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"Truth is Catholic; proclaim it every, and God will effect the rest."—BALMEZ.

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## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK.

Thursday—St. Romuald, Abbott.  
Friday—St. John of Matha, Confessor.  
Saturday—St. Zozimus, Pope, Confessor.  
Sunday—Septuagesima.  
Monday—Apparition of Our Lady at Lourdes.  
Tuesday—Passion of Our Lord.  
Wednesday—St. Gregory II., Pope, Confessor.

## Current Topics.

### New Gas Wells.

At a meeting of the provisional directors of the Gray and Bruce Oil and Gas Company, Limited, a very favorable report was received from Mr. Harrison Smith, gas expert, of Kingsville, Ontario, and it was decided that application should at once be made for incorporation under the Ontario Companies Act, and the Act respecting companies operating in gas and oil, etc. The expert's report was as follows:—I am pleased to report to you a gas rock pressure of 425 pounds to the square inch, which is 25 pounds to the square inch higher than the well-known Essex gas field ever was. Your field is certainly a most favorable and promising one for successful operations owing to several facts, viz.: the gas is obtained in the Trenton sand at a depth of 1,405 feet, and the salt water lies at 700 feet, or over 600 feet above the gas, and can be conveniently packed off; thus doing away with the necessity of holding a reserve pressure in the wells to keep out the salt water (which often lies just below the gas rock), as is required in such fields to prevent the gas, at its lowered pressure, being flooded out. The composition of the gas, in my opinion, is such as would indicate that oil in commercial quantities is not far from your present well, and may even follow the gas, as the pressure and volume lessen, as it does in Ohio, where both products have been found closely associated for many years. From the fact that your gas is obtained from a deep drilling into the Trenton rock, I have no hesitation in stating that, in my opinion, your territory promises to be the best-known gas and oil field in Canada.

### Judge Mr. Wm. Lount, K.C., of Lout.

The appointment of Judge Mr. Wm. Lount, K.C., of Lout, to the vacant judgeship in the Common Pleas Division of the High Court, caused by the death of Mr. Justice Rose, has been confirmed by the Dominion Government. Mr. Lount received a telegram from Ottawa announcing his elevation to the bench. The salary is \$5,000 annum. The other justices of the Common Pleas Division are Chief Justice Meredith and Justice MacMahon.

Mr. William Lount, K.C., is the son of the late George Lount formerly registrar of Simcoe. He was educated at Barris Grammar School, and at the University of Toronto. He was called to the bar in 1868, and practiced for a time in Barrie, but in 1885 moved to Toronto, where he attained a high place in the profession, especially in criminal cases. He has frequently acted as Crown Counsel in the Assize Courts of the province. In 1895 he defended successfully the Hyams for murder, a case which is one of the most noted in the criminal annals of Ontario. The Provincial Government appointed him a Q.C. in 1878, and the Dominion Government in 1881. He sat in the Local House as Liberal member for North Simcoe from 1876 to 1881. In 1896 he was returned to the House of Commons for Centre Toronto, but resigned the following year. He is a member of the Church of England.

### Messrs. W. F. King, Dominion Astronomer, of Ottawa, and O. Tittman, of Washington, the commissioners appointed some time ago to delimit and define the provisional boundary between Alaska and Yukon, have completed their joint report, and it has been handed simultaneously to both Governments. The adoption of this provisional boundary probably means the postponement for many years of the final decision as to the determination of the true boundary. Undoubtedly both Skaguay and Pyramid Harbor are in Canadian territory, but since Skaguay has assumed such importance, and the Americans are in possession, it is doubtful whether they could ever be induced to surrender the place. It is not likely that they will go into any arbitration which would lead to the loss of Skaguay. At the time the proposition was made for a compromise whereby the United States would retain Skaguay and Canada be given possession of Pyramid Harbor. This proposal was seriously contemplated, but was never consum-

mated owing to the election campaign in progress in the States. The provisional boundary, as determined by the commissioners, it is said, runs east and west, some twenty-three miles north of the head of Lynn Canal above Pyramid Harbor.

### The expenditure of the Marine Department for the fiscal year ended June 30 last was \$919,010, or \$82,000 less than the amount voted by Parliament. For the previous year the expenditure was \$1,020,260. The number of persons in the outside service of the Marine Department is 1,010. The total expenditure for the maintenance of the lighthouse and coast service and construction was \$516,494, as against an expenditure for the preceding year of \$537,467, showing a decrease for last year of \$20,963, and \$10,904 less than the appropriation provided by Parliament. The maintenance of the buoys, which number over three thousand, cost \$61,980. The Department has been substituting steel buoys for wooden buoys, with favorable results. During the year eleven candidates obtained masters' certificates of service, and one mate's certificate was issued. Of certificates of competency 185 were issued, as master and 89 as mate. The total number of steamboats reported in the service districts of the Dominion is 1,491. Of this number 108 are new vessels, the gross tonnage being 244,401. The total expenditure in connection with inspection was \$281,005. Lloyd's have been in communication with the Department on the subject of establishing one of their reporting stations on Belle Isle, and have been offered the active assistance of the Department in doing so. They are also considering the possibility of connecting Belle Isle with the mainland by a system of aerial telegraphy, so that communication would not be interrupted by a break in the cable.

