

themselves penetrated by a sweet enchantment, and no one can tell the "orante," with her arms spread out immense number of works which and the Infant Christ-very well rehave been produced in honor of Mary." said Cardinal Ferreta. "If it were possible," he continued, "to Maius," better known as the Ostrigather them from all nations and ano Catacomb on the Nomentan Way from all ages, and to unite them in one single place, we would have a presence of the "Adoration of the spectacle the most beautiful and the Magi" which adorns the upper walls most grandiose which the world has above the arcosolium in the Cataever contemplated.

The Lateran Marian Exhibition, large and full as it is, is not such a subject so frequently seen in the Cacollection as the Cardinal indicated tacombs: the Raising of Lazarus. in his discourse. There are, how- The period to which this picture ever, several features in it which is assigned is the second half of the he deemed requisite for such a dis- 4th century. play. In the Catacombs it has been for their faith. sion full of ingenuousness and

a half figure of the Madonna as an presented-seated in her lap. This is met with in the "Cemeterium We get into a still later period in comb of S. Domitilla. On the other

side, corresponding to this, is the

Such are the works that Mgr. Wilgiven to us to discover the pictures pen deemed necessary to show the of Mary, painted, as Cardinal Ferreta veneration in which the Blessed Virsuggested, by these very same Chris- gin was held by the early Christtian artists who, perhaps, on the day lians before the close of the 4th cenafter they had finished their paint- tury. There are many more works ings, generously gave up their lives that he might have chosen; but Such pictures, which these are in fairly good preservation, of centuries. Though the reproductions weetness, remain there to testify of these antique pictures are not to the genius and to the piety of the striking or beautiful to the eye of Henry IX., King of Great Britain. early Christians, and, as the Cardin- the fastidious, to the student of art France, and Ireland, and had a meal declares, "to contradict the er- and to the thoughtful Christian they dal coined bearing his title. A few roneous affirmation of those who are of the greatest value. They maintain that there did not exist form the first links in the chain was a strange thing to see the royal mages of the Virgin until after the which lengthens and widens through arms of that period, when leopards the later centuries, until it has emoccupy the place of lions in the Eng-Here, perhaps the first in the order braced all the earth. of time, are facsimiles of the pictures | From the subterranean silences of of the Blessed Virgin, copied from the Catacombs, said Cardinal Ferrthose in the Catacombs by that ata, the Marian painting, coming that attract attention; but this most learned and distinguished writ- forth into the bright sunlight, folnot a catalogue. er, Monsignor Joseph Wilpert. They lows the triumphal career of Chrisare selected from his monumental tianity, which, after three centuries work, "Le Pitture delle Catabombe of bloody persecutions, beheld its Romane," or Paintings of the Ro- divine standard floating in the breeze man Catacombs, and their date has on the summit of the Capitol Hall. been fixed by him as closely as it In all parts of the earth monuments is possible. The first is that earl- sprang up to Mary, whose cult, alsest representation of all known to though in the second line, goes pari tracting the attention of the outside Australia and Canada appear to have will be vastly increased and cheap- is a fraternal organization some-In the Prophet Isaiah predicting the those monuments, now modest, now birth of the Messiah from the Vir- grandiose, all the Christian arts birth of the Messiah from the Vir-gin. Half defaced by the calcareous deposits percolating through the with all their branches—have met to-deposits percolating through the with all their branches—have met to-deposits percolating through the with all their branches—have met to-deposits percolating through the with all their branches—have met to-deposits percolating through the with all their branches—have met to-deposits percolating through the with all their branches—have met to-deposits percolating through the with all their branches to-deposits percolating through the with all their branches—have met to-deposits percolating through the with all their branches to the percolating through the with all their branches to the percolation of plaster on which it is painted, and gether, and it would be difficult to ers are taking a greater interest in tralian and Canadian Archbishops and suits entered in the courts for dam- T. J. Ingoldsby of Mayfield, Chanhalf torn away from the rocky wall to which the plaster was affixed - highest grade and most nearly ap- Canadians themselves. That may be course, have no influence on M. limbs or injured bodies. In some Alton; list Ster and Vice President, John Mcthis latter destruction evidently the proached the beauty of the heavenly And specimens of the handiwork of take of affairs in which he is not to the tyrannical persecution of the and corporations are enormous and Director, Rev. H. J. Sweeney, Orall the arts are to be met with here. immediately and intimately concern- Church in France, which some ignor- judges are not numerous enough to angeville; Treasurer, F. McEnaney, The date assigned to it-and there is As you enter on the left wall of the ed than he who is occupied with one ant and malignant writers for news- try the cases; nor has the city mon- Cataract; Financial Secretary, John no solid ground for disputing it— is the 2nd century of the Christian is attracted by admirable framed to see the effect of the finished the English language, have attempt-Nor has the city money enough to Secretary, D. J. Mungovan, Orangeera-that is to say, any time between photographs of several pages from an whole. In the American Review of ed to deny. Archb shop Carr, of Mel- pay a sufficient number of policemen This is, in- illuminative missal of the 14th cen- Reviews for November there are bourne, signs the Australian letter on for the maintenance of law and order. deed, a very early and a very dis- tury, now in the Ambrosian Library three articles dealing with Canada, behalf of the Catholic Congress, Not so here. Damages are few and Trustees, Jas. Garvey, Owen Finnetinctive work of Christian art in the at Milan, containing two Masses for her government and her prospects. which recently met at Melbourne un- easily met and policemen are quite gan and John J. Dunne; Auditors, the feast of the Immaculate Concep- The first is "Canada's New Governor- der the presidency of His Eminence numerous enough, for the community Here on the left stands the Pro- tion of the Blessed Virgin Mary. General," by W. T. Stead; the second Cardinal Moran, the valued and ven- is law-abiding and the people now phet Isaiah, with his right hand These pages are from a Carmelite raised, pointing to the Blessed Vir- Missal, and go to show the efforts Canada, by Agnes C. Laut, and the who during his recent visits to Abroad Toronto enjoys an envied gin, who is seated over against now made at the Marian Congress to third, "Western Canada in 1904," by France was well able to judge for name. I met in the streets one day him, and who holds the Infant Christ demonstrate how the various Orders Theodore Macfarlane Knappen. The himself if these was real persecu- a friend whom I was well acquainted at her breast. The title of the pic- in the Church are seeking to prove first article has been dealt with in tion and real peril for the Church with in one of California's most ture has only to be mentioned to how early they were in the observ- these pages. The other two are or not through the action of the lovely cities. "What!" said I to pleteness of the mode in which the Designs and photographs show the ly so. gures fulfil the title. Then follows the vesting of a vir- near Ornan (Doubs), in the Diocese gin dedicated to the service of the of Besancon, France. There is a ada, furnishes figures regarding our abroad by the state of affairs in order, and here will I spend the re-Lord, dating from the middle of the diminutive replica of the statue in material prosperity which may well France. It is signed by Archbishop mainder of my days." And I are cause Canadians to feel that they O'Brien, of Halifax; Archbishop O'- like myself, an Irishman, too. Catacomb of Priscilla. Besides this thy as the Infant Christ, held on have become of some importance in Connor, of Toronto; Dr. McEvay, of Fifty years ago, such of us as tra-

