

Frau Krupp, widow of the cannon maker, has given \$25 to each of 2,000 men in her late husband's works, and \$125,000 to the workmen's hospital. Frau Krupp is a Catholic, as was her late husband.

Archbishop Ryan will leave Philadelphia some time in June for a trip to Rome. He will be gone several months and will celebrate in the Eternal City, on August 20, the twentieth anniversary of his succession to the archbishopric.

As we go to press on Thursday, the high water situation remains practically unchanged. Several other portions of the Arctic Ice warehouses have collapsed and fallen into the river. Weather remains warm.

We have just received, too late for extended notice, the advertisement of Mrs. N. B. Beck's death at Edmonton last Saturday. Our warmest sympathy to the bereaved widower, who was at one time proprietor and editor of this journal.

A new Catholic Club was recently opened in Johannesburg, Transvaal colony. The club building was erected at a cost of £11,500 (about \$57,500), and is one of the handsomest buildings in Johannesburg. The membership of the Club is at present 500, of which about one-third are honorary members, that is, non-Catholics.

The Senate Investigating Committee has certainly unearthed some startling information with regard to Mormonism. It appears certain from the testimony of Brigham H. Roberts that polygamy is still practiced by many. Mr. Roberts admits that he is a polygamist himself. He states that others are. The Woodruff manifesto forbidding plural marriages evidently was issued for effect.

Sudden deaths are becoming alarmingly frequent. On the 3rd inst., Mr. William McCreary, late Mayor of Winnipeg, and afterwards Immigration Agent, famous as "Doukhobor Bill," because he brought in the Doukhobors, and Liberal M. P. for Selkirk, was found dead in his bed at Ottawa. He was just completing his 49th year. His loss will be keenly felt by his many friends.

Alderman Russell, one of Winnipeg's most prominent citizens was found dead in his room at the Molson's Bank Block on Monday last. Heart disease was the cause of his death. The late Ald. Russell held a number of positions in the gift of the city—positions which he filled to the satisfaction of the public generally. His untimely demise leaves a considerable gap in the public and business life of the city.

Agitators who affect to see in government ownership of public utilities a panacea for all labor troubles must regard the condition in Austria with considerable despair. There government owns and controls the railroads, and there that which is declared to be the greatest strike the world has ever seen has broken out among the railway employes. The men have abandoned the trains on the tracks and are preparing to fight for more pay. At the same time the government is ordering out the troops to compel a return to work. Evidently governments can become as oppressive as individuals.

It has become necessary to relieve the strain of the attempt to minister to both the German and Polish population in the parish of the Holy Ghost. To this end a new German Roman Catholic parish has been established in the north end, and a church is already being constructed on Boyd avenue. A presbytery house will be erected for the priests, who will be German. This year the basement of the church will be used as a school. It will be completed by the middle of August. In the parish of the Holy Ghost, the building will be for the Polish alone. This will be a good thing, for the population is growing to so enormous an extent that the Rev. Fathers find it difficult to know half the people on account of the number of new faces.

The university examiners are hard at work on candidates' papers. Results will be handed in to the tabulating committee on the 7th, but will not be published till the 12th. On the 13th, Friday next, at the conferring of degrees, the Hon. R. P. Roblin and Rev. Dr. Bland have been invited to address the distinguished audience.

Napoleon dies hard, although in fits of despondency he often predicted that he would be soon forgotten. "Men are only great when they leave great institutions behind them," he declared at St. Helena while discussing the notable figures of antiquity. This remark had an indirect bearing upon his disappointment at not placing an heir on the throne of France to perpetuate his dynasty and conserve the principles he had at heart. The famous 'Code Napoleon' has just reached the century mark of its existence as a system of laws and remains a monument to the genius and force of its founder, First Consul Bonaparte. The local political organization of France as it stands today was also instituted by Napoleon. Thus two at least of his civic creations have met the tests of 100 years, dating from his coronation as emperor in 1804. The ten years which he set for the endurance of his fame as victor of the battlefield have, in spite of Waterloo, stretched to ten times ten. Today the highest honor that can be paid to one who achieves marvels in any field of endeavor, whether war, commerce or government, is to name him the "Napoleon" of his kind.

