand Council, Jas. J. Costigan; Alternate representative, M. Sharkey.

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A FRENCH-CANADIAN CENTENARIAN DEAD. Angélique Gallipeau died at Northampton, Mass., this week, in the 106th year of her age. Mrs. Gallipeau was born in Montreal January 25, 1795. Her father died at the age of 101, and her mother at the age of 100. Mrs. Gallipeau was married four times. Of her children the oldest is now 84, and the youngest 65. She was remarkably vigorous until recently, and was able to knit and read without the aid of glasses. Several months ago she made a trip to Montreal. Mrs. Gallipeau had been a resident of Northampton for 40 years.

NEW CHINESE TAX. The new law under which persons of Chinese origin entering Canada, with certain limited exceptions, pay a poll tax of \$100 instead of \$50 as formerly, goes into force on January 1st. For the year ending June 30th the revenue derived from the Chinese exclusion act was \$210,153, and \$231 paid the poll tax on entering Canada. The exemptions...

resistance to which the former type of ice-breaker was constantly exposed, and very often failed to overcome. Mr. Inman is sanguine that vessels will make the winter journey from Duluth to Europe in five years' time, and the most skeptical would be pleased if that were to come true.

TRIALS OF MISSIONARIES.

The band of fifteen White Fathers who have arrived at Scheut, near Brussels, from Mongolia, have endured hardships the severity of which can be compared only with the trials of their brother missionaries whom the Chinese have cruelly put to death. When Bishop Hammer bade them leave their missions in Mongolia, that vast country lying between Thibet and Siberia, they were sorely reluctant to go. It was heart-breaking to abandon even for a time the country where they had labored so earnestly and to say farewell to the good Bishop, but Christians were being butchered day by day and Dr. Hammer's orders were imperative. They crossed the desert of Gobi, or Shamo, one of them being ill all the while from scarlatina. This desert, which occupies nearly the middle of the high table-land of Eastern Asia, is an immense tract, consisting for the most part of loose sand and bare rock and shingle, alternating with firm sand scantily clothed with vegetation. The climate is extremely dry, even in July and August snow falls in the winter through the wilderness forty-two days. At Urga the missionaries were received in the kindest manner by M. Van Root, the Russian Consul. By his aid they crossed the Chinese frontier and entered Russia. Then they proceeded to the Trans-Baikal Railway. Whilst they were crossing Lake Baikal the thermometer was at thirteen degrees below zero. From Irkutsk they were able to travel in comparative comfort, the train taking them direct to Moscow, but it is astonishing that they have survived the perils and sufferings of the journey. But, like true soldiers of the Cross, they are going back to their missions in a little while, and taking a number of recruits with them.

Mr. Charles R. Devlin, Canadian Immigration Commissioner to Ireland, has recently undergone a serious surgical operation at Dublin, but is now rapidly recovering.

The University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Ind., has just completed an extensive system of water-works, so that in case of fire within five minutes after the alarm 2,000 gallons of water may every minute be thrown on the burning building.

A Royal Decree regulating the conditions of a recent law on old age pensions in Belgium, is published. The amount of the pension is fixed at sixty-five francs. To obtain it one must be a native of Belgium, must reside in that country, must be sixty-five years of age, and must be a working man in want.

Miss Emily Stather, daughter of the late Colonel Stather, has been received into the Church by the Rev. Woodchester, Father Vincent MacNabb, O.P. Miss Stather's conversion, according to the local press, has caused a great sensation in Woodchester and Stroud, where she has for many years been associated with charitable works of various kinds as a member of the Church of England.

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