cards placed upon the objects furn- to the Canadian North-west from ish almost no information concern- the Western States of the Union. ing them. An altar front, or "paliotto," ditions except that the new homemade of cloth of silver, with high steads are not so close together,

raised adornments of gold thread, and there are not quite so many fapossesses a special interest from its cilities for intercourse. The chief former owner rather than from its inducement that causes these people, artistic character. In the centre a to leave their homes and seek new colored silk representation of the ones is that they can sell their old frontal comes from the Church of good reason to fear that they will by many richly laden argosies.

They come from almost similar con-

his and his lady love was still alive and less intemperance in proportion to postill hoping for him. The years of pulation than there used to be, and his absence were many and time had the number of "taverns" is much effected a disillusion. Instead of the beautiful face and lovely form that he showing signs of reform and progress expected to greet him he met a de- along every line. crepid old lady, with wrinkled face and failing memory.

Madonna and Child occupies a me- farms for from \$30 to \$100 per acre came here before me and carried off dallion which is surmounted by a and buy new ones in the Canadian one that I dearly loved, I find no fadcrown of golden thread, lined with North-west equally as productive, at ing city, no crumbling ruins, but a red. At each side of the medal- from \$5 to \$15 per acre. They are beautiful metropolis, decked with lion a royal shield surmounted by moving because conditions suit them many adornments, filled with many a crown. The devices on the shields better in the country they are going gems of art and literature, and proshow the arms of France, Ireland, to, and as they were law-abiding peo- gressing in solid acquirements of Scotland, and England. This altar ple in their own country there is no commerce and progress, and visited in that way.

