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WEDNESDAY.....JULY 23, 1890.

The County of Montserrat is now in the excitement of an election week. Contrary to expectation, Mr. Desjardins, the defeated member for the local Assembly, is being opposed by Mr. Prevost, a Quebec merchant.

Punch, not long ago, gave as a huge joke, and Punch's jokes are not brilliant, the picture of a young English curate describing himself as an "Evangelical High Churchman of decidedly broad views."

A CONTEMPORARY states that there is an impression abroad that some very sweeping changes will be made in the Quebec election law and that a member who has been through a whole series of elections during the past six years intends to introduce a bill to abolish committees and to make voting compulsory under a heavy penalty.

Such a measure as that passed by the Quebec Legislature for the reward of those blessed with numerous children would be of little use in France. Just at present the Paris Academy of Medicine has been occupying itself with a threatening problem that confronts the country, namely, its depopulation.

An American Writer in Error. The Washington Correspondent of a Western Journal has been indulging in a letter on the periodical speculation as to the annexation of Canada to the United States.

ed, he would do well to peruse the following expressions of opinion by two prelates, Archbishop Fabre and Bishop Lefebvre. According to the Archbishop, "there is not an Archbishop, bishop or priest in all the Province of Quebec in favor of annexing Canada to the United States."

As for the Bishop of Three Rivers he was even more outspoken. "It will not be Canada which will be annexed to the United States, but rather a portion of the United States which will be annexed to Canada."

A Regiment in Disgrace.

Hogarth's "March of the Guards to Finchley" would indicate that even in his day the personal troops of the Sovereign were a body highly susceptible of the temptations of the city which surrounded the court.

Irish Catholic Representation.

"We can understand the anxiety of the Tories to see that justice be done to the large and important element, the Irish Catholics. There can be no peace until it is done, but surely a little breathing time is needed towards the reconstruction of the Cabinet, and who knows but that is what the Prime Minister is at at this moment in Montreal."

Mr. Parnell's suggestions, and will embody these in a new draft of the measure, which will be presented at the meeting of Parliament in November. The Ministers also intend to produce at the autumn session, along with the Land Bill, a local government bill for Ireland, which they hope will meet with the approval of Mr. Parnell and his colleagues.

THE CURIOSITY SHOP.

EDITED BY JOHN IVYAGH.

[We receive a number of questions from subscribers asking for information on various subjects—literary, historical and general. In future they will be classified and submitted to a gentleman who has undertaken the special task of taking them into consideration.]

FREEMASONRY.

ABOOTT.—There are deure and laws prohibiting Freemasonry in Austria, Poland, Russia and Spain. Five bulls have been issued by the Holy See against the order.

PAPAL NAMES.

ENQUIRER.—It is thought that Pope Sergius II. was the first to change his name on ascending the throne. The weight of evidence is in this direction, though authorities have differed.

JAPAN.

ANXIOUS TO KNOW.—The Japanese Empire is supposed to consist of some 4000 islands, the chief of which is Nippon. The area of the Empire is 147,669 square miles and the population 37,451,764.

THE WALL OF WALLING.

N.—The "Wall of Walling" or "Walling place" is at Jerusalem, a narrow enclosed space near the Mosque of Omar. It is supposed to be the only place remaining of Solomon's Temple. The wall was once a wall of the city, and is now a wall of the desolation of Jerusalem and the Temple and to pray for its restoration.

A RED BAG TO A BULL.

JANE ARMSTRONG.—There is no doubt that a red object has a particular effect on a bull. There is a scientific explanation of the fact, which is, that red is the complementary color of green, and as cattle are for the most part green, with their eyes fixed on the grass, red has an intense effect upon their vision.

ORIGIN OF A MOTTO.

D. O'M.—The motto "Dieu et mon droit" (God and my right) is an ancient war cry of the French. On the night before the battle of Agincourt, fought by the French and English, September 25, 1415, Richard the Third, who was the fourth of the day for his army, and on gaining the victory assumed it as the motto for the Royal Arms of England. Later on the motto "Semper Paratus" was adopted, and it was only in the reign of George the First that the old French motto was restored.

THE GODDESS OF REASON.

