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# CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARD.

### Threatened With a Large Deficit This Year.

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The Catholic School Commissioners met yesterday evening. The Englishspeaking element was represented by Dr. Brennan and Ald. Farrel, Father Quinlivan being absent, and Mr. Monk having been replaced by Judge Delori-mier. The new member, Mr. Frank J. Hart, was not present, but a letter was read from the Superintendent of Public Instruction giving official announcement of his nomination.

The board proceeded to the elections for the ensuing year. Rev. Canon Bruchesi was again called to the chair, and the committees were constituted as follows :

Schools-Rev. Canon Bruchesi, Dr. Brennan and Dr. Desjardins. Works-Rev. Abbe Leclerc, Ald. Beau-

soleil and Prefontaine.

Finance-Father Quinlivan, Judge Deorimer and Ald. Farrell.

The consideration of the accounts for repairs brought to light the fact that: Mr. Monk and Abbe Leclerc had ordered new ventilators and other repairs to put St. Joseph's school in a sanitary con-dition, the bill amounting to \$470. The board had never ordered the repairs, and the school was not even the property of the board. It seems that Father Leclerc, recognizing the needs of St. Joseph's school, which is now frequented by 650 pupils, had made himself personally responsible for the sum of \$7,500 to have it reconstructed. In order to relieve him, the board subsequently agreed to pay the annual rental indenmity which is voted as an assistance to these independent schools, towards defraying this debt. The allowance was thereby entirely taken up until the year 1906, and the school does not receive assistance for maintenance meanwhile.

Rev. Abbe Leclerc represented the case to be a peculiar one, although he confessed the board was not legally responsible.

The commissioners, in view of the financial position of the board, could not depart from the general rule, and the prospect is that the school will have to do, without, repairs for the next eleven years, unless new sources of revenue should be found.

Rev. Canon Bruchesi called the attention of the board to the proceedings of the School Inspectors' Congress at St. Hyacinthe. They were responsible for the administration of the Catholic schools of Montreal, and if the inspectors had any complaints to make the board should be immediately informed of it.

"It is very easy to find fault," said Rev. Abbe Leclere, "and things must be taken with a grain of salt. But I know myself of schools where the proper education cannot be given. The geographical maps are antiquated, etc. Of times it is not so much the fault of the teachers as of the material at their dis-posal."

It was, however, resolved to request the Superintendent of Public Instruction to give orders to the inspectors to supply the board with copies of his report.

Several minor but apparently legitimate requests were left in abeyance on account of the financial stringency.

## ST. ANN'S BAZAAR.

A bazaar in aid of the orphans and poor of St. Ann's parish will be held from October 9 to 19, under the auspices of the Redemptorist Fathers and the supervision of the Ladies of Mercy. En-

careless of the convenience of the public as in the States, only it is quite the contrary. The electrics are uniform in appear-

ance, with the distinguishing localities marked by different colors just above the roof; the conductors and motormen are pinks of politeness, and, as no crowding is allowable, the passengers are treated with the utmost consideration, no matter how fidgety they may be; the speed is also something to astonish a. patron of the Tremont street lines, and, lastly, the system of transfers enables one to change from one car to another at the cost of 5 cents, as far as the line extends, always providing the ride is not retraced. This is a virtue that also animates the electric railway in Montreal, where a much larger patronage, of course, exists. Truly' our be-loved West End Railroad Company might take a few hints from these wideawake Kanucks, without detriment to the feelings, or even the pockets, of their rich shareholders.

## MASONIC SACRILEGES.

The papers of Madagascar give an ac-count of sacrileges which were com-mitted, during the night lately, in the island of Mauritius. The tabernacles were forced open, the sacred vessels were carried off and their contents were left scattered about in all directions, and trodden under foot.

In one of the churches of Port Louis, the perpetrators of the horrible sacrilege after having emptied the ciborium of the Hosts which it contained, filled it with the blood of a cat which they had killed, and hen left the dead carcass on the altar. The profanations committed in other churches are equally great, if not | Mitchelstown. more outrageous and horrible.

In every place the perpetrators of the sacrileges have fully illustrated their hate of the Hosts by covering them with filth and nastiness. They are like the outrage perpetrated in the Palace Borghese, at the Masonic headquarters in Rome, by placing the crucifix head downwards in the sewer pipe. so that all the filth and ordure of the house constantly passes over it.

The Catholics of Mauritius are in a state of consternation over the boldness and daring of the outrages, as well as of their depraved nature. They have never been reported to have committed any act so vile and so degrading to the idols in the temples of Mahomed or the Brahmins of India. But these sects are closely allied with the Masons and may therefore conduct their religious worship unmolested; the devil always recognizes and protects his own.

