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#### CITY ITEMS.

Sr. PATRICK'S SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of the members of St. Patrick's Society was held in the Hall, corner of Alexander and Craig sts., Monday evening, for the purpose of electing officers, Mr. Devlin, M. P., President in the chair. After some routine business, the President informed the large assemblage that as the day was a legal holi-day it was doubtful whether the election of officers could legally take place. He therefore advised that a call be made for a meeting next evening. Mr. Devlin condemned in strong terms a paragraph which appeared in the Witness of last Saturday intending to induce the belief that the election would be made a scene of violence, and expressed his astonishment that any newspaper in the city would open its colums to the slander of the Irish Catholic people, as had been recently done in connection with the election of officers of the St. Patrick's Society. He referred to the statement in the Witness that voters carrying blackthorns would not be admitted, and remarked that the St. Patrick's Society had never at any of its elections, degraded itself by an act of violence, or even the exhibition of unkindly feeling. (Cheers.) He believed however that the offensive and insulting article to which he referred, found its way into the columns of the Witness without the knowledge of its proprietors. (Cheers.) And he deeply regretted to say that he had good reason for believing that the article was the contribution of an Itish Catholic, whose name he ed and cheered.

ST. PATRICE'S ACADEMY, POINT ST. CHARLES .- MODday evening the pupils of this institution, under the supervision of Principal McKay, gave a musical and dramatic entertainment. The pieces performed were "Jack of all Trades" and "Cherry Bounce." The pupils acquitted themselves in a manner that elicited the heartiest applause of the large audience, which numbered several hundreds. The musical part of the programme was very well executed. We may say that we were really surprised at the proficiency of the pupils, and must congratulate Principal McKay on the success that has attended his efforts in bringing the academy to its present high standing amongst the educational establishments of Montreal. Amongst those present were the Rev. Fathers Hogan and Salmon, Messrs. M. P. Ryan, Edw. Murphy, E. McKeon and Owen Mc-Garrey. At the close of the performance, Mr. Principal McKay announced with regret that in consequence of the illness of Captain Kirwan they would be deprived of the pleasure of hearing an address from that gentleman, and called on Mr. Curran, Q.C., to say a few words. Mr. Curran delivered an eloquent and stirring address, which was loudly cheered. The Rev. Mr. Hogan wound up the proceedings of the evening by a few well chosen remarks, in which, while praising the pupils and congratulating the parents, he hoped the latter would not fail to appreciate the great advantages of education and keep their children at school until they had completed the usual course. He said that youths who were deprived of education, or who were taken from their teachers at too early an age were only fit in after life to handle the shovel and the pick-axe, but with the talents that Frovidence had given Irish children and a fair opportunity ior good training, they might take their places amongst the foremost in the land.

SHAMBOCK LACROSSE TEAM.—We rejoice to learn that the Shamrock Lacrosse Team is determined to try its luck for the championship this year. They come from a race of athletes, and the many years they held the championship prove that they were no degenerate sons of the land they came from, But the Lacrosse team should be encouraged. The Irishmen of Montreal should be proud of their countrymen, whose emblem is the "immortal leaf," and if, as we understand, an effort is to be made to raise funds to assist the Lacrosse team in its efforts to wrench the championship from Toronto, we trust the Irishmen of Montreal will generously contribute to the fund.

EMERALD SNOW-SHOE CLUB.-The semi-annual meeting of this club took place on Wednesday evening, last week, in the Hall of the Catholic Young Men's Society, and was largely attended.— The handsome gold medal presented by William Wilson, Esq., for the half mile Club Race which has been in dispute since the annual races, was presented by the chairman, Mr. Charles Boyle, in a very appropriate speech, to the winner, Mr. James Shea. The Secty.-Treas, report showing the working of the club during the past season, and that a handsome balance in the funds lay to its credit, was unanimously adopted. The chairman congratulated the club upon its success during the past season, and expressed the bope that the Emeralds would even excel their past success in the future. The club roll shows a membership of 127.

EMERALD LACROSSE CLUB.—The annual general meeting of this club took place on Wednesday evening, last week, and was well attended. The report of the Secty.-Treasurer having been read, was unanimously adopted. The following gentlemen were elected officers for the ensuing season :-President, Mr. Patrick McElroy; 1st Vice do Mr. Jas. Shea; 2nd do do Thos. Farmer; Field Captain, M. Polan; Secty.-Treas, Jno. F. Campbell; Asst. Secty, J. Polan. Committee—Messrs, T. J. Martin, Alex. H. Woods, J. D. O'Neill, T. Mechan, Jos. Boyle, M. Newell and Jno. Hughes. It was decided to start practice as soon as practicable, and from the warm interest manifested by the members at the meeting, we doubt not that during the coming season the Emeralds will do their share to uphold "our game."

