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A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Conventional new year greetings are almost invariably confined by worldly well wishing; but this does not in itself mean forgetfulness of higher things.

There is much in the outlook of Canada just now to encourage all classes of her citizens. The tide of national prosperity shows no sign of abatement, whilst greater enterprises than this people ever before engaged upon give promise of continuing development at once vast and satisfactory.

Ma' all our readers participate fully in the prosperity and unity of Canadian citizenship, and may 1905 prove to one and all a Happy New Year.

CANADIAN SYMPATHY WITH FRENCH CATHOLICS.

A Montreal despatch speaks of a resolution of sympathy from the Church throughout Canada with the Catholics of France. Such a resolution must mean more than a mere formal assurance of commiseration.

The overthrow of the Combes system of informing, conspiracy and faction is necessary to the safe establishment of the French democracy. Catholics throughout the world cannot show too much sympathy and encouragement with the French Bishops and laymen upon whom will depend the defence of religion in a mighty crisis.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

Though three candidates are in the field for the mayoralty election in Toronto, the issue is between Mr. Urquhart and Mr. Gooderham. It should be possible to take the present ballot when both men are well known without parading any of the old municipal scarecrows.

The taxpayers of Toronto are intelligent enough to protect their interests against corporations like the Toronto Railway Company. This they will have to do so when the time comes no matter who may be elected mayor this year or next.

American Saints to be Canonized

A number of the early missionary fathers of the Jesuit Order of America are to be beatified and some more canonized by Pius X. One of the Jesuit Fathers who is a member of the court appointed to examine the evidence in the individual cases which have been brought before Rome has this to say with regard to the process.

thony Daniel, John de Brebent, Gabriel Laleman, Charles Garnier, Noel Chabanel, priests of the Society of Jesus, and of the laymen, their assistants, or donors, Rene Goupil and John de La Lande, was instituted early in September by His Grace, N. L. Bégin.

"Instead of instituting courts in the various dioceses in which these servants of God were put to death for the faith, it was decided to have but one court, in Quebec. For the benefit of the witnesses who reside in France, the cardinal archbishop of France will be authorized to institute the informative process there also, and this will be done next April.

Sad Accident at London

A London despatch reports the tragic death on Saturday of a popular railroad man, Yardmaster Navin of the G.T.R. He was struck by a freight and mangled.

Yardmaster Navin's nephew was on the scene shortly afterwards, and he asked that Father McKeon, of St. Mary's Church, be notified, and it was the latter who broke the news to the family at 377 Frey street.

Mr. Navin had been employed on the Grand Trunk for many years, and he was acknowledged by officials and employees alike to be one of the best yardmen in the service. From the superintendent to the callboy he was held high in esteem, and the sympathy of all will go out to the bereaved relatives.

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Superstition

Our Protestant friends and fellow citizens, no matter how thoroughly they know us, find it very hard to let go the old idea that Catholics are superstitious. They fondly imagine that the "pure Gospel" and the twentieth century civilization have done away with superstition among them, but as for us poor, benighted Catholics, we are impervious to the one and indifferent to the other.

As a matter of fact, non-Catholics are far more prone to fall into superstitious ways and observances and to follow after superstitious fads than Catholics, for the latter are instructed and trained from their earliest childhood to put no trust in these things, some of which Bishop Potter mentioned. The Catholic catechism is particularly clear, explicit and insistent on the sin against the majesty, omniscience and providence of God involved in giving credence to or attention to superstitious observances.

I.C.B.U. Condolence

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God in His divine wisdom to take to Himself the wife of our esteemed brother member, J. Kelly, we, the officers and members of Branch No. 1, Irish Catholic Benevolent Union of Canada, that while humbly bowing in submission to the supreme will of our heavenly Father, beg to extend to Bro. J. Kelly our heartfelt sympathy and earnest condolence in this his sad hour of bereavement.

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to remove from our midst the wife of our esteemed brother, J. Stewart, we, the officers and members of Branch No. 1, Irish Catholic Benevolent Union of Canada, that while bowing in humble submission to the divine will of our Heavenly Father, beg to extend to our brother, J. Stewart, our heartfelt sympathy in this his sad hour of bereavement.

This is the holiday to visit your friends, and the Grand-Trunk offers reduced rate of single fare for round trip between all stations in Canada, also to Port Huron and Detroit, Mich., Niagara Falls and Buffalo, N. Y. Good going all trains Dec. 31st, Jan. 1st and 2nd, valid returning until Jan. 3rd, or at fare and one-third good going Dec. 30, 31, and Jan 1st and 2nd. Valid returning until Jan. 4th, 1905.

The Pope in Canada.

London, Dec. 27.—At the audience which the Bishop of New Westminster, B.C., had with the Pope yesterday, His Holiness made many inquiries regarding the Bishop's diocese. The Pope was greatly interested to learn that it contained 10,000 Indian Catholics, and sent them a special benediction.