Santa Maria, in Portici, Naples. The be otherwise in their new homes. | Dear old Toronto! What memories marked progress in many ways, physhields and crowes will be account- They have little to learn in regard to cluster around thee! Although I sically, morally and intellectuallyed-for when it is known that this the working of their farms; they fol- miss many old friends, it is pleas- and I am sure will continue in the altar front was made according to low the same methods and use the ant to think of them. It was in path of righteousness that she has the order of his Eminence. Henry same machinery as they used in their days of old and in the simple habi- taken, until she ranks among the Cardinal Duke of York, and Bishop former homes, and having just as tations of that day were formed my foremost cities of the American conof Hascati. After the death of much, and perhaps more, true freedom youthful ambitions, my boyish hopes, timent. I have returned to her bosare often distinguished by a sincere and are typical of the art of paint-his brother, Prince Charles Edward, than they had in their own coun-my vain exaltations of spirit. How om, confident that I shall here find tenderness of line and by an expres- ing at different periods during these the "Bonnie Prince Charlie," of try. They are not apt to worry many thoughts of the past I can once peace, rest and happiness for the

bride. At last he did return our fair share. I believe there is smaller in proportion to population,

> The rowdy element has diminished if not altogether disappeared. The

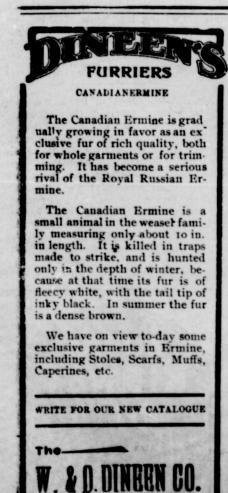
Not so my fate. Although death first day I came to Toronto for permanent residence there had been riot, for it was a day in 1849 that William Lyon McKenzie came back from exile, and he and the house in which he sought shelter were attacked by a mob. Now. I don't think any public man would be maltreated

Toronto, let me remark again, has

Council of Ephesus in A.D. 431.

exist of the Elessed Virgin showing passa with that of her Son. work of man's hands-it still appeals Ideal. in the majesty of great art to the minds of those who look upon it. the years 101 and 200. Catacomb of St. Priscilla.

make evident to everyone the com- ance of this feast. figures fulfil the title.



the Vine," are rarely introduced in this way in modern art. From Siena there is exhibited a photograph fac-simile of the Edict of

the Siena Republic for the dedication of the Church of the Immaculate Conception in the year MDXXXII., of 1532. Florence sends a numerous series of photographs, showing in detail the Church of the Most Holy Annunciation, one of the most numerously attended churches in all Flor-

ence, and a very shrine of art. There is scarcely a sanctuary in

Italy which has not sent something here to show the devotion that prevails for the Madonna. Brazil, Spain, Hungary, Bohemia, Austria, Bavaria, and France are but a few of the countries represented here in

MAIL COURSES Many young men have won good ositions in business life taking advantage of the excellent commercial courses given by mail through the Correspondence Department of the well-known and reliable Central Business College of Toronto. If a young person cannot attend College, the next best thing to do is to study by mail. A postal addressed to Corbrief moment the title of flies over them

## **lic France**

## (Montreal True Witness.)

Too little attention has been permitted to be given in this country to the magnificent expression of sympathy recently made by the hierworld, and there are many, other spoken together and at the right mo- ened. "The Trend of Political Affairs in erable Archbishop of Sydney, and easily managed.

the arm of the Madonna, holds in the world. These are a few of the London; Archbishop Bruchesi, of Mon- veled about some, used to envy Ro-His left a globe which represents the figures: "Ten years ago Canadians treal; Pishop Barry, of Chatham; universe, and stretches forth His were buying only \$56,000,000 worth Bishop Dowling of Hamilton; Archright hand to a bunch of grapes that of American goods; to-day, despite bishop Gauthier of Kingston; Mgr. His mother is presenting to Him. the Canadian tariff, \$125,000,000 Pascal, O.M.I., Vicar Apostolic of The grapes, which always constitute worth of American imports enter the Saskatchewan; the Bishop of Atha-a symbol of Christ, who said, "I am Dominion. Canada's exports to baska, and so on. The Canadian, ronto then was deficient in all Great Britain represent almost the like the Australian prelates, point same doubling at a bound in ten out that in their countries Catholics years; and the entrance of 20,000 have complete liberty, a blessing But not so now. The reputation of immigrants in 1894 has gone up to which has been wrested from them in Rochester no longer overtops that of nearly 150,000 in 1904, of whom the so-called land of liberty, equal-50,000 are Americans. The good ity, and fraternity. The Univers re-for good government, desirable facilifeature of this immigration is that fers to the Canadian letter as "un the settlers have money. Many are grave document," while the Verite American capitalists seeking fields regards it as a splendid testimony of of investment, and in one case an the sympathy of the prelates who

