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In and Around Toronto

SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY.

Seeing the purple on the altar on Sunday and hearing the gospel read for Septuagesima Sunday awakened a thought as to the origin of the name. One would naturally suppose that it implied seventy days before something, perhaps Easter, but this supposition it seems would be wrong, as the day actually occurs sixty days before that date. By consulting the Century Dictionary we are told that its origin is as well as that of Sexagesima Sunday, which follows, is lost in obscurity, the probability being that the name of Quadragesima as applied to the first Sunday in Lent, and the independent use of Quinquagesima for the fifteenth day before Easter, may have led to the extension of the series in the inexact application to the two Sundays preceding. This is not very satisfactory, but lacking anything more definite must be accepted.

VERY REV. DEAN EGAN AT ST. HELEN'S.

At St. Helen's on Sunday the Very Rev. Dean Egan of Barrie assisted, preaching very practical and instructive sermons during the day. At the High Mass the gospel furnished the text for the discourse and at Vespers "sins of the tongue" was the subject. Large congregations were present morning and evening. Rev. Father McGrand of St. Helen's is assisting in Barrie during the absence of the pastor.

MISS MORTON WINS.

In the contest conducted last week by the management of the Majestic Theatre, Miss Morton of the glove department of the T. Eaton Co. was voted the most popular saleslady in Toronto. As a result the winner was presented with a handsome gold watch by Miss Lottie Williams at the theatre on Saturday evening. The many friends of Miss Morton join in congratulations and are unanimous in saying that the honor came to the one to whom it was due. The amiability and uniform courtesy of Miss Morton towards all whom she meets in the way of business as well as socially, combine to make her a general favorite, the result of which was seen in the tangible vote piled up to her credit. Miss Morton is a member of the parish of Our Lady of Lourdes and an efficient and regular member of the choir as well as a partaker in any other good work of general interest.

DEATH OF MRS. W. L. McARTHUR.

Among recent deaths is that of Mr. W. L. McArthur, one of the best known travellers in Canada. For forty-five years Mr. McArthur was connected with the Cleveland Stone Co., for which firm he transacted all the Canadian business, and for the past fifteen years had also a connection with the Claus Shear Co. of Fremont, Ohio. He was born at Wankleek Hill, Ont., seventy years ago. The greater part of his life was spent in Ottawa, but the last fifteen years were spent in Toronto to which he moved with his family. He is survived by his wife, two daughters and three sons, the latter being Walter of the Mail and Empire, Crosbie of the Crauss Shear Co., and Nelson of the Yorkville Laundry. The funeral took place from his late residence, 163 Brunswick avenue, on Wednesday morning of last week, at 9.30 to St. Peter's church, thence to Mount Hope Cemetery. R.I.P.

DEATH OF MRS. O'NEIL OF THE MINTO HOUSE.

On Wednesday of last week the somewhat sudden death of Mrs. O'Neil of the Minto House, at Toronto Junction, took place. Mrs. O'Neil, who was formerly Mrs. Archibald Smith, was well known in Toronto Junction, where for some years she was proprietress of the Avenue Hotel. The funeral took place on Friday morning from St. Cecilia's Church to St. Michael's Cemetery. Mrs. O'Neil leaves one daughter, Mrs. F. Ahns of Toronto Junction, and one son, who resides in the States. R.I.P.

A FEAST OF MUSIC.

Musical Toronto is still living in the delightful atmosphere of artistic and melodious sounds produced by the harmonious combination of the Mendelssohn Choir under Mr. A. S. Vogt and the Pittsburgh Orchestra led by the baton of Emil Paur. At four concerts given at Massey Hall a probable average of three thousand and five hundred were in attendance, and at every performance heard the sounds produced by eighty instruments all moving at the silent but imperative command of one man, and listened to the production of probably the most perfect chorus ever heard in the city. This is saying a good deal. It was all grand and beautiful, sometimes approaching the sublime, at the same time it brought the thought that we ordinary lay people only get on the bare outside of the matter in the way of appreciation and understanding. We could grasp the generalities; as a piece of mechanism we enjoyed the symmetrical and perfect rhythm of the ascending and descending hands that guided the pliable bows; we realized the precision with which the different instruments came in at the proper moment, the Grim Reaper escape us before us when the roll of the distant and muffled drum fell on the ear, or we portrayed to ourselves the awakening of dawn as the faint sweet and melodious notes grew gradually louder, ending in a grand crescendo of glorious sound. Yet one felt that this was but a poor dark when compared to the luminous brightness that surrounded the different subjects when they were conceived.