These horrible sacrileges are the acts of Freemasons similar to those perpetrated in Paris, in Rome, in Switzerland and in other countries. The sect is pur-suing with its infernal hate the late Archbishop of Port Louis, in the island of Mauritius. Monsignor Meurin boldly unmasked Masonry and gave the significant title : "Franc-Maconerie, Synagogue de Satan," to the book in which he showed, for the first time, to the world that Satan appears personally in Charleston, South Carolina, to guide his adorers, to lay down for them the plan of campaign and by their agency enable him to carry out his designs against the church of God and the religion of Christ. Christians throughout the entire world will be filled with sorrow and indignation on reading the account of these horrors : they will be impelled, instinctively, to make "Acts of Reparation" to the Sacred Heart of Our Lord, and especially to Himself in the Blessed Sacrament which has been thus outraged mortally, it may be said wounded in the Sacrament of His love for man, by the daggers of the Knights of Kadosh, meaning holy and perfect, as they are pleased to call themselves, when they, on taking the 30th degree, Scottish Rite, kneeling before the altar of Lucifer, drive the dagger the altar of Lucher, drive the dagger through an imitation of the Papal Tiara with the exclamation, "Death to Religious Bigotry," meaning of course the Church of Rome. In this warfare on the Pope and the Church the represents on earth they are ably seconded by the infidels, the socialists, Carbonari, and all the Protestant sects whose ministers are preaching open war-fare, while the Secret Societies are undermining society, corrupting morals, and misleading the youth. Catholics are becoming aroused from the lethargy in which they have lain insensible; they have been, as if it were, narcotized, but in France and Italy societics have been organized for the defense of the Church and the Holy Father: The "Advocates of Saint' Peter" in France and the "Antimasonic Society" in Italy are arousing and organizing the people for the defense of the Church. While these societies are organized for the social and political defense of society against socialists and defense of society against socialists and their supporters, the Holy Father has extended and increased the usefulness of the "Forty Hours" by making it avail-able to the faithful in all parts of the world and all times, every day in the year, if it be possible for the Associate to visit the Blessed Sacrament; the only conditions required being that the name be registered in the Church of Saint Joachim in Rome, and that a prayer or meditation, of half an hour, be made in any church before the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle at least once a week for which a plenary indulgence is granted. All this is granted to ask of Our Lord to pardon the people for the out-rages suffered to him by those who call themselves enlightened. It will be re-membered that Mauritius is an English colony, that Port Louis is a city of about a built themselves is a city of about a hundred thousand inhabitants, that the Masons are English and Scotch but not Irish, and that they have the same practices and are actuated by the same principles as their brethren in the United or questioned, we give the following title :--"Proceedings of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Ac-cepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in union with the Most Massachusetts, in union with the and Ancient and Honorable Grand Lodges in Europe and America, according to the old Constitutions." . . . . "Boston, old Constitutions." . "Boston, Press of Rockwell and Churchill, 39 Arch street, 1885." Is this a forgery; if not, then Massonry in Massachusetts and

Lodges. They are everywhere led by astute and educated men who know when and where to be aggressive.-T. P. C. in N.Y. Catholic Review.

## IRISH NEWS ITEMS.

Mrs. Macken, of Kilmaine, mother of Father Macken, of Knock, died on August 26.

The comrades of the late Constable Gilsenan, of Eyrecourt, have taken in hand the raising of a subscription for his helpless family.

The harvest prospects in East Tyrone are very discouraging, and the farmers in general are becoming very despon-dent as to the ingathering of the crops. Steps are being taken at Tipperary to organize a testimonial to Mr. J. M. Ryan, who broke the world's high jump record on Aug. 19.

Mrs. Jane Carroll, wife of Patrick Carroll, P.L.G., of Greenhills, died suddenly, on August 24. She accidentally took some strychnine for a sleeping medicine.

The Rev. E. White, pastor of Tarmon-barry, is dead. He was in his 58th year. He left many monuments of his zeal, and was specially devoted to the cause of temperance.

The alarming state of the crops in Kildare is causing consternation among the farmers. The continuous wet weather has caused irreparable injury to corn, most of which is already too ripe.

The death is announced of Sister Mary Aloysius, of the Presentation Order at Fethard, at the age of twenty-nine years. She was professed nearly six years ago. The deceased was the daughter of the late Patrick Aherne, of Ballylough,

It is proposed to build a new railway in West Cork. The promoters' intention is, it appears, to take it over a level valley northward of the present public road and the Shepperton lakes and on to Glandore, having a junction at the bridge so as to embrace Union Hall.

The foundation stone for the new convent for the Sisters of Mercy, consequent on their introduction as nurses to the Drogheda Union Hospital, was laid on Aug. 24, by the chairman of the board, Thomas Malone. The stone was blessed by the Very Rev. John Curry, pastor of St. Mary's.

The remains of the late Rt. Rev. Dr. Comerford, Coadjutor Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, were interred on August 29 in the vaults underneath the Cathedral in Carlow. Bishop Lynch presided over the ceremonies, which were taken part in by a large number of clergymen. An immense congregation filled the Cathedral.

The North Kerry Association has sent out an appeal on behalf of the five orphans of the late Thomas Molyneux, the eldest only seven years old. Mr. Moly neux up to the time of his premature death was assistant in Listowel Male National School, and a member of the association. His late colleagues subscribed  $\pm 10$  on the spot.