EaThe stone-cutters in the employment of Mr. Davis, contractor for part of the Lachine works have all suspended operations, demanding the same wages as paid last autumn. The contractor refuses to grant their request, consequently they are idle. A number of men are still quarrying stone for the works.

#### CANADIAN ITEMS.

THE CATHOLIC LITERARY ASSOCIATION OF BROCK-VILLE.—The Catholic Literary Association of Brock ville held its annual Supper at the Revere House, on St. Patrick's night and was largely attended by the members and friends of the Association. The room was very tastefully decorated and fes-tooned with flags and bunting, and the tables pre-sented an appearance that was highly creditable to the gentlemanly proprietors of the Revere, and gave the utmost satisfaction to the Association and their guests. Owing to the unavoidable absence of the

the honors of the first Vice-Chair, and Mr. O'Brien the second. The Chairman was supported on either side by the Mayor, Wm. Fitzsimmens, Esq., Mr. Buell, M.P., Mr. Cole, M.P.P., Mr. John Mc-Mullen, and other prominent gentlemen of the town. Letters of apology were read from Hon. C. F. Fraser, Rev. Fathers McCarthy and Casey, Mr. H. Abbott, Mr. E. J. Senkler, and Mr. T. P. French of Ottawa, who were unable to be present. After the comforts of the inner man were attended to the cloth was removed, several toasts were given. Mr. J. L. Dowlin, a talented young Irishman and one of our promising Brockville law students, was one of our promising Brockville law students, was called upon to respond, and in doing so made the speech of the evening. Mr. Dowlin was warmly applauded on resuming his seat. The C. L. A. of Brockville and kindred associations was responded to by Mr. D. O'Brien. "The House of Commons," responded to by Mr. Buell, M.P. He pointed to some of the important positions in this as well as other countries held by Irishmen, and concluded with a graceful wish for the success and prosperity of C. L. A. of Brockville. "The Local Legislature." of C. L. A. of Brockville. "The Local Legislature," responded to by Mr. Cole, M.P.P. He expressed his regrets that the President of the Association was not present to respond to this toast, as he knew he would feel proud to be among them. The speaker pointed to the Hon, gentleman as a debater second to none in the country and greatly approved of the system of debates as practised in the rooms of the Association. He said it was in exercises of this kind that many of our prominent men learned their first lessons, and hoped the Association would continue to be as successful in the future as it had been in the past. The following toasts were then given from the Vice-Chair, "Our Young Domin-ion," responded to by Mr. John Murray, in a few solid and well chosen remarks. "The Army and Navy," responded to by Capt. John Powers. "The Learned Professions" briefly responded to by A. E. Richards, Esq. "Our Educational Institutions," responded to by John McMullen, Esq. "The Island City," responded to by the Mayor. This gentleman's remarks were listened to with marked attention and met a hearty welcome from his hearers. "Onr Guests" briefly responded to by B. M. Fitzsimmons, Esq. "The Press," very ably and elo-quently responded to in a speech of some length noped would be made known to the Society. By T. W. H. Leavitt, Esq., Editor of the Brockville Mr. Devlin concluded by pointing out the importance of union amongst the Irish people, and stated that upon it depended the weight and value of their influence. His remarks were loudly and the control of the Brockville of th ed he would have the happiness of catering for the Association and its guests in 1878, a wish that was certainly mutual, for all parties separated de
"foro-quarters 000 lighted with the evening's entertainment. - Com.

Quebec .- At a meeting of the St. Joseph's Society of Diamond Harbor, held on the 25th ult., the following officers were elected :- Robert Lannan, President; Robert Heard, 1st Vice President; John Carty, 2nd Vice President; David Power, Secretary; Robert Farrell, Treasurer. Council-Thos. Mc-Mahon, Thos Fitzgerald, Patrick Lanuan, John Kennedy, John Nolan, William Webb.