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THE LATE MR. JOHN FERGUSON

The death of Mr. John Ferguson, which occurred at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Bennett of Maitland street, Toronto, will be heard of with regret by a large circle of acquaintances in different parts of Ontario. For some years past, the deceased had lived near St. Catharines and was on a visit to Toronto when the last call came. Mr. Ferguson was a man of many virtues, a good neighbor, a staunch friend and a practical and fervent Catholic, one of whom too much could neither be written nor said. He was one of a family who have given its members generously both to the church and to prominence in literary and other fields. The funeral took place from St. Basil's Church on Sunday, the 13th inst., Rev. Father James Ferguson of New York, a son of deceased, being the celebrant of the mass, assisted by Rev. Father Ferguson of Sandwich, a cousin, and Rev. Father T. Ferguson of Hamilton as sub-deacon. The ceremonies were very impressive, and a large number of friends assisted at the mass. Besides those mentioned Mr. Ferguson is survived by a son, Mr. William Ferguson of Cleveland, and by a daughter, Miss Minnie, organist at St. Catharines. R.I.P.

THE LATE MR. JOHN BURNS.

Among the deaths of last week is that of Mr. John Burns of St. Mary's Parish. An injury received in a tripe accident two years ago, supplemented by a severe cold, was the cause of death. For many years the name of Mr. Burns stood foremost amongst those of the prominent business men of Toronto. He was known as one of the finest carriage builders in Canada and was one of the firm of Hutchinson & Burns. At the Chicago World's Fair Mr. Burns was the only Canadian exhibitor of carriages and he succeeded in carrying off a medal and diploma. Deceased was a native of Sligo, Ireland, where he was born 72 years ago. He came to this country when a boy and had lived in Toronto for a period of sixty years with the exception of a short period while working in Hall's carriage shops in Markham. Mr. Burns is survived by three sons and two daughters. The funeral took place from St. Mary's church to St. Michael's Cemetery. R.I.P.

SOCIAL GATHERING.

On Monday the Knights of Columbus had a most pleasant evening at McConkey's, when the city members and their lady friends, together with a number of representatives from outside districts, partook of a banquet, made and listened to toasts and witty speeches and otherwise enjoyed themselves. An excellent programme of music was provided. Amongst those from outside places were Messrs. Dan O'Connell, Peterboro; R. D. Gunn, Orillia, and Messrs. Dolan and Dilmage, Niagara Falls.

DEBATE ON MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP.

At the regular meeting of the Catholic Temperance and Athletic Union, held in St. Peter's Hall on Wednesday evening of last week, a debate on a subject of much interest to the country, that of "Municipal Ownership," afforded much enjoyment and instruction to the large audience present. Mr. W. O'Brien led the affirmative and Mr. Hay the negative. The pros and cons were well brought out and it was decided that the system under discussion is for the best interests of the country. Rev. Father Minahan, Mr. F. Walsh and others gave short addresses. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 1st.

KNIGHTS OF ST. JOHN.

About two hundred and fifty of the members and friends of the united commandaries of the above society, held one of their pleasant gatherings at the Temple Building on Wednesday the 15th inst. Wainwright's fine orchestra of six pieces furnished the music and Webb was the caterer. The affair was one of the enjoyable events for which the society is noted.

INTERESTING GATHERING.

The regular monthly meeting of the C.C.M. was held at the King Edward on Monday evening. In addition to the members, a number of ladies were present. Dinner, a musical programme and an address formed the entertainment. Rev. Father Canning lectured on the "Wyclif Bible" showing that attributing the translation to John Wyclif is an error, modern research having proved this to be so. Mr. Leitzeur added very much to the pleasure of the evening by his fine rendition of several patriotic songs.

DEATH OF MR. CHARLES J. HERBERT.

On Sunday, 19th inst., the death occurred of Mr. Chas. J. Herbert at his late residence, corner Dundas and Union streets, Toronto Junction. Deceased was the eldest son of Mr. John Herbert of 23 Robinson street, Toronto, and was a member of a well known family of the West End in which part of the city he had lived all his life until he took up his residence in Toronto Junction about five years ago. Mr. Herbert had been ill for over a year, and at the end of near-failure was the cause of death. He was always very much liked both in Toronto and at the Junction and his early death in the prime of his manhood is very much regretted by his many friends. He leaves a widow and four young children—one son and three daughters—to mourn the loss of their band and father. He is also

The Outlook for Seed Corn

The difficulty of getting reliable seed corn of desirable types and varieties during the last two years and the expensive lessons learned by many corn growers who used seed of unknown vitality make the question of reliable seed for 1905 of more than ordinary interest. A survey of the available supply of northern grown seed of this important fodder crop indicates that the difficulties of getting good seed will be even greater this year than during the two previous years. The best varieties for fodder or ensilage purposes along the northern limit of the corn belt in Canada are undoubtedly of the "Flint" type. In the latitude of Ottawa only a few special strains of the "Dent" varieties give good results for ensilage in the average year. Unfortunately for progress in corn raising in Canada our supplies of seed have been drawn largely from the country to the south and have been of types and varieties that require a longer season to mature than is afforded in some of our best dairy districts, where the corn crop is most needed and most valuable. We have a number of very good men who are making a specialty of growing corn for the purpose of seed along Lake Erie, and who have a limited quantity of good seed for sale this year. The Canadian Seed Growers' Association has taken up

SEED TESTING ON THE FARM.