DOVER.—The reason why you find different names assigned to the "woman who represented the Goddess of Reason during the Reign of Terror" is that there were several. Maillard was the abandoned creature who desecrated Notre Dame, but similar abominations were perpetrated at St. Sulpice, St. Etienne, by women named Candelle and Monore. It has, however, been ascertained that some of the women were forced to play the part they did.

BATTLE OF THE THIRTI.

SCHOOL GIRL.—I am not aware of any instance of two kings or two commanders ever having agreed to decide their differences themselves without endangering their armies. Your teacher should have told you to what he referred. Perhaps he had the little work of September 29, 1138, in his mind, in which such a course is advocated. There was, however, something near it on the occasion of the "Battle of the Thirty" in 1571, near the Castle of Josselin and Plesmar in France. The French commander Bessanoir commanded at the former position and sent a challenge to the English commander Bemborough to "join armed issue. The challenge was accepted, and it was agreed that thirty knights were to support their leaders. The tide of battle at first set in favor of the English, but Bemborough fell, and the French, making a furious onslaught, gained the victory. The fight is said to have been most obstinate.

Education in Ireland.

The Archbishop and Bishops of Ireland met at Maynooth last month, and after a sapping relations on the National and Intermediate systems of Education as now conducted, and despatching the following resolutions, passed: "We wish to reiterate the expression of our thanks to Thomas Sexton, Esq., M.P., who in the last session of Parliament brought forward, in a speech of singular power, the claims of the Catholics of Ireland as set forth in the foregoing resolutions; and to the other members of Parliament who so ably supported them."

An Island Going.

HALIFAX, N.S., July 18.—The Newfoundland arrived from Sable Island. In conversation with Captain Goodford's reporter learned that he had been on the island of Sable, which is some five or six miles off to the westward of the main land. The island is a low, narrow strip of land, and is said to have been visited by the English at that end had to be taken down and rebuilt three times. In 1582 it was placed where

is was thought to be in a sound position, but in a few years it was found to be actually undermined. The captain says it is "an' 'ere that the island is making on the east end." He thinks it is washing there, and sand does not throw up after once it sinks into deep water. In time he considers the island will be all gone. "The middle ground," he called between Sable Island and Sable, there is no doubt there once was an island there. Indeed, old documents speak of the "middle island" in that vicinity. The captain believes that Sable Island is part of a range that once skirted Nantuxet, Cape Cod, Grand Banks, Sable Island and to the mainland, all of which has been washed away except Sable Island. He sees changes in the water of many fathoms in depth since his first visit there ten years ago in the Newfoundland. There was nothing to report. Navigators give the island a wide berth, unless under stress, and the two lights there are very powerful and efficient.

OBITUARY.

Mr. Noe Antoine Auguste Langevin, brother of Sir Hector Langevin and of the Bishop of Rimouki, died at Rimouki on Monday evening, aged 51. The funeral will be held at Rimouki, on Thursday, the 24th instant.

Mr. Edward Murphy, well known to old travelers as the night-club at the St. Lawrence Hall, died very suddenly yesterday, at his place of business, 2021 Notre Dame street, Montreal. He leaves a wife and six children. Mr. Murphy belonged to the C.M.B.A. and other societies. Death was caused by heart disease.

Mr. James Leahy died at his residence, in the Parish of St. Joseph, County of Huntingdon, on the 11th of July, 1890, aged 73 years. That day saw the shadow of death close in around a zealous and devoted member of St. Joseph's Parish. Mr. James Leahy, surrounded by his sorrowing friends, exchanged the tears and trials of earth for the everlasting joys of heaven. Mr. Leahy always possessed a healthy constitution until a few weeks previous to his death. Being ripe in years, he gradually grew weaker, and when recognized by the last sacraments of the Catholic Church he calmly breathed his last.

Mr. Leahy was a native of County Cork, Ireland, and emigrated to Canada at an early age. He had long been a resident of the county and was widely known as a man of the highest integrity, humble and just in all his dealings, and greatly beloved and esteemed by all with whom he came in contact. Mr. Leahy understood and appreciated the true benefits to be derived from the study of Catholic literature; therefore he has been a constant subscriber to the TRUE WITNESS from its earliest infancy. He also fostered warm and enduring affections for the land of his birth, and eagerly watched the noble struggle of Erin's sons for freedom. His large financial resources he put at the disposal of the cause in which he was held and the rest fell as a burden from this life. He leaves a widow and eleven children to mourn the irreparable loss of a devoted Christian husband and a truly affectionate parent. Requiescat in pace.