MUNICIPALITY OF ST. ANICET, No. 2 SCHOOL, DIS-TRICT No. 1.—"On March 14th, 1877, I found the school in District No. 1 of St. Anicet No. 2 in good order and most excellently taught by Miss Ellen Quinn. There are very few schools where the progress of the scholars has pleased me so much."—
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For Rome and IRELAND .- Amongst those who will form part of the forthcoming pilgrimage to Rome under the auspices of the Bishop of Sherbrooke, will be the respected partor of St. Athanasius, Inverness, Revd. Mr. Connolly. We are given to understand that the granting of leave of absence to the Revd. gentleman for the comparitively long period involved, by His Grace the Archbishop, was much facilitated by the fact of the former esteemed Rector of St. Patrick's of this city, Revd. B. McGauran, consenting to take temporary charge of the parish during Rev. Mr. Connolly's absence. Of course he will also visit his dear native Ireland before returning to Canada. The reverend gentleman will leave Inverness, Monday, 9th April; and Revd. Mr. Laliberte, and some dozen other clergymen from this diocese, also accompanying the pilgrimage .-Quebec Chronicle.

The Diocese of Arichat has raised \$3,535 of Joh. Peter's pence for presentation to the Pope on the 50th anniversary of his Episcopacy.

A by-law is to be introduced in the Kingston Council to authorize an enquiry into the origin of each fire that occurs in the city.

The Belleville Town Council has determined to purchase from a New York company, 2,000 feet of rubber hose, of the best quality for \$1.20 per foot, delivered free of duty.

The directors of the Kingston Gas Company have unanimously resolved to reduce the price of gas, on and after the first of April from \$3.50 nett per thousand fect to 2.50 per thousand.

The Hudson Bay Company are getting out two new steamers from England, steel-bottomed, for the navigation of the Saskatchewan, both of light draught.

A report has just been issued of the loan, saving, and investment companies of Ontario and Quebec In the two Provinces at the close of 1875 the loans on real estate were-Ontario, \$15,630,820; Quebec, \$2,729,894, And the total value of the real estate on which these loans were made was: Ontario, \$39-827,000; Quebec, \$3,135,000. The returns for 1876. it is said, are in excess of those of the preceding year .- Journal of Commerce.

In Toronto it has been decided to grant 215 tavern, 150 shop, and 30 wholesale liquor licenses at \$150.

THE NOVA SCOTIA GREAT SEAL .- The question of the validity of legal and other documents under the old seal of Nova Scotia is to be referred either to the Supreme Court or the Privy Council of England.

Some of the Nova Scotia gold mines are turning out well; the Cariboo mine last month cleared

It costs \$45,408 to heat the Parliament Buildings at Ottawa, and both heating and ventilation are thoroughly bad.

The new Grand Trunk freight tariff makes some material reductions, especially in heavy goods.

One Barrie merchant at least has reason to remember the fall in coal oil. It has cost him some

According to the report of the Minister of Inland Revenue, the greatest consumers of beer are the British Columbians, who imbibe at the rate of 31 gallons per head annually; the people of Untario come next, with 2 8-10 gallons; the people of Quebec next, with 2 2-10 gallons; and the people of New Brunswick last, with a consumption of 7-10ths of a gallon. The greatest consumers of tobacco are the British Columbians, who chew, smoke, or snuff at the rate of very nearly 3 lbs. per head per annum; then come the Manitobans, who got through their 2 6-10 lbs. per head; then the Quebecers, with their 2 5-10 lbs. per head; then the New Brunswickers, with 2 3-10 lbs. per head, and the Prince Edward Islanders with 1 7.10 lbs. per head. The greatest wine-bibbers are the British Columbians, who consume 4-19ths of a gallon, and next come the people of Quebec. The greatest consumers of spirits are the people of Ontario, 1 4-10 gallons per head; then come the Quebecers, 1 3-10 gallons; then New Brunswick, President, Hon. C. F. Fraser, Doctor Johnson was 7 10ths of a gallon; and last, the Manitobans, called upon to preside; while Mr. O'Donohue did 6 10ths of a gallon.

The scaling fleet left St. Johns, Newfoundland, on the 10th ult. The steamer Greenland returned on the 26th with 27,000, the first arrival from the fishery, which now promises well.

Mr. J. D. Edgar has offered a gold medal for the best essay written during the coming year for reading before the Reform Literary and Debating Club, of Toronto.

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#### BIRTHS.

SKELLY-On the 24th ult., at 61 Dubord street, Mrs. James Skelly, of a son.

Roung—On the 28th ult, at No. 217 St. Joseph street, the wife of F. Rourk, M.D., of a son. BEYNOLDS-On the 24th ult., at No. 48 St. John street, the wife of Mr. P. Reynolds, of a daugh-

#### DEATH.

EGLESON-At Ottawa, on the 26th ult., Margaret Louisa Kelly, wife of Mr. P. J Egleson, aged 24 years.—R.I.I'.

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