### Shipping Statistics.

The total number of vessels on the register books of the Dominion on January 1, 1900, including old and new vessels, sailing vessels, steamers and barges, was 6,698, measuring 679,852 tons register tonnage, being an increase of 85 vessels and a decrease of 14,400 tons register, as compared with the previous year. The number of steamers on the registry books on the same date was 1,974, with a gross tonnage of 277,676 tons. Assuming the average value to be \$80 per ton, the value of the registered tonnage of Canada would be \$220,260,680. The number of new vessels built and registered during the last year was 277, measuring 21,018 tons register tonnage. Estimating the value of the new tonnage at \$45 per ton, it gives a total of \$945,410 for new vessels. A comparative statement of the number of new vessels built and registered in 1878 is as follows:—

Year	Vessels	Tons
1878		
New Brunswick	1,142	335,965
Nova Scotia	3,003	553,308
Quebec	1,676	243,349
Ontario	958	155,240
P. E. Island	322	51,220
British Columbia	288	4,482
Manitoba	17	1,161
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Total	7,469	1,333,053
1899		
New Brunswick	820	86,288
Nova Scotia	2,121	243,457
Quebec	1,375	144,586
Ontario	1,488	135,241
P. E. Island	171	14,660
British Columbia	288	44,415
Manitoba	128	9,108
Youkon District	9	1,604
Totals	6,693	679,352

The above figures are interesting as showing the decline of the wooden ship-building industry in the Maritime Provinces. In Ontario and the Western Provinces it is evident that the building of iron ships has become a permanent and growing industry.

### The total number of cattle shipped from Montreal during the season of 1900 was 92,130, an increase of 10,376 over 1899. The total number of sheep shipped during the same time was 81,833, a decrease of 23,114 from the shipments of 1899. The number of horses shipped from Montreal during 1900 was 2,393, being 1,006 less than last year. From St. John, N.B., 15,472 cattle, 1,263 sheep and 501 horses. From Halifax 6 horses were shipped. The total number of United States cat-

tles in bond shipped from Canada numbered 5,688. The total from all these ports was 107,862 cattle, 86,096 sheep and 8,889 horses, including United States cattle in bond.

### A number of Canadian Delegates

Archbishop's visited Mr. Falconio, the Papal Delegate at Ottawa, and formally presented him with a residence in the name of the Catholic hierarchy of the Dominion. The Archbishops present were:—O'Brien of Halifax, Bruchési of Montreal, Duhamel of Ottawa, Langlois of St. Boniface, and Bégin of Quebec. The residence selected for the Pope's representative in Canada is the old Rogers property on the canal bank. It has been completely remodelled under the direction of the Rev. Canon Bouillon, architect of the Basilica, and will form a magnificent place of abode. A private chapel has been constructed in one part of the building. The work is not yet completed, however, and Mr. Falconio will not occupy it before the month of March.

### The King has sent the following message to all the British colonies and dependencies:—

"To my people Beyond the Seas:—The countless messages of loyal sympathy that I have received from every part of my dominions over seas testify to the universal grief in which the whole empire now mourns the loss of my beloved mother. In the welfare and prosperity of her subjects throughout Greater Britain the Queen ever evinced heartfelt interest. She saw with thankfulness the steady progress which, under the wide extension of self-government, they had made during her reign. She warmly appreciated their unfailing loyalty to her throne and person, and was proud to think of those who had so nobly fought and died for the Empire's cause in South Africa. I have already declared that it will be my constant endeavor to follow the great example which has been bequeathed to me. In these endeavors I shall have confident trust in the devotion and sympathy of the people, and of the several representative assemblies throughout my vast colonial dominions. With such loyal support I will, with the blessing of God, solemnly work for the promotion of the common welfare and security of our great empire over which I have now been called to reign."

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It is true that many modern writers have called this account into question; but, as the proof against its authenticity are necessarily of a more or less negative character, many will think that they should not stand against the widespread and ancient tradition which gives to this image a miraculous origin, and connects it with the very passion of the Son of Man.

It is an undoubted fact, to be seen in existing documents, that the "Volto Santo" was considered in very early ages as deserving of the highest veneration not even less than the relic of the True Cross itself. We know that at the beginning of the VIIIth century it had a special chapel reserved to it just within and to the right of the entrance to the original Basilica of Constantine on the Vatican Hill, where it was placed by Pope John VII.

