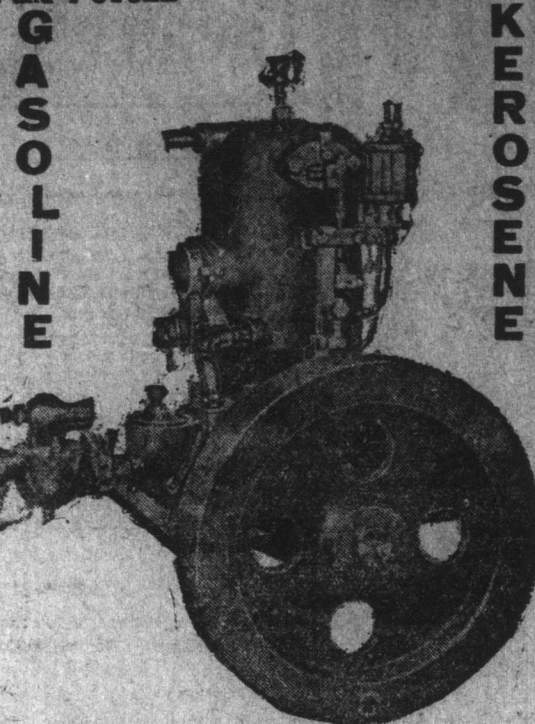


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Our Montreal Letter.

June 8th.—
"At last we're off, the boat goes fast. That we are glad, there's no denying. Though shots are fired, they rattle past. From our prison home we are flying."

So sang two convicts who made their escape here lately from St. Vincent de Paul Penitentiary under a hail of rifle bullets from the guards. William G. McDonald and John Clark headed not the bullets fired at them, but rowed to freedom across the Black River. They are still at liberty.

Both men were serving four years for burglary committed in Montreal over a year ago.

With a number of other convicts, they were working under guard digging a trench for a water main in the warden's garden. Both crept around to the protection of the adjacent convent wall, and made their way to the river bank, where they jumped into a boat and made off in the direction of Montreal North.

They were well across the river when they were missed. The guard who was in charge of them was unable to leave his other prisoners and fired a couple of shots at random. Another guard came to his assistance, and Col. Girard, warden, was attracted by the shooting. He joined in the fusillade but the pair kept on rowing to the other shore. They were last seen just before 2.30 o'clock as they left the boat.

McDonald is said to have been a native of Hamilton and Clark of Detroit.

McDonald was 27 years of age; five feet eight inches tall; weighed 152 pounds; brown hair, eyes and complexion. His number is 8,506; his left small toe is off; there is a scar from an operation on his left side; scar on his left shoulder and left knee and above his right eye. He does not speak French.

Clark is number 7777 on the Canadian criminal records and is five ft., nine inches tall; weighs 158 pounds; has blue eyes, light hair and complexion; he is 20 years of age; has no identifying marks and speaks a little French.

Both men were attired in the brown denim uniforms of the penitentiary.

"Nobody knows the anxious fears. Least Darling may not weather. The storms of life in after years. Nobody knows, but mother."

For a large number of mothers in this big growing and dangerous city, "anxious fears," have or play no part in their lives. They never give a thought to "the storms of life in after years," for they have lost control of their children, even at the ages of nine and ten. Sad to relate, nevertheless, too true. Street education, bad company and the records of the Juvenile Court—all can tell the tales of the "rising generation" going from the path of rectitude, into the arms of vice. Compulsory education is one of the factors required to stem the

should be given to the proper handling of children who walk in their sleep, have night-mares or show a tendency of over-nervous minds. He further stressed the need of an institution where certain type of delinquents could be specially trained and treated, stating that 70% of the unmarried mothers who applied for assistance were mentally deficient.

Hail! to our worthy Champions. The most daring ever seen; They're the heroes of the day. The brave "little men in green."

They went, they played and they conquered. They played three different teams in Winnipeg and won, and then played a combination of stars from the three teams and again came out victorious. They took some awful chances as well as heavy punishment, but they were out for victories and they succeeded. The wonderful stops of their goal-minder Jack Barry, whose father was one of the Star players of the old champion Shamrock team, brought the spectators to their feet on several occasions when at close range, cannon ball shots were let drive at the nets, but Jack said: "They cannot pass now, try again," and Jack stopped them with his lacrosse stick, with his chest, and even his hands. The captain of the team, another Jack, would twist and turn and fight his way amidst heavy checking to the mouth of the net for a sure goal. Captain Egan didn't mind the punishment, and at times when his team would be a goal behind, the fearless captain would take a pass, go into the fray and score five consecutive goals. It was due partly to his brilliant work that the victories were obtained. The Montreal Herald speaking of their return says:

Back from a brilliant invasion of the west, in which their sparkling play did much to revive the waning interest in lacrosse both here and abroad, the Shamrocks returned to Montreal.

