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Persons and Facts

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Mr. and Mrs. W. H. O'Sullivan left last Monday for Spokane, where they will henceforth reside.

Miss Morris, sister of the Hon. Sir Edward Morris, Attorney-General and Minister of Justice of Newfoundland, and niece of the late Rev. John Morris, S.J., of England, is visiting friends in this city.

As inaccurate reports of the recent changes in the rates of the International Postal Union have appeared in the daily papers, we here append the summary given in the "Scientific American" of June 2, which may be relied upon as correct.

The Congress of the International Postal Union, which has been in session at Rome, practically completed its labors on May 22. The Congress has inaugurated several changes which directly affect the public, and the most important of these is the reduction of the rates of foreign postage for heavy letters. Not only has the unit of weight been raised from 15 to 20 grammes, but the postage has been decreased as well from 5 cents to 3 cents for each unit of weight in addition to that constituting the first charge.

As the Anglo-Saxon (the S. A. means English-speaking) countries do not use the decimal system, these changes will be even more favorable to them than to those which use the system, for the British delegates succeeded in obtaining the ounce as the unit equivalent to 20 grammes, while, as a matter of fact, an ounce is in excess of 28 grammes. Unfortunately the British and Japanese proposals for a reduction of the initial rate to 4 cents failed. Universal penny postage advocated by New Zealand was not considered practicable. Other important changes were instituted relative to the internationalization of the rights to use the left-hand portion of the address side of picture post-cards for writing other than the address, and the use of post-cards having an attached reply coupon.

Mr. John Joseph McGee, brother of the late illustrious Thomas D'Arcy McGee, and Clerk of the King's Privy Council of Canada, was here at the end of last week on his way back from administering the oath of office to the Hon. Mr. Dunsmuir, the new Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia. While here he also swore in for a second term our popular Lieutenant-Governor, Sir Daniel McMillan. Mr. J. J. McGee is an enthusiastic advocate of the Gaelic revival, and before returning to Ottawa he entertained a number of sympathizing friends on the marvellous growth of this great Irish movement. Although born in Wexford, where a person able to speak Irish was a "rara avis" at that time, he has himself learnt the old language and delights in the perusal of its linguistic treasures.

Now that the Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick has become Chief Justice, it is interesting to recall what "The Tablet" of May 19 borrows with comments from the Toronto correspondent of the London "Morning Post," a correspondent who, in the words of our great Catholic contemporary, "never says a superfluous kind word for the Liberal party now in power in Canada."

"It is now announced," says the correspondent, confirming an announcement already made by us (The Tablet), "that Mr. Fitzpatrick will withdraw from the Cabinet at the close of the session, or possibly sooner." Now that Mr. Fitzpatrick is to leave the arena, it is possible to do at least partial justice to his merits: "He has remarkable ability, and, as a debater, has hardly an equal in Parliament. Moreover, his conduct as Minister of Justice has been admirable. He has been strong, consistent, and generally indifferent to sectional clamor, where the high interests of justice were concerned." And why? For the oddest reasons, if you may take the correspondent's

view of it. "This is probably due more to the pride which Mr. Fitzpatrick has in his own profession than to any other motive." All the same, the correspondent adds: "But we cannot remember that his administration of the Department of Justice has ever been the subject of an attack in Parliament, and this encourages the country to think that as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, to which office he will shortly be appointed, he will maintain the best traditions of the Bench and give to the Supreme Court something of the character and virility which it needs and in which it is now sadly lacking."

Mr. L. Hacault, secretary of the Catholic Belgian Committee, writes to us from Bruxelles, Man., under date of May 31, that the committee has received from Belgium the following cablegram: "Victory certain for the Catholics. They have lost seven seats, but their majority remains twelve."

Ferdinand J. Kramer, who for some years edited the Denver Catholic, died last week in that city. He was a graduate of Cornell University class of 1874.

The committee of lawyers appointed by the Supreme Court of Ohio to pass upon the efficiency of higher educational institutions of the State not in the Association of Colleges, with a view of admitting their graduates to the State bar examinations on a par with graduates of the schools of the Association, have reported in favor of St. Xavier's college and St. Joseph's college, Cincinnati; St. Ignatius' college, Cleveland; St. John's college, Toledo; St. Mary's institute, Dayton.

Lord Portsmouth, a member of the Government, speaking at Andover, estimated that if the House of Lords rejected the Education Bill the Government would appeal to the country. He said such an appeal would certainly strengthen the cause of disestablishment.

Five hundred and eighty-nine saloon keepers have quit the business in Cleveland, O. It is believed that one-third of the city's 2,475 saloons will close their doors. All in business after midnight Monday were charged with the \$1,000 Aiken tax.

The greatest number of saloons are closing in the outlying districts. None of the finely furnished downtown places have been put out of business by the new law. In twenty resorts conducted by women in the new tenderloin the sale of liquor will be discontinued.

In the opinion of Auditor Wright, there will be about 850 discontinuances at present, and a good many more in the next six months. In 1905 these saloons were taxed \$866,250, the tax being \$350. Taking Wright's estimate as a basis, there will be 1,625 saloons left in business. At \$1,000 tax on each, the income will be \$1,625,000, nearly double last year's figures.

The list of contributors to San Francisco who have sent their donations through The New World, the Catholic magazine of Chicago, totals \$26,000.

At the recent convention of the Michigan Knights of Columbus, it was decided to raise \$5,000 annually, by an assessment levy on each council, for the purpose of providing a year's tuition in a Catholic institution for fifty deserving young men.

A society known as "The American Federation of Spiritual Directors of College Catholic Clubs," has recently been established. The membership will consist of those who have in their charge the religious work of the various Catholic clubs at non-Catholic colleges throughout the United States and Canada. Among the colleges in the United States having such clubs are Harvard, Yale, Brown, University of California, University of Georgia, and others.

We regret to notice in our English exchanges the announcement of the death of the Rev. Charles Bowden, of



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the Oratory, at the venerable age of seventy. He received most of his education under Cardinal Newman, who was a devoted friend of his father, and joined the Oratory in 1856. Though a man of many talents, Father Bowden was even more distinguished for his virtues, and his death is deeply mourned by all who knew him,—most deeply by those who knew him best. He was a zealous member of the English Catholic Truth Society, for which he prepared a very excellent and useful work—"The Simple Catholic Dictionary,"—of which a new and enlarged edition was lately issued. There was much about Father Charles Bowden to remind one of his spiritual father, St. Phillip Neri,—his fondness for sacred music, tender solicitude for little children, love of the poor, kindly interests in convents, devotion to the work of the confessional, etc. His death was in keeping with his life, holy and peaceful. R. I. P.—The Ave Maria.

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