PERSONAL.

The Rev. D. P. McMenamin, late of Halifax, has been transferred to St. Mary's church, Montreal, Que. His reverend father is a son of Mr. James McMenamin, of Point St. Charles.

Kidnapped.

Willie Caron, the principal witness in the alleged "Little Horace" bank robbery case, who was kidnapped by some persons a few days before the date set for the trial, has returned to Montreal and has been placed by the Crown in safe keeping. According to the boy's story, Murphy, and McDiarmid, who represented himself as a detective, after they had taken him from home took him into a confectionery store and bought a tin of ginger ale, into which he saw McDiarmid pour some fluid from a small phial. The boy objected to drinking this, but was finally prevailed on to do so, and found that it exercised a somniferous effect upon him. He was then taken to Harry Phillip's stable and inducements offered him to leave town, but he declined, and made an effort to leave the stable, but was held by the throat, so doing, Toner had then have lost consciousness, for he remembers nothing more until he found himself in New York in a house on Second avenue. He was kept there until Monday, 21st when he was given money to return home.

Fatal Accident.

A fatal accident occurred at the Canada Sugar Refinery on Saturday morning, last, resulting in the death of a young English workman, Edward Toner by name. Pierre Lafleur, the only person present, says that Toner had been trifling with the machinery that morning so much that he several times ordered him to desist. The unfortunate young man's apron became entangled in the machinery, and in endeavoring to free it his hand got caught also, and in a twinkling he was being whirled round by shafts at a terrific rate, his body being battered against the floor and ceiling of every revolution. Mr. Lafleur telegraphed to stop the engines, but the young man breathed his last a few seconds after he was removed from his terrible position. The body was beaten into an unrecognizable mass. He was 21 years of age and unmarried. An inquest was held by Coroner Jones, a verdict of accidental death was returned by the jury.

Irish Catholic Priests.

The Redemptorist Fathers have not yet succeeded in arranging a suitable date with the Robitson Co. for the Irish Catholic Pilgrimage to St. Anne de Beaupre; they hope, however, to be in a position to announce the date definitely in next week's TRUE WITNESS.

Pilgrimage to St. Anne's.

The reverend Jesuit Fathers will hold a pilgrimage to St. Anne de Beaupre on the 16th of August, for women only.

Larceny.

The Montreal Shamrocks beat the Ottawa team on Saturday by a score of seven games to one. Their opponents were outplayed at every point, and the Irish team redeemed all its back disasters in a sweeping manner.

Zenaida Beauchamp.

In accordance with an order of Mr. Justice O'Connell, the woman Zenaida Beauchamp, so long detained in Longue Pointe, has been set at liberty.

Life-size photograph, 18 x 23, of Father Damien, has just been issued by the Buchanan Art Publishing Co., Traders' Building, Chicago. The picture was taken shortly before the death of the Martyr of Molokai, and is the only one in existence. Single copies of the photograph mailed post free on receipt of one dollar. Copies sent on approval to responsible parties. Agents wanted.

According to advices received at Cairo the Mahdi has determined to make another advance, and has summoned the Emirs to a council of war.

On Thursday Lord Rosebery unveiled in the crypt of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, a memorial tablet, bearing a medallion portrait of the late Right Hon. William Dalrymple, which has been erected in honor of the late Right Hon. Mr. Dalrymple, who was a Catholic, and one of the most brilliant and eloquent of Australian lawyers, orators and statesmen, and was for some time the Premier of New South Wales.

A QUEBEC TRAGEDY.

Five Persons Burned to Death at St. Rochs.