In a pamphlet entitled "Further Notes on Catholic Child Immigration to Canada," the Rev. E. Baus and A. C. Thomas, who recently visited Canada, says: "Of course it is quite possible that those laboring in the interests of the children and that many members of boards of guardians and others who have gone to Canada to study this question, and spent themselves and their money in studying it on the spot, may be all wrong, and that emigration is not a good means of disposal."

Early Ireland and Mary

We find in the Freeman's Journal of Sydney, a long and very able paper by Cardinal Moran on "Devotion to the Blessed Virgin in the Early Irish Church." It was read by His Eminence at the Australian Catholic Congress in Melbourne. First he showed how the piety and devotion of the Celtic race towards the Mother of God found the fullest expression in a beautiful litany in the Irish language, which for poetic imagery and vividness of expression was at its date unique, perhaps in Western Christendom.

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Worse to Come in France

Vox Urbis, in the New York Freeman's Journal, tells that at a dinner party given in honor of a distinguished religious who was about to leave Rome to rule the destinies of his order in a distant land, where all the guests, and among them was one aged and venerable father, spoke of coming events in France.

Resolved, that Manitoba offers the prospective farmer brighter promise than does British Columbia. Masters Edward Zeagman and Philip H. Dee for the affirmative, and August A. Dee and Francis P. O'Hearn for the negative. The debate occupied an hour and showed a large amount of preparation. Two large and well executed maps hung on the wall, and did much to illustrate and make interesting points which did not take part, showed their interest in the event by hearty applause with which they punctuated the statements of the debaters.

Mr. C. R. Devlin, N.P., on Canadian Sentiment

Mr. C. R. Devlin, M.P. for Galway, addressing a Birmingham meeting last week, said he had just returned from Canada, where he had taken part in the recent electoral campaign. Mr. Chamberlain declared that Canada was enthusiastic for Imperial preference, but he might say that throughout the Canadian elections he only heard that phrase used once, and Sir Wilfrid Laurier himself obtained overwhelming majorities in Ottawa by his declaration that he was adverse to Chamberlain's proposals.

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In and Around Toronto.

CHRISTMAS AT THE CATHEDRAL.

The principal celebration of the festival of Christmas at St. Michael's Cathedral, was at the third Mass of the day, a solemn high mass celebrated by His Grace the Archbishop, assisted by Rev. Father Rob-leader as deacon and Rev. Father Murray as sub-deacon, with Rev. Father Whelan as assistant priest. The Cathedral was in state in honor of the joyous festival, the cross, crozier and mitre all playing a part in the ceremonies of the sanctuary. The chancel was decorated with gracefully festooned waves of evergreen and tall palms flanked the brilliantly lighted altar on either side.

DE LA SALLE CLOSING.

The closing of the De La Salle Institute in connection with the Christmas holidays, took place at 3 p.m. on Thursday last. The hall was filled with the pupils, their parents and friends, and many priests of the city, besides others interested in educational matters. Amongst those present were Rev. Fathers Canning, McGrath, La Marche, Kelly, Hand and Coyle, Professor Mavor of Toronto University, Inspector Prender-gast, Mr. J. J. Foy, M.P.P., Mr. Claude MacDonnell, M.P., Mr. Tees Carey and Cottam, Master Thomas M. Boland, a pupil of the school, was chairman of the occasion.

AT THE HOUSE OF PROVIDENCE.

At the House of Providence everything was in gala attire for Christmas Day. As you entered the hall, a "Joyous Christmas" in golden letters on a white background greeted you. Holly and greenery mingled with various devices in silver and gold circled the entrance. The statues placed in two different corridors were all banked with rows of plants decked in new and tasteful dress. The dormitories had everyone a Christmas touch in the shape of motto holly, or yule device, and even the dispensary was bright with red berries and glistening green leaves. The old men and women sat round in contented groups smoking or chatting, and to outward seeming at least, none could be happier. Three masses were said, the celebrant being Rev. Father Cantelon, two in the chapel and one in the sick ward. The Christmas mass and hymns were touchingly sung by the Sisters choir, and the joyous strains brought pleasure to many a listening ear.

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SANTA CLAUS AT ST. PAUL'S.

In St. Paul's parish on Monday afternoon Santa Claus ran fairly riot, and as a consequence the exuberance of the thousand or so children who gathered in the basement of the church to meet the long looked for guest, was something wonderful to behold. The affair had been in preparation for some time and when de-

veloped took the form of several series of stereopticon views, a succession of choruses from the boys and girls alternately and presentations from Santa Claus. The scene was a most animated one, just as much like a human beehive as one could very well imagine. The row after row of boys and girls, the teachers running hither and thither, the incessant stir and hum of the series ranks, the mobile faces of the children, their restless movements of expectancy while awaiting the great things in store, were all something that can only be found midst a joyous gathering of children. The first flash upon the sheet discovered a tiger endeavoring to perform some altogether impossible feat. This was the signal for a continuous howl of delight, which continued until the end of the series.

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