The Belgian government is frequently taunted with being clerical. We venture to assert that when its work is weighed, the general opinion will be that the more widely the principles by which it has been guided are adopted, the better it will be for the interests of the masses. In 20 years, without exceeding the ordinary budget of 15,000,000 francs, they achieved most notable results and kept the nation in the forefront of progress. Old age-pensions have been introduced; a fund has been provided for the remuneration of men engaged in military duties; the price of sugar has been lowered by three pence in the kilogramme; the public services have been improved, there has been an increase of 1,000,000 francs annually in the sum devoted to education and of 100,000,000 in the economic provisions for the benefit of the people. No new taxation has been imposed other than a rise in the duty of alcohol, in the consumption of which there has, in consequence, been a diminution of a third. M. de Smet de Naeyer, president of the cabinet and minister of finance, during a recent discussion on the budget, observed that a man who would have said 20 years ago that this could be done, would be looked upon as a dreamer. He is proud of the programme the government has carried out, and the pride is very justifiable.

**Regina Notes.**

On Sunday April 24, Rev. Father Sufa, O.M.I., celebrated Mass at 8 o'clock. Rev. Father Kim, O.M.I., celebrated Mass at half past nine and at the Mass at eleven o'clock Rev. Father Kasper, O.M.I., was the celebrant, and preached a powerful and impressive sermon, on the Feast of the patronage of St. Joseph.

Worshippers at St. Mary's were impressed with the beautiful statue of the Sacred Heart placed over the altar during the week preceding. This is the gift of the ladies of the Altar Society. Rev. Father Kasper, O. M. I., is spiritual Director of the Society, and to his wise counsel and indefatigable efforts much of the good work done may be ascribed. The statue is a piece of workmanship that will most creditably stand the closest inspection. It stands five feet six inches and is very natural. At the base are three cherubs.

The roads are still in a terrible state. Bridges are washed away, and to drive through the country now is almost impossible. Crowds of people await transportation to the north. The hotels in the city are all over crowded and even private houses are reluctantly forced, in

some cases, to shelter women and children, who would otherwise have to pass nights on the streets.

On Friday three Sisters of Providence arrived in Regina from France. At Qu'Appelle four Sisters of their party remained. When the bridge at Saskatoon will be repaired, these will join the three sisters here and proceed to Prince Albert, where they intend, in future to reside. What a beautiful faith is ours. What glorious charity and confidence in Divine goodness do these noble and self-sacrificing women show, when they leave home and all that heart holds dear on earth, to come to this far off land and become acquainted with a language unknown to them. And all this done so cheerfully. To say the least, it certainly is most edifying. Reverend Sisters St. Benjamin, St. Alain and St. Victor who have been here since last September, now speak English quite fluently. The rapidity with which they became conversant with our language is little short of miraculous, and shows what application and earnest good will, can accomplish.

There have been a great many new arrivals who intend to become permanent residents of our city, and adjacent country, and our Church has received its share. Among them is a Mr. Mayne who arrived here a short time ago from New Brunswick. He bought a valuable farm within a short distance of the city at \$30 an acre, his children will be pupils of the Grattan school.

On Sunday May 1, thanks to the skill and hard work of Rev. Brother Schumacher, O.M.I., we had a nice altar placed in the Church in honor of Our Blessed Lady. The Rev. Brother—how or when, seems inexplicable—but he has painted a very pretty picture of Our Blessed Lady, with the Infant Jesus. This is quite large and framed on the left of the Altar, with four Altar steps on which candles and plants are all very nicely arranged. Rev. Brother Schumacher O.M.I., has been a zealous worker since he came to Regina and surely, when he sees the fruit of his hard work and contrasts it with the Church he came to last fall, he must be highly gratified, we, as parishioners, certainly are and recognize his earnest labors.

There will be devotions every evening during the month of May and at eight o'clock every morning a Mass is celebrated in the Church at which all the children are expected to assist. Mr. J. A. McLennan who has attended the Normal school during the past term, left this morning for Esterhazy, where he has secured a school. Mr. McLennan will be missed in Regina where he made hosts of friends among all classes. At all social gatherings and meetings of our literary associations, Mr. McLennan proved himself quite an acquisition, he had a wide-spread knowledge of matters generally discussed, and though he possessed the courage of his opinions and ever preserved his self-respect, he was invariably courtesy itself to an opponent. Success in your new field of labor! And, if as you so aptly expressed yourself: "Some bright day you may wander back again" then "Caed meille Failthe." Mr. Mike Lynch has been promoted to Road Master on the branch running from Brandon. We congratulate Mr. Lynch, and wish him and family much happiness and prosperity in their new home. GENA MACFARLANE.

**Obituary**

**BECK.**

At the General Hospital, Edmonton, on Saturday, the 30th April, 1904 fortified by the last sacraments and rites of the Holy Church, Mary Ethel, eldest daughter of the late Edward R. Lloyd, of St. Boniface, Manitoba, and wife of Nicholas D. Beck, K.C., Edmonton, aged 38 years and 7 months.

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