

OUR ST. PATRICK'S DAY SOUVENIR NUMBER.

Our Authorization.

MONTREAL, January 18, 1897. To the Managing Director of THE TRUE WITNESS:

DEAR SIR,—We, the undersigned Pastors of the English-speaking parishes of the city, heartily approve the project of THE TRUE WITNESS, to issue a Special Souvenir Number in commemoration of the Golden Jubilee of St. Patrick's, the Mother Parish of our people in Montreal.

The first Mass was said in St. Patrick's Church on St. Patrick's Day, 1847, amid the universal joy of the English-speaking Catholic population, who, until then, had no church of their own at all proportionate to their numbers.

The remarkable advance made since then in the material prosperity of our people, and the advantages which have accrued to them from a religious point of view, are matters for profoundest thankfulness to God.

We also take this opportunity of expressing our approval of the course pursued by THE TRUE WITNESS, and recognize the valuable service it has rendered to every worthy cause.

- (Signed), REV. J. QUINLAN, S.S., Pastor of St. Patrick's Church. REV. PHILIP SCHELFHAUT, C.S.S.R., Pastor of St. Ann's Church. REV. P. F. O'DONNELL, Pastor of St. Mary's Church. REV. J. E. DONNELLY, Pastor of St. Anthony's Church. REV. W. O'MEARA, Pastor of St. Gabriel's Church. REV. W. J. CASEY, St. Jean Baptiste Church.

Every authorized advertising canvasser for our Special St. Patrick's Day Souvenir is furnished with credentials, signed by Mr. Michael Burke, president of the company, which he is required to show upon demand.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

A special census bulletin or report just issued by Hon. Carroll D. Wright, Commissioner of Labor, gives some interesting points in respect to the unemployed in the United States. There were 22,795,661 persons, 10 years of age or over, engaged in gainful occupations in the United States in the year 1890, of whom 18,821,090 were men and 3,974,571 women.

The Lexow Trust Investigation now going on in the State of New York is revealing a state of affairs which serves to illustrate the powerful sway which a few individuals hold through their schemes of monopolizing special industries. An exchange says: In regard to the Sugar Trust it was shown that on its formation, six dollars of trust certificates were issued for every dollar of stock in the original corporations.

The North-West Review says: Out of 855 registered voters, 596 voted, 388 casting their votes for Mr. J. B. Lauzon and 208 for Mr. S. A. D. Bertrand. As the total of 596 is (in whole numbers) 199, Mr. Bertrand saves his nomination deposit by just ten votes.

Mr. George Hanratty, a former Montrealer, and now of the 2nd Royal Irish Rifles, was recently appointed head clerk of the military station of Poona, in India. Mr. Hanratty was well known in Montreal, being a regular attendant at St. Patrick's Church, and a member of the C.Y.M.S. The position is quite a

good one, and it is to be hoped that our Catholic townsman will receive further promotion.

It is reported that the Russian government has under consideration a scheme for reorganizing the scale of punishments by exile to Siberia. According to existing rules, state and criminal offenders are liable to exile, for a longer or shorter period, to the nearer or further parts of Siberia, as may be directed by the particular article of the law code under which they are convicted.

Prime Minister Salisbury is not in good health. His old trouble, over-stoutness, is again bothering him. It is necessary that he should reduce it, and as soon as the Eastern crisis becomes relaxed he will go abroad to drink the waters at some of the medicinal springs, after which he will join the Marchioness of Salisbury, who is passing the season in the south of France.

The Ursuline Nuns have purchased Leland Castle for \$35,000. It is on Castle Hill, Residence Park, near Rochelle, N. Y., and was built in 1857. There are fifty rooms in the house. It cost originally about \$170,000. The building is to be used as an academy for young ladies, and will open at the beginning of next season.

Bills licensing and taxing transient merchants have been adopted by the Indiana Legislature. The Senate has passed a bill making the penalty for the one who accepts a bribe for his vote a fine of from \$10 to \$500 and imprisonment for from one to five years.

Irishmen in London, Eng., are preparing for the St. Patrick's day banquet this year on a scale which will surpass that of any previous year. An influential committee is at work, and Mr. John Dillon, M. P., Chairman of the Irish Party, will preside.