The trip had something of a thrilling finale, as the train bearing the Irish team from Winnipeg was the last to pass through the fire-swept area of White River, and the players reported that the best of the racing forest fire drove the passengers off the observation platform. Dense clouds of smoke rolled over the coaches bearing Shamrocks east, and delayed them to such an extent that they were unable to play the scheduled match in Toronto. They won all four matches in which they engaged in Winnipeg, and were victorious in praise of their treatment in the western city where they were banquipped by Premier Bracken and presented with the freedom of the city.

The party included Manager and President, Ed. McCarthy, Jim Barry, Herb Hyland, Larry, Ben and Max Allman, Jimmy Penny, Wattier, Bill Ellard, Campbell, Butler, Capt. Jack Egan, Paddy Lappin, Ray Holland, Brady, Trainer George Devine and Mascot Leo McCarthy.

The people wondered and said:—
"What means that peculiar sky? So awful a storm at hand?"
No, it is the forest fire.

What portended a storm was only the reflection in the Heavens of the forest fires raging throughout different parts of the country. A peculiar thing was that in Quebec, Ontario and different parts of the States forest fires were burning fiercely at the same time. In a part of Minnesota, 10,000 acres were burned. In Quebec, the fires are worst in the Laurentian Mountains, Lake Kipawa, Lac Du Moine, near Red River, in Ontario, White River had a very disastrous one. After flames had entered the town from the east side it looked as though the whole place was a mass of flames and was to become another Halleybury and become a disaster to the North Country.

Every precaution was immediately taken to save the town. It is impossible to picture the feelings of the people all through this distressing day. At times, fear prompted many to leave their homes hurriedly carrying with them valises, trunks and other articles. They landed on the station platform while a train was made up of empty box cars to accommodate the fugitives. Others took their belongings to the railway tracks in expectation to leave town and catch the train. Some were seen burying their valuables in the ground.

Two engines supplied by the C.P.R. with portable pump attached to the rear kept watering nearby houses in order to check the progress of the flames. In the afternoon it was feared the C.P.R. shops would be destroyed but fire hoses were applied continually to the buildings on the opposite side of the river and thanks to the valiant efforts of fire rangers the building was saved.

Careless sportsmen, camping in the woods, are blamed for some of the fires.

"This life is often and weary. And oh! our spirits seek for rest; Farewell friends, we are leaving you. To join God in 'The Land of Blest.'"

The sunset of life came quickly to two of Montreal's famous lawyers in the passing of F. J. Bisailon, K.C., and Victor Geoffrion, K.C., who died within a few hours of each other. Victor Geoffrion who had not been feeling well for some days went to his office as usual and after talking over the death of his friend, F. J. Bisailon,

Jon, said: "Well, I won't be long after him. I guess I'll be the next." He began to work at his desk, and a few minutes afterwards, one of the office assistants entered his private office and found him dead in his chair. Death came with lightning rapidity.

Francis Joseph Bisailon, K. C., well-known civil court and corporation lawyer, and prominent in many cases before the Privy Council in England, died at his residence, 448 Sherbrooke Street East.

Mr. Bisailon was born in Laprairie 72 years ago, but came to Montreal as a youth. He became a member of the bar, of which he has been associated with for more than 50 years. In 1877, he was created a Queen's Councillor by Lord Lansdowne. He was well known in legal circles on both sides of the Atlantic.

Mr. Bisailon had been ailing for nine or ten days, with congestion of the lungs. The sickness affected his heart and he succumbed. Among close relatives surviving are Mrs. Bisailon, Lieut.-Col. P. R. Bisailon, son, and Mrs. L. G. Belque, daughter-in-law of Senator Belque, daughter.

Victor Geoffrion of the well known firm of Geoffrion & Geoffrion, was born in the parish of St. Cuthbert, Berthier County, in 1848, and was admitted to the Bar in 1872, thus spending over half a century, at his profession. From 1900 to 1911 he represented Chambly-Norchester in the Federal Parliament. Both men were of brilliant attainments, great jurists and able debaters and spoke both languages fluently. In every big case in the courts here, the names of Bisailon and Geoffrion always figured as the leading lawyers. Duty to the end was their watchword. The funerals of both bore ample testimony to their popularity and worth.

