

Near Richmond, Que., nine people were killed and many hurt by a collision due, as the man himself admits, to the conductor's culpable haste and disobedience to orders, but, instead of being hanged as he would be in Mexico, he will be let off easily, pitied by the stupid multitude and execrated by the relatives of the victims. This is called civilization.

Persons and Facts

Last week four Benedictine Nuns arrived here to take charge of the Polish school, which is under the care of the Oblate Fathers of the Holy Ghost Church, Selkirk Ave. These Sisters come from the diocese of Duluth, where their order has the direction of several important institutions. It is they who manage the large Catholic hospital and the flourishing young girls' Academy in the city of Duluth. The Benedictine Sisters now here will teach both English and Polish.

A mistake was made last week in a news item concerning Argyle, Minn. The nuns, to whom Father Chossegros preached there, are the Sisters of St. Joseph (of Bourg, France). We had first understood that they were Benedictine Sisters.

The Catholic congregation in Regina, the capital of the Northwest Territories, are now considering plans for the erection of a larger church which will cost in the neighborhood of \$20,000. The ground, comprising 17 lots, with a frontage on Victoria street, was acquired by the congregation some time ago, and the plans for the building are now in the hands of an architect. Rev. F. Suffa, the parish priest, says that work will begin as soon as they are completed. He adds that by next year the congregation will have the services of nuns to teach in the separate school, which will also require the erection of a convent. It is probable that the latter will be a boarding school for young ladies from outside the town. The citizens of the Queenly city evidently feel that nothing is too good for them. When they hear people talk of Edmonton as a future rival of Winnipeg they smile a superior smile. Edmonton, they reply, has only a short future of prosperity. As soon as the railway shall push on north of the Saskatchewan, Edmonton will be left in the lurch. But Regina has the great, the essential element of prosperity in the fact that it is the centre of a most fruitful wheat country and is a distributing point for branch lines reaching out into other fertile plains. For Catholics especially the prospects are very bright owing to the great influx of Catholic immigrants. The total population of Regina is just now estimated at nearly eight thousand, which means that it has trebled since the census of 1901.

Rev. Sister Mary Flora, who taught the music department of St. Mary's Academy, Crescentwood, left on the west bound transcontinental last Monday for Portland, Ore., amid the affectionate farewells of several of her old pupils and Rev. Sisters of the convent. Sister Flora labored nine years in Winnipeg. She was accompanied west by another Sister from the east, who is also to take up work in the Pacific district.

Rev. Dr. Emery, Rector of Ottawa University, is daily expected home from the Oblate General Chapter in Liege.

Recently in Montreal a young Chinaman, twenty years of age, who had died of typhoid fever after receiving the last sacraments of the Church, was buried in the Catholic cemetery. His remains were followed to the grave by sixty Chinese relatives and friends. This young Chinaman was baptized about two months ago by Father Martin Callaghan, of St. Patrick's Church. The funeral services were conducted by Father M. Callaghan and Father Hornsby, S.J., who, having spent several years as a missionary in China, has lately come to Montreal to minister to the spiritual needs of some 200 Chinese converted by Father M. Callaghan and Father

Meloche, S.J. The total Chinese population of Montreal is 2000.

An expert in the grain business tells us that the rust may affect ten per cent. of the wheat but that this drawback will be more than counterbalanced by the superior quality and the higher price. The quality is better than it has been in four years; the price is also higher than it has ever been since the Leiter boom. On Wednesday wheat was selling at Fort William at \$1.03.

Mr. Fortunat Letourneau, M.A., of St. Eustache, is, we regret to learn, dangerously ill at St. Boniface hospital.

Mrs. Michel Cyr, mother of Mr. J. Ernest Cyr and Mr. Mederic Cyr, died last week. The funeral, on the 26th inst. was largely attended. In the resolution of condolence passed by Court Tache of the Catholic Order of Forrester, and published in "Le Manitoba" for this week, we find the edifying feature of twenty Masses to be offered for the repose of the venerable lady's soul. The Review tenders its sympathy to the bereaved family.