To find out whether seeds are capable of producing plants requires neither expert knowledge nor special apparatus. Satisfactory material is to be found in every farm home, for making germination tests of practically any kind of seed used on the farm. The simplest and most convenient way to test seed of corn and other cereal grains and most of the root crop and larger vegetable seeds is to place a number of them—say one hundred—between pieces of moistened blotting paper. Canton flannel or cloth, set them in an ordinary dinner plate and invert another plate to cover them. The seed should be kept moist but not wet. The temperature of the average farm house living room would be quite suitable, but some care should be taken to guard against excessive heat or cold. All good strong seed of corn, cereal grains, clovers, or timothy, thus treated, will have germinated at the end of five days. Very small seeds of the finer grasses, of some of the garden vegetables and of beets or mangels may be germinated to better advantage by scattering them in a saucer (belonging to a flower pot) that has been soaked in water, and set on a cloth that should be kept damp, or in a pan containing not more than one-eighth of an inch of water, the object being to keep the saucer moist, but not wet. If such a saucer be not available, a brick will answer the purpose as well. In germinating seeds in an earthen saucer they may be exposed to the light but not to the direct rays of the sun. W. A. CLEMONS.

The Consecration in Peterboro

Peterborough, Feb. 21.—On Friday next, for the first time in the history of the Diocese of Peterborough, the consecration of a Bishop of the Catholic Church will be witnessed in St. Peter's cathedral. It was on May 1st, 1889, that His Lordship, Bishop O'Connor, was elevated to the Episcopal seat, and on that occasion the gathering of clergy was one of the largest ever seen in Peterborough, there being ten Archbishops and Bishops present.

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THE CANADIAN NORTHWEST HOMESTEAD REGULATIONS
Any even numbered section of Dominion Lands in Manitoba or the North-west Territories, excepting 4 and 26, which has not been homesteaded, or reserved to provide wood lots for settlers, or for other purposes, may be homesteaded upon by any person who is the sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years of age, to the extent of one-quarter section of 160 acres, more or less. ENTRY
Entry may be made personally at the local land office for the District in which the land to be taken is situated, or if the homesteader desires he may, on application to the Minister of the Interior, Ottawa, the Commissioner of Immigration, Winnipeg, or the Local Agent for the district in which the land is situated, receive authority for some one to make entry for him. A fee of \$10 is charged for a homestead entry. HOMESTEAD DUTIES
A settler who has been granted an entry for a homestead is required by the provisions of the Dominion Lands Act and the amendments thereto to perform the conditions connected therewith, under one of the following plans: (1) At least six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each year during the term of three years. (2) If the father (or mother, if the father is deceased) of any person who is eligible to make a homestead entry resides upon a farm in the vicinity of the land entered for by such person as a homestead, the requirements of this Act as to residence prior to obtaining patent may be satisfied by such person residing with the father or mother. (3) If a settler was entitled to and has obtained entry for a second homestead, the requirements of this Act as to residence prior to obtaining patent may be satisfied by residence upon the first homestead, if the second homestead is in the vicinity of the first homestead. (4) If the settler has his permanent residence upon farming land owned by him in the vicinity of his homestead the requirements of this Act as to residence may be satisfied by residence upon the said land. The term "vicinity" used above is meant to indicate the same township or an adjoining or cornering township. A settler who avails himself of the provisions of Clauses (2), (3) or (4) must cultivate 30 acres of his homestead, or substitute 20 head of stock, with buildings for their accommodation, and have besides 80 acres substantially fenced. The privilege of a second entry is restricted by law to those settlers only who completed the duties upon their first homesteads to entitle them to patent on or before the 2nd June, 1889. Every homesteader who fails to comply with the requirements of the homestead law is liable to have his entry cancelled, and the land may be again thrown open for entry. APPLICATION FOR PATENT
Should be made at the end of the three years, before the Local Agent, Sub-Agent or the Homestead Inspector. Before making application for patent the settler must give six months' notice in writing to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands at Ottawa of his intention to do so. INFORMATION
Newly arrived immigrants will receive at the Immigration Office in Winnipeg or at any Dominion Land Office in Manitoba or the North-west Territories information as to the lands that are open for entry, and from the officers in charge, free of expense, advice and assistance in securing lands to suit them. Full information respecting the land, timber, coal and mineral laws, as well as the Railway Belt in British Columbia, may be obtained upon application to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa; the Commissioner of Immigration, Winnipeg; Manitoba; or to any of the Dominion Lands Agents in Manitoba or the North-west Territories. W. W. CORY, Deputy Minister of the Interior.

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