A ball given by the Knights Templars at Fenton, Mich., at the Opera House, Tuesday night, came to a tragic end by the sudden death of one of Fenton's most prominent citizens, who dropped dead while calling the numbers of a dance.

The Capitol at Albany has up to the present cost twenty three millions of dollars and is yet unfinished, though it is said that the work was begun more than a quarter of a century ago.

Toronto is to have a civic labor bureau where there will be a regular system of registration and a fair dispensation of the civic labor without the interference of aldermen.

Mayor Bingham of Ottawa surpassed Mayor Wilson Smith of Montreal in his official programme of festivities by tendering a luncheon to the ladies.

Preparations are actively going on for Mr. McKinley's inauguration, and the crowds in Washington on the occasion are expected to be enormous.

Harvard University has this year introduced two courses of study in the Irish language, conducted by Dr. F. N. Robinson.

This is the last week in which Mr. Grover Cleveland will hold the office of President of the United States.

Mr. J. F. Guite has been selected as the Government candidate in the forthcoming election in Bonaventure.

The A. O. H. and other national societies in New York are preparing for a monster parade on St. Patrick's day.

The Irishmen of Aberdeen, Scotland, are preparing to celebrate St. Patrick's Day this year.

In Memoriam.

At a regular monthly meeting of the above Society, held in their hall, on Sunday, the 3rd inst., it was moved by P. T. O'Brien and seconded by J. Orton:

That whereas the Almighty Disposer of all His creatures has, in His infinite wisdom, called unto Himself, our late fellow member, Thomas Keough, inflicting upon loving parents and sisters the greatest sorrow borne by the children of men, be it therefore

Resolved—That we, the members of St. Ann's Young Men's Society, tender our sympathies to the family of deceased, and we earnestly pray that the all-powerful God, who is also a merciful God, will apply to their stricken hearts a soothing balm and enable them to bow with Christian resignation to His Holy Will.

Be it further Resolved,—That this resolution be entered in the records of our Society, forwarded to the family of deceased, and to the TRUE WITNESS for publication.

Jno. WHITTY, Secretary.

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"In every grave," says a German proverb, "lies a world's history." The world turns aside to let any man pass who knows whether he is going.

Eighty-five per cent. of the people who are lame are affected on the left side.

Omaha has established a chicory mill with a capacity of 500 bags of "coffee" a day.

The story of the decline and fall of empires is the story of the growth of man.

A German has written a book in which he describes 810 ways to cook potatoes.

In his time a man plays many parts, but it is distressingly seldom that he makes a hit.

A reformer, my son, is a chap who thinks everybody but himself should turn over a new leaf.

The Thames of England is 220 miles long. The river of the same name in Canada is 160 miles long.

The best care and culture of man is not that which restrains his weakness but that which gives play to his strength.

He who strikes as the gods strike has the force of infinity in his blows. He who defies them, wields a club in the air.

The goat is derided for eating newspapers, but many a man feeds his mind and forms his opinions on nothing else.

We are keeping the torch burning which you young men of the twentieth century may carry to the top of the mountain.

The British isles comprise no fewer than 1,000 separate islands and islets, without counting mere jutting rocks or isolated pinnacles.

This world is crowded on its lower floor, but higher up for centuries to come there will still remain a niche for each piece of honest work.

We should work for the positive side of life. We should build ideas of effort. To get rid of vice and folly is to let strength grow in their place.

What shall we say of a man who puts a fifty-cent education on a ten-thousand-dollar, a million-dollar boy, and narrows and cramps him in after life.

The fool, the dude, the shirk, come out of college pretty much as they went in. They dive deep in the Pierian Springs, as the duck dives in the pond—and they come up dry as the duck does.

The voice of the people is not the voice of God. But if the voice be smothered, it becomes the voice of a demon. The red flag of the Anarchist is woven where the people think in silence.

A gardening school for girls is something of an innovation, but such a one exists in Berlin, with a most satisfactory history. The students do all the garden work of the institution, and grow large supplies of fruits and vegetables, which are sold in the city. Several of the graduates have obtained posts as gardeners.

FATAL RESULT OF DELAY. Sickness generally follows in the path of neglect. Don't be reckless! but promptly take a few doses of Scott's Emulsion immediately following exposure to cold. It will save you many painful days and sleepless nights.