Wednesday's Free Press had an interesting interview with Rev. Father McCarthy, O.M.I., on his return from Ireland. He spoke of the zeal for learning on the part of poor children who, having to trudge barefoot and fasting from three to five miles to school, get a light breakfast there and then win the best places in their class. The poverty of the people in some parts of the south is due to the exactions of landlords, and to the heavy taxes that must be paid for the maintenance of a constabulary that has really nothing to do in a crimeless country. The Land Act is, however, beginning to restore confidence among the people. Dublin, where Father McCarthy studied in the Oblates' residence 42 years ago, has wonderfully improved. A curious genealogy of the McCarthy clan, which the venerable Oblate secured in Ireland, reveals the fact that the common ancestor of the MacCarthy's, O'Keefes, O'Callaghans, and O'Sullivan's, was Aenghus, prince of Munster, who died, A.D. 489.

St. Mary's Altar Society gave a successful garden party on the beautiful lawn of the parish presbytery on Thursday evening, Aug. 25. A neat sum was realized, which will be employed in decorating the altars and purchasing altar linen. The committee in charge was as follows: Misses K. McPhillips, Allman, Coyle, Nettie Marrin, Winnie Murphy, Mamie Brooks, M. O'Connor, M. McIlroy, Clara McPhillips, Isabel Guilmette, Julia Flanagan, Gertie Sullivan, Alice Sullivan, Margaret Carroll, Eva Murphy and Frances Marrin.

When people who have not been there hear of the Winnipeg and Selkirk Electric railway, opened with great pomp on the 26th ult., they naturally suppose that electricity is the motive power, and our dailies keep up the delusion by slurring over the fact that the cars are drawn by a steam engine. There will be no electric railway to Selkirk's picturesque town till the power comes from Lake du Bonnet. Meanwhile, even the electric trolley wires are not strung, and the line is as yet merely a steam railway that often stops and makes only two trips a day.

Last week while correcting the proofs of our article on "Perennial Praise," one of the employees* of the Moore Printing Company, a Scotchman, mentioned the curious coincidence that a cousin of his is married to a lineal descendant of that pious Nicholas Ferrar (called Farrer by Isaak Walton) whose conventual life at Little Gidding is therein described.

During the past week Mr. Geo. S. Cotter, with the approval of the Very Rev. A. Dugas, V.G. and Administrator of the diocese, has been canvassing for advertisements in the Church Calendar for 1905.

Classes were resumed at St. Boniface College on Thursday

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Clerical News.

The Right Rev. Alfred Archambault, vice-rector of Laval University, Montreal, was consecrated first Bishop of Joliette, Que., on the 24th ult., by His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi. Mgr. Archambault has long been mentioned as eligible for episcopal consecration, owing to his great learning, eloquence and varied experience in educational and ecclesiastical matters. A pleasing feature of the solemn function was the presence of His Excellency the Apostolic Delegate, Mgr. Sbarretti, who studied theology in Rome with Mgr. Archambault.

Rev. Father Limbour, C.S.Sp., and Rev. Father Dubourg left last Saturday evening for the east, stopping over at Rat Portage for Sunday Mass.

Rev. Father Garaix, S.J., and Rev. Lawrence Drummond, S.J., arrived last Saturday evening at St. Boniface College, where they will be professors this year.

On the 28th inst. Rev. Father McCarthy, O.M.I., who has been absent four months, three of which he spent in Ireland, returned to St. Mary's Presbytery. His many friends will be glad to learn that the treatment he underwent in Montreal and the old country for ectropion of one eye has been quite successful. His general health has also greatly improved; he weighs 20 lbs. more than when he left and looks fully ten years younger.

Rev. Father Drummond, S.J., will preach on Catholic Education in St. Mary's Church next Sunday at High Mass.

Rev. Fathers Bourret and Dufresne were guests at the Archbishop's home early this week.

Rev. Father Jubinville, of St. Felix, was a guest of the Jesuit Fathers last Tuesday. He reports a certain amount of rust in the wheat of his district.

A cablegram of Aug. 30 announces that Mgr. Geay, Bishop of Laval, France, has at length made up his mind to go to Rome. He was received by the Holy Father on that date and assured by Pius X. that he will have every facility for disproving the charges made against him.

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