

SKYS'LS ON THE SKIFFS.

We were going to Ontario by seven of our owned can-a-fourteen-foot skiff, all built on the same blocks by Old Remondard, and each Miller owned one of eighteen feet. Naturally we fell to disputing as to which of our boats could be sailed fastest. Soon we determined on a race. By way of a prize for the winner we contributed one dollar each. The total of eight dollars seemed great. In hope to attain such wealth, we all made earnest preparations.

watches a mouse, to slack off in the squalls to prevent capsizing, and then haul in so as to keep the lee gunwale above the water, and yet take care that the boat was driven at her highest pressure. Miller's craft steered with a tiller, and each had to sit beside it. I suppose that was why we passed his bigger and longer skiff, for we both put the whole our weight along the widest part of my gunwales, and thus got more power out of a smaller boat. We passed him near the gap buoy, and on our return to the Queen's Wharf we were again "touched and go" for a capsize. It was really blowing hard. I had twice as much canvas set as we could let the wind fill. We just drove her through with half of each sail flapping, for there was no possibility of lowering the top-sails without coming head to wind, and so letting Ruch pass us.

What Priests Have Done. To the Editor of The Catholic Register. Sir—In the issue of July 31st I see an article which asks "What Says Premier Hardy?" I trust you will allow me to present a few lines regarding the statement made by Mr. John Anderson, Registrar of West Wellington, Ont. As a soldier who served 17 years in India I must bring to notice the services of not only a few but hundreds of Roman Catholic priests who have not only served their Church but who in the field of battle were foremost in the fight assisting the dying and the sick, and even carrying the regimental colors when orders were given to do so. Under Sir James Outram, Sir Colin Campbell and Sir Henry Lawrence, I can give the facts to my own knowledge. During the mutiny of 1857-58, and when a more destructive calamity befell our troops, with cholera, for instance in Peshwar in 1857 when the Hon. Mr. Drummond's lady was taken ill. She died for the English chaplain. He could not go. He said he had a wife and a large family. He said to the oratory to get the priest to leave. But the priest was not there at the time; he was attending the sick up on the hills at a place called Mirat. He was telegraphed for and came down, and he attended the Hon. Mrs. Drummond, who got well of the cholera. What was the sympathy? Why Mr. Shary, the English clergyman, lost his cloth and was sent to England. The light Rev. Father Antonious got the thanks of Lord Napier, of Magdala, and was presented with the Victoria Cross by William Mitchell. He was the only one. There were the Rev. Father Boccacio, Michael Angelo and several others who were not looking for either "Dogans" or Orangmen. Their duty was to their God and to the followers of Christ. He was never mixed with the "Dogan" priests, as he calls them, or he would not have made the statement he is reported to have made on the 14th of July. He states that the delight of the priest is in his mission, or in his secret plotting which did not endanger his own life. It is known during the whole of the Indian Mutiny they proved themselves soldiers in the field as well as soldiers of the Cross. What were Fathers Kelly, Walsh and Alphonsus? They were awarded medals by Her Majesty for their unswerving bravery in the field, and their attention to the sick and wounded in the hospitals. Now I would like Mr. Anderson to tell who, in the whole course of the mutiny, did ever minister for the thanks of the Government. Even at Caviporo, during the massacre, did not our clergy render General Wheeler the most valuable assistance in getting the greater number of the wounded and children out of the bazaar? He was at the risk of their own lives? Then Mr. Anderson wants to know if they have ever done anything in battle? What did General Sir F. Roberts say to them after his march to Candahar? He said: "I thank you in front of the army, and thank them for their services to the men on the march. This is from opo who was there, and who is in a position to know that the Roman Catholic priest is one of the most reliable and true of the whole of India—the Indian Padre. L. LONGRANE. Canada's Pride.

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