a flourishing trade, a growing commerce and thriving manufactures. Her architecture is vastly improved; her streets are well and uniformly paved, her transportation facilities excellent and her water power abundant. uninterrupted view that one may same, they are a striking testimony with suits of this kind against city

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interesting, the last being particular- French Government. The Canadian him, "have you returned to Toronmessage is a very long one, and, like to, too?" "Yes," said he, "I like Miss Laut, in her estimate of the that of the Australians, shows what Toronto, here we have peace and Trend of Political Affairs in Can- a deep inpression has been made quiet, good regulations and law and chester, N.Y. It was a well-managed city. It had fine streets, noble parks, and thoroughfares welllined with shade trees. Its public ronto then was deficient in all those requisites, and when any comparison

Jacobite song, the Cardinal assumed about the pattern of the flag which more indulge in, especially of the remaining days of my chequered car-for a brief moment the title of flies over them. ambitions I have seen blasted, of the love and sympathy for every human contentions of parties and the strifes creature, whether they be of my faith of statesmen and politicians. Toronto or not.

of these medals are still extant. It Canadian Sympathy With Catho- has arisen resplendently. I have I will have great pleasure in resumseen the grass growing in her busi-ness streets, for then trade had de-ter, and hope to continue the same serted her and her manufacturers so long as health and life allow. languished. I meet her now with Yours very truly,

Yours very truly, WILLIAM HALLEY.

## C.M.B.A. Officers

The annual meeting of Branch 88 of archy of Canada for Catholic France. Light, heat, power and water are the the Catholic Mutual Benefit Associa-A Paris correspondent dwells upon prime requisites of a city, and those tion was held in Orangeville on Monshe has cheap and, abundant; and day evening, Mr. Jas. Garvey of the message with hope and enthusi- she has cheap and abundant, and Mono, President, presiding. The an-Canada is at the present time at- asm, all the more buoyant because to her door those municipal gifts nual receipts of the Association, which what on the basis of the A.O.U.W. than our own people, who are tak- ment. The vigorously worded let- Many things have been done to fa- were \$478.48, while the expenditure cilitate health and comfort. The was \$440.10, leaving a balance of on account of the wider and more Combes, he admits. But all the American cities that I am familiar Cormack, Star; 2nd Vice-President, W. Hannivan, Nortonville; Spiritual ville; Marshall, M. Flaherty, Binkham; Guard, W. J. Hearn, Toronto ;

Thos. Ingoldsby, John McCormack Mr. Ingoldsby, the delegate to the convention of the Grand Council at Toronto last August, gave an interesting report of the convention, for which he was heartily thanked, and his report was ordered to be filed with the records of the branch.

Election of Officers

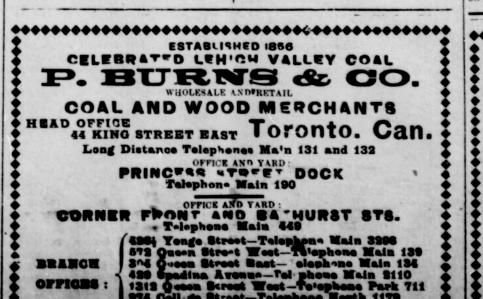
And he was

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At the semi-annual election of the C.M.B.A. of Almonte, on Jan. 8th, 1905, the following officers were elected:

President-John Malone. First Vice-President-M. Coderre. Second Vice-President-B. Bolton. Treasurer-E. Letang. Secretary-M. T. Trainor. Assistant Secretary-E. McAuliffe. Committee of Management--G. Clement, sr., J. A. Dutrizac, P. Rooney, E. Moreau and M. Maxwell. Chaplain-Rev. Father Harkins.





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lish shield, here in the Laterian Pal-There are hundreds of other objects **CANADIAN AFFAIRS** (Written for The Register.)