"I hear you are in for running off with another man's wife. Poor, despised creature!" "I am not altogether despised, madame. He sends me flowers every day."—Life.

Mrs. Tenspot (reading)—"Ex-Premier Crispi, of Italy, is taking a course of mud baths near Padua." Mr. Tenspot—"Why, I read somewhere that he was out of politics."—Glasgow Times.

MARKET REPORT.

RETAIL MARKET PRICES.

Owing to the stormy weather last night and the fact that the Lenten season commences to-day, the attendance of farmers and gardeners at Bonsecours market was exceedingly small. There were only a few small loads of oats offered, and, as the gathering of buyers seemed to be limited in number, the demand for these was slow, and up to noon no sales had been made, although holders were only asking 50c per bag, and would have no doubt accepted less in order to get home. A few gardeners were on the market and their offerings consisted principally of cabbages and celery, which met with a fair sale at steady prices. Business in fruit was quiet and prices were unchanged. In poultry the feeling was firmer and prices generally slow on advance. In dairy produce eggs were lower owing to the liberal receipts of new laid of late.

VEGETABLES.

Table listing prices for various vegetables: Parsley, per dozen; Cabbage, per dozen; Carrots, per basket; Turnips, per bag; Beets, per basket; Potatoes, per bag; Cauliflowers, per dozen; Celery, per dozen; Lettuce, per bunch; Onions, per basket; Parsnips, per basket; Rhubarb, per dozen; Artichokes, per peck; Lettuce, per dozen; Radishes, per dozen; Oyster plant, per dozen; Spinach, per peck; Tomatoes, per basket.

FRUIT.

Table listing prices for various fruits: Lemons, per dozen; Apples, per barrel; Oranges, per dozen; Cranberries, per gallon; Almeria grapes, per keg; Catawba grapes, per basket.

GAME.

Table listing prices for various game: Black duck, per pair; Blue-bill duck, per pair; Teal duck, per pair; Mallard ducks; Plover, per dozen; Quails, per dozen; Quails, drawn, per dozen; Snowbirds, per dozen.

POULTRY.

Table listing prices for various poultry: Large spring chickens, per pair; Small chickens; Fowls, per pair; Turkeys, hens; Geese, each; Ducks, per pair; Cock turkeys, each; Pigeons, per pair; Squabs, per pair.

DAIRY PRODUCE.

Table listing prices for various dairy products: Print butter, choice, per lb.; Creamery; Good dairy butter; Mild cheese; Strong cheese; Eggs, strictly new laid; Case eggs; Honey, per lb.; Maple sugar, per lb.; Maple syrup.

MEATS.

Table listing prices for various meats: Beef, choice, per lb.; Mutton, per lb.; Lamb, per lb.; Veal, per lb.; Pork, per lb.; Ham, per lb.; Lard, per lb.; Sausages, per lb.; Bacon, per lb.; Dressed hogs, per 100 lbs.

FISH.

Table listing prices for various fish: Pike, per lb.; Haddock, per lb.; Bullheads, per lb.; Whitefish, per lb.; Cod, per lb.; Dore; Halibut, per lb.; Trout, per lb.; Smelts, per lb.; Mackerel, each; Finnan haddies, per lb.; Fresh salmon, per lb.; Black bass, per lb.; Sturgeon, per lb.

THE PROVISION MARKET.

There was no important change in the local provision market, business being chiefly of a jobbing character at steady prices. We quote:—New packed Canadian pork, \$11 to \$12; old at \$10 to \$10.50 per barrel; pure Canadian lard, in pails, at 54c to 6c, and compound refined at 44c per lb; hams 9c to 11c, and bacon 8c to 9c per lb.

The demand for light weight dressed hogs continues good in a jobbing way, and sales have been made as high as \$7 for really choice bright lots, but the general run are from \$6.50 to \$6.75 per 100 lbs. Several car lots of Manitoba hogs are on the way, which will be the last of the season, and some sales have been made to arrive at \$5.75 to \$6 per 100 lbs. in car load lots.

THE PRODUCE MARKETS.

The situation of the cheese market was unchanged owing to the complete absence of stock.

The local demand for butter was slow and the market is quiet and steady at 18c to 19c for creamery and at 11c to 13c for roll dairy as to quality.