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The financial statement for the year which will be presented to the Legislature will show the results of excellent administration during Premier Ross' first year at the helm. It is understood that the receipts for the year amounted in round numbers to \$1,200,000, while the expenditures were about \$4,000,000, leaving a balance on the year's transactions of \$200,000. The bank balance to the credit of the Government on December 31, 1899, was \$880,000. If to that is added the balance at the end of 1900 the Government will be in the happy condition of having a cash surplus of a little over \$1,000,000. There was a general increase in receipts last year, which, coupled with careful management, resulted in the substantial balance on the right side of the ledger. Owing to the activity in the lumber market and the development of the pulp industry, the revenues from the Crown Lands branch was above the average, though the amount received by way of timber bonus was quite small.

### Probably the greatest B. B. Osler, a notable genius, that the Canadian bar has produced, passed away on Tuesday at Atlantic City, New Jersey, in the person of Britton Bath Osler, K. C.

Mr. Osler for months back had been suffering from nervous prostration, the result of overwork. His enormous energy at last broke down, after years of labour that would have driven the ordinary man insane. Particulars of his death are as yet meagre. His body is now on its way to Toronto. His wife was with him at the last, as was his brother, Dr. Osler of Johns Hopkins University, one of the greatest of living physicians. Deceased broke down in Philadelphia a year or more ago, his illness manifesting itself in a complete loss of memory. Absolute rest was prescribed, but though his mental faculties rallied, he was never able to resume his practice. It was overwork, pure and simple, that caused his death. On Monday a letter was received from Mr. Osler by the Ontario Attorney-General's Department, in his own handwriting, in which he optimistically spoke of resuming his practice. He went to Atlantic City a month ago, having previously spent a fortnight at Clifton Springs, N. Y., and no one then believed that his case was fatal.

### The negotiations for the purchase of Andrew Carnegie's controlling interest in the stock of the Carnegie Company by J. Pierpont Morgan and his associates were brought to a successful conclusion on Monday. The terms of the transfer cannot at this time be announced, but the operation surpasses in magnitude the colossal transaction by which control of the Southern Pacific Company only a few days ago passed to a syndicate of Union Pacific interests. Mr. Carnegie held nearly 54 per cent. of the \$160,000,000 stock of the Carnegie Company. This stock is not listed on any exchange, but has been quoted as high as \$1,600 in the open market for a \$1,000 share, so that assuming that Mr. Carnegie has disposed of his holdings at par he will receive fully \$85,000,000 for them, while retaining his 53 or 54 per cent. interest in the \$160,000,000 bond issue of the Carnegie Company.

### The work of arranging for the amalgamation of the two medical faculties of the city was completed to the end of the first stage on Monday, when the sub-committee representing the University Senate and the Trinity Medical Faculty to whom was allotted the duty of preparing a plan of amalgamation, submitted its report to the General Committee. The sub-committee were:—From University Senate—Dr. Irving Cameron, Dr. Revo, Dr. Adam Wright, and Dr. A. B. Macalium; from Trinity—Dr. Temple, Dr. Davidson, Dr. Powell, and Dr. Sheard. The members of the General Committee agreed not to divulge any part of the report. It will be sent to the two medical faculties to be confidently considered by them, and when they have expressed their approval or dissent the General Committee will report to the University Senate. The principal part of the committee's work has been the fusing of the two teaching staffs. The University Faculty consists of 51 members, the large number being in the junior years. Trinity Faculty consists of 27 members. In planning the amalgamated faculty all members of the present body were

### Fewer than four hundred persons attended the meeting called by Senor Buencamino at the Rial Theatre in the Tindow ward of Manila to inaugurate the "Evangelical Movement." Considerable interest was manifested in the proceedings, and there were some expressions of approval of the address. No attempt, however, was made to commit the meeting to Protestantism, that aspect of the case being left for subsequent action, at his discretion, to Rev. James B. Rodgers, a missionary of the Protestant Board, who was present. Senor Buencamino explained that the religious effort was wholly outside the Federal party, which has been organized solely to promote political peace. The first mild applause occurred when he compared priests to "white ants which eat the substance and leave nothing of value." Senor Buencamino argued in favor of annulling the present priests with Filipinos having the privilege of marrying. Gradually he led up to Protestant ideas, and asked whether they were any longer to submit to the authority of a Pope or an Archbishop. Some shouted "No," but others remained silent. The Rev. Mr. Rodgers preached a short sermon. He refrained from any criticism of Roman Catholics. The Rev. Mr. Peacock of the Methodist mission offered the four Gospels in Tagalog and anti-Friar tracts, which were sold at the door by Nicholas Zimora, a native Methodist revivalist who conducts exhortation meetings every Sunday. Prior to the meeting in the Rial Theatre there was a political gathering, attended by practically the same people at which the advantages of American sovereignty were explained from the Federal party point of view. A Methodist minister baptized a hundred Filipinos this afternoon at Malibay, four miles from Manila. The Rev. Mr. Peacock has secured a score of signatures in a neighboring village to a declaration in favor of handing the church over to Protestant worship and debarring Roman Catholics.

### Medical Schools.