Since the general election terminated there has been a steadily increasing influx of tourists to Connemara. The opening of the new line of railway to Clifden promises in the near future to be a boon to the locality. Siuce July 1, the Midland Company have given three excursions to Clifden, and in one of these the number of excursionists exceeded the population of the town itself.

The building of a new Catholic Church at Ferbane is nearing completion. For many years the old church had been found inadequate to supply the require-



tertainments of a musical, literary and dramatic character will be given each evening.

The affair will embrace a number of new and interesting features, among them a contest for the most popular province of Ireland — Leinster, Ulster, Munster or Connaught. We trust that success will attend the efforts of the ladies and promoters of this year's bazaar, and that every good ci izen of Montreal will do his, or her, duty for the sake of the grand object for which it is instituted.

## AS OTHERS SEE US.

The Boston Herald says: No one can journey through Canada without envying the country its superb verdure everywhere, and the trees that help to make its cities so beautiful. During the sum-mer the residential streets are bowers under whose shade it is a pleasure to walk, and it gives the stranger from treeless Boston a pang of jealousy to find just "across the border" a much keener sense to beauty than can be found in the vaunted States. Ottawa, with its dream-like government buildings set upon a wooded bluff, has the makings of a splendid city in its heart. The inspiration to become, year by year, more beautiful, is patent to every one who sees what nature and art have wrought in these noble structures crowning the Ottawa river. The work of genii they scem, not that of human hands. Their effect on the every-day beholder is scarcely less than on those who view them for the first time, for architecture like this is a living poem that cannot grow olb with familiarity. With such a monument ever before them Canadians may well cling to their own government and believe they can rest in peace and prosperity on its bases.

The education of a country comes tyrough the vision, and insensibly the taste improves under the silent story of. great achievement which architecture relates. More is taught by the architect than by the historian. It is a constant lesson, and one that should ever be drawn from the loftiest textbooks that the famous builders of Europe have left us in stone and marble. The continent holds no finer public buildings than those at Ottawa, and even a proud share in Boston's new Public Library may take of his hat to the stately pile with those sky piercing towers rising above the green ! But it is true the site is unique, and not every government building could have its lines cast in such noble places.

There is yet another charm about Canada's capital city, utilitarian though none the less admirable to the spoiled children of this century. Ottawa's street car service is perfect! Let no one say the place is small, its inhabitants are few, and, consequently, it should be so, because the management might be as na stander in Norden in Stander in Stander in Stander Norden Stander in Stander in Stander in Stander

ments of the parish, and in spite of the many difficulties and weighty obstacles which the building of a new structure entails, the pastor, Very Rev. Canon Sheridan, heroically faced the heavy undertaking.

At Loughall Petty Sessions, on August 21, Michael Murphy summoned Patrick Cullen, jr., for stealing grass-rushes. He claimed the bog, which was lying waste, and defendant disputed claimant's right. Beid Cibb. achieves a contended on babali Reid Gibb, solicitor, contended on behalf of defendant that the bog was the property of the Countess of Charlemont. The magistrates stated they had no jurisdiction and no rule was entered.

The deaths of these Meath Catholics arð announced: On Aug. 25, James Con-nolly, of Garadrie, aged 65 years; Aug. 27, Patrick Dary, of Knockisland, Du-leck, aged 87 years; Aug. 27, Michael Farrelly, aged 76 years, late of Warren-town at Dublin: Aug. 23, Anne Barry town, at Dublin ; Aug. 23, Anne Barry, daughter of James Barry, of Wilkenstown, Ratoath; Aug. 28, James Mongey, of Kilcairn, Navan, aged 31 years.

The evicted tenant Rody Gleeson was arrested on Aug. 26, as he refused to find bail for his future conduct. He was conveyed under a police escort to undergo one month's imprisonment in Clonmel jail. Much sympathy is felt for Gleeson, who has been compelled to leave the bedside of his eldest daughter, who lies ill with fever. Two more of his children are in the fever hospital.

The Rev. Jeremiah O'Hea, of Rosscarbery, has succeeded in having reinstated in the homes of their ancestors two families named Tobin, who were evicted from their farms at Barley Hill, near Rosscarbery, on the estate of Mrs. Coghlan. Father O'Hea also interested himself on behalf of a third tenant named James Tobin, who was under notice, and a settlement arrived at.

Auctioneer: This picture is by one of the old masters. Miss Elderly decisively: I'm sure it isn't. Auctioneer sarcastically: Well, madam, as I presume you were personally acquainted with the old masters and their works, I will not dispute your word.

Nearly everyone needs a good tonic at this season. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the one true tonic and blood purifier.

#### DIED.

Woons-At East Pierre, South Dakota, September 29th, Margaret Ann Conway, beloved wife of Michael Woods. The body of deceased will arrive at C. P. R. Station at 8 P.M. Thursday, Oct. Srd; interment to take place at Rawdon, P. Q., on Friday, Oct. 4th. Chicago (III.) and Straston (Pa.) papers plane