Hundreds of citizens irrespective of race or creed assisted at the solemn Requiem Services held here and accompanied the remains to the station. The interment of F. J. Bisailon took place at Laprairie and Victor Geoffrion at St. Cuthbert, Berthier County.

"Shame on the man who forgets his Creator. Uprooting traditions held sacred from birth; God help us to keep the Sunday holy. And worship in peace, our Father on earth."

A pastoral letter deploring the increase of Sunday labor and desecration of the Sabbath has been addressed to Catholic clergy by Archbishop Gauthier, Apostolic Administrator of Montreal. The letter calls the clergy to take notice of the growing desecration of Sunday and take every effort to obtain the proper observance of the Lord's Day.

"It is a fact, which no one will deny and which all may discern for themselves, that for a great number of Catholics Sunday has become a day on which they participate in profane pleasures," the Archbishop writes. "If they do not miss Mass, they frequently attend an early one, and then leaving so that they may enter upon a journey, or take part in outings which are sometimes dangerous to morals. To neglect God in this manner is indeed a great evil."

The Archbishop observes with satisfaction that an inquiry is about to be undertaken concerning the spread of Sunday labor in the province, and expresses the hope that it will be complete and searching.

The Feast of Corpus Christi which falls on Thursday, was celebrated throughout the diocese of Montreal on Sunday. There were public processions of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the streets in which all the central parishes of the city were joined, including the parishes of the Basilica, Notre Dame, St. Patrick's, St. James and St. Helen. The processions formed up at Notre Dame and went to Bonsecours Street, via Place Vigor Square to St. Hubert, west along St. Catherine and back to Notre Dame Street via St. Denis and thence to Place d'Armes Square. Other parishes had their own local processions. Thousands took part in the different processions, both morning, afternoon, and evening, while thousands of spectators viewed the magnificent spectacle of piety, decorum, grandeur, harmony, religious belief and loyalty to Christ, their Eucharistic King.

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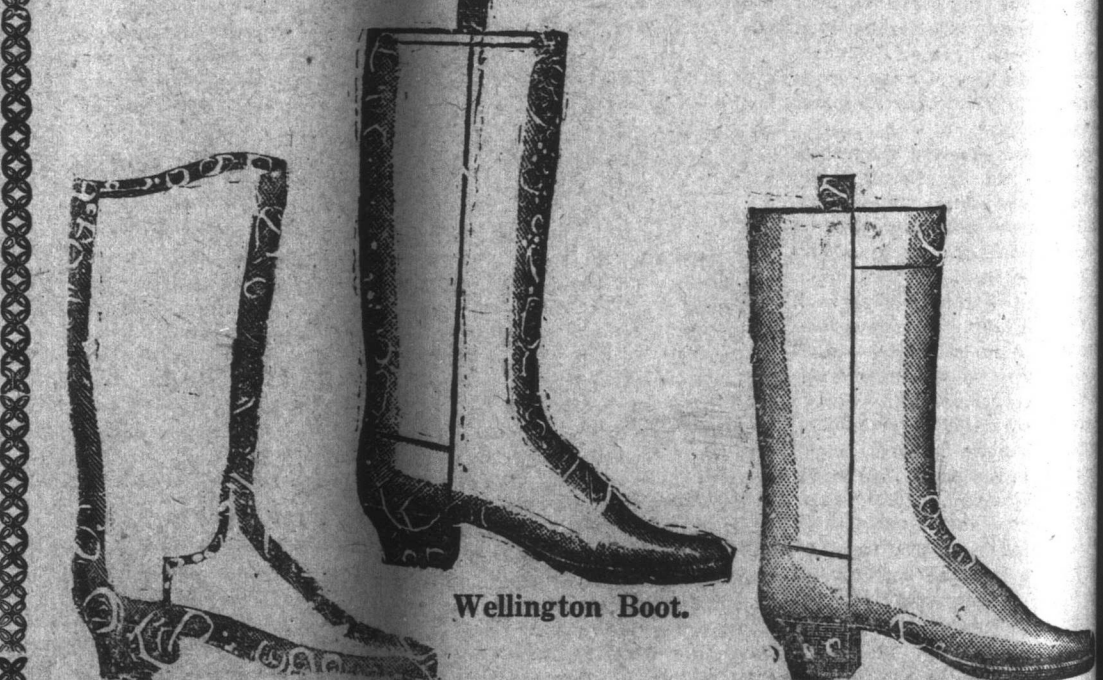
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