There was no change in the egg market, prices being about steady with only a small jobbing business doing. We quote:—New laid, 15c to 16c; Montreal limed, 10c to 11c, and Western limed and held fresh at 8c to 10c per dozen.

Business in beans continues quiet and prices are about steady at 60c to 65c in car lots and at 70c to 80c in a small way. Potatoes were unchanged at 35c to 40c per bag in car lots, and a. 45c to 50c in a jobbing way.

Man (to dentist)—I want you to kill this nerve, please. I'm expecting some money in a few days and then I'll call around and pay you. Dentist (sarcastically)—I can't kill such a nerve as you've got.

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Live Stock Markets.

MONTREAL, March 1.—The feature of the local live stock trade since our last was the much firmer feeling that prevailed in the market to-day, and prices for good to choice stock advanced fully 10 to 15c per lb., which is due, no doubt, to the continued good demand and small receipts of such. Trade was also more active to-day, both on local and export account. The demand from shippers was fair, and purchases of stock weighing 1,000 to 1,100 lbs. was made at \$3.60 per lb., and at \$3.45 per 100 lbs. off cars, but, of course, they would readily pay 4c to 4 1/2c for choice beasts weighing from 1,300 to 1,400 lbs. if some would only come forward. In regard to buying of stall fed cattle at country points for spring shipments some of our local shippers have already commenced to operate, and it is stated a few have been purchased at 4 1/2c per lb.

At the East End Abattoir market the offerings of live stock were: 500 cattle, 50 sheep, 100 lambs and 25 calves. Owing to the decidedly colder weather, the smaller receipts of cattle and a somewhat improvement in the demand from local buyers, a firmer feeling prevailed, and, in consequence, the feature of the market was an advance in prices of 10 to 15c per lb. for all good to choice stock, for which there was a good demand, but common and inferior were little inquired for and sales were slow. On the whole, however, a fairly active trade was done, and the market was pretty well cleaned up. Choice steers and heifers sold at 3 1/2c to 3 3/4c; good at 3 1/4c to 3 1/2c; fair at 2 3/4c to 3c, and the lower grades all the way from 1 1/2c to 2 1/2c per lb. live weight. Sheep sold at 3c to 3 1/2c, lambs at 4 1/2c to 5c and mixed lots at 4 1/2c per lb. live weight. Calves met with a ready sale at prices ranging from \$3 to \$12 each as to size and quality.

At the Point St. Charles cattle market the receipts of cattle were small and trade was slow owing to the fact that local dealers generally had filled their wants in the Toronto market on Friday last, in consequence of which there was no sales made, and holders forwarded their stock to the above market. The supply of hogs was fair, for which the demand continues good, and prices were maintained at \$4.00 per 100 lbs. f. d., and at \$4.75 off cars.

To Preserve Cut Flowers.

Just now flowers are literally worth their weight in gold, and when one is fortunate enough to become the possessor of a generous bouquet, it is well worth while to study ways to keep their beauty from fading. Our readers are advised to try the following the very next time there is an opportunity, and they will have this department to thank for their flowers lasting three or four times the length of time they would if treated in the ordinary manner.

In the first place, before removing the beauties from the box or paper in which they arrive, sprinkle them gently, but thoroughly, with fresh cold water; then make some good strong soap suds, which takes the place of roots, and is, therefore, very important, and put the flowers therein, taking care not to pack the stems too closely together. Every morning, without fail, the flowers must be taken out of the suds, their stems clipped a wee morsel, and laid sideways in clear, cool water. See that every stem is well covered, let lie for a few minutes, sprinkle with fresh water, shake and return to the suds, and your flowers will look as if just that moment picked. Change the suds every three days; follow this rule carefully, and at the end of a whole month compare your flowers with those a day or two old, which have been carelessly crammed into a vase of water, and mark the contrast. Even after the fifth week the flowers that have been fed by the suds will look passably well. This is certainly worth a trial for flower lovers, and how a few do glorify a room, to be sure. A very simple and curious experiment may be tried with ordinary household ammonia. For instance, dip a white carnation or a darkened sweet pea in the ammonia, and the former will immediately change to a dainty yellow, the latter to blue, deepening into purple.

Green roses are not pretty, but if there is a faded pink one it will be curious to dip it, and behold it transformed into a beautiful lettuce green.

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