A terrible tragedy was enacted at Quebec on Thursday morning by which a whole family lost their lives. About 2.30 a.m. a fire broke out in a tavern kept by Delamare and Goulet, 76 St. Joseph street, St. Rochs, and there being considerable delay in sounding the alarm, the whole building was in a blaze when the firemen arrived. The firemen, imagining that the people had been got out, devoted their whole attention to preventing the fire from spreading; the adjoining building occupied by Hen, Re, Roy, photographer, and Bellier, glove manufacturer, being in great danger. It was not till 4 o'clock that it was learned that there was a family in an upper flat, and a search was instituted at once. The report was found to be only too true, for the firemen after much trouble the bodies of Pierre Maranda, his wife, his sister-in-law, aged 15 years, and his two children. The bodies were fearfully charred, but the probability is that they were asphyxiated by the smoke before the flames reached them. Maranda was a cigarmaker. He went to Boston some years ago and finding work scarce there returned to Montreal and only came to Quebec three days before the fire. The origin of the fire is shrouded in mystery and may have been kindled by incendiary hands. The house was inhabited by Joseph Delamare and wife and the Maranda family, who dwelt in the attic. There was dancing Wednesday in the bar-room, which is kept by Delamare on the ground floor, but neighbors assert that the bar was closed at 12 o'clock. The alarm was given by a gentleman named Savala, who

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through the windows, and hastening to his residence he telephoned to the fire station. After the fire was subdued one of the firemen on going through one of the rooms tumbled over the body of Mrs. Maranda, which was lying, black and contorted, on the floor. He then called to the men on the street, "Here's somebody dead up here!" The firemen ascended to the attic, and there they discovered the five roasted corpses. The bodies were horrible to behold. The limbs were twisted and roasted to a crisp, and showed every indication of having suffered infernal torture.

Delamare, the proprietor of the bar-room, had been an eye-witness of the fire. He saw the alarm was given, and knew well that there was no one else there, still he never said a word about the Maranda family, who were being roasted to death. On being asked why he did not say anything about it at the beginning of the fire, he answered "Why, I didn't think about it." Relating how he saw his wife got out of the burning house, he said, "We scrambled over some sheds and I alighted in a yard," which he described as belonging to Mr. LeFrance, a baker. That gentleman, however, said he had no knowledge of it. Strange to say, too, Delamare escaped with his everyday clothing, and his shoes, his wife had on a white dress, hat, etc. The bartender escaped bare footed.

Coroner Bilsan held a preliminary inquest on the matter, and ordered Delamare his wife, and Goulet, the bartender, to be arrested. The inquest was resumed on Saturday, and Alfred Desjardins testified that he was passing the place and saw flames bursting out in all directions. He forced open the private door and called out, "If there are any persons upstairs, save yourselves, as the house is on fire." Silence reigned in the first and second flats of the house, but he heard the voice of a woman on the top flat or attic, where the deceased family live, exclaim, "My God, my God." He then called out, "Save yourselves, save yourselves and don't try the back of the house, as it is all on fire. Try the front staircase." The voice answered, "Oat, oat." He saw the prisoner, Mr. Delamare, get into a wagon with three men and drive off in the direction of St. Saviour.

Ell Dufour told he was employed in the office of La Justice and knew the prisoners but had no personal knowledge of the fire. On being asked, apparently with great reluctance, he said, "One week before the fire took place Delamare spoke to me and asked me if I was willing to enter into a joke with him. I asked him 'what kind of a joke?' Delamare then said 'are you able to start a fire in my house?' I answered 'no.' This conversation took place in the office of La Justice. He further said that he would give me \$5 to do so, and if the house burned he would give me \$10. He told me to say nothing about the proposition when I refused to listen to him. I was in the vicinity of the morgue yesterday to see the dead bodies and remained about 15 minutes. I went back to La Justice and saw a man named Lazore, ex-hall fi, who I did not know. I am 16 years of age and made my first communion and am positive about Delamare's conversation with me. I mean to say that it was one week previous to the fire that Delamare made the proposition to me. It might be a month, I did not particularly remark the time or note it."

THE PRISONER.

Delamare then asked the witness: "Was it not more than a week before the fire that I spoke to you?" Witness—"It might have been." D. Lamar—"Was not Mr. Savard present at the time?" Witness—"No, we were alone, but Mr. Savard was near by in the back of La Justice office, when you made the proposition to me."

To the Coroner—"Savard is a young man about my age, who works in the same office with me."

To a jurymen—Delamare said that I would find matches underneath the counter, that I would make a pile of paper and other inflammable articles that he mentioned, and clear out by the door and no person would be the wiser. Delamare told me that I would find firewood in the hanged, to prepare it and could set fire to the preparation of inflammables between 12 and 1 o'clock at midnight. The night that the fire took place I was at home in bed, having retired at 10 o'clock.

Dufour was then ordered under arrest as a Crown witness.

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