

CALENDAR FOR NEXT WEEK.

- DECEMBER.
- 54—Fourth Sunday in Advent, Christmas Eve.
  - 25, Monday — CHRISTMAS DAY.
  - 26, Tuesday—St. Stephen, First Martyr.
  - 27, Wednesday—St. John the Evangelist.
  - 28, Thursday—The Holy Innocents.
  - 29, Friday—St. Thomas, Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr.
  - 30, Saturday—Of the octave of Christmas.

BRIEFLETS.

The Catholic vote turned the scale in Brandon, Virden, Avondale and several other places.

The Very Rev. A. Dugas, V. G., went to Wolseley on business and is expected back today.

The winter has set in for good, but there is hardly any snow. Farmers would like a good snowfall to make the roads less rough.

Rev. Father Drummond, S. J., will preach on Christmas evening in the Immaculate Conception Church, not at the Midnight Mass, as has been incorrectly announced, but at the 7.30 p.m. Vespers on Monday, Dec. 25th.

The new one-story building which Guilbault & Coté are putting up on the scene of the recent fire, is outwardly fast nearing completion. It is quite interesting to see the carpenters hard at work in the open air with the thermometer 10 degrees below zero.

Mr. J. B. Leclerc is building a spacious three-story edifice on Dumoulin street, St. Boniface, which will be covered in early in January. His barber-shop will occupy the basement, his dry goods department the first floor and the uppermost floor will probably be used as a public hall.

The first and second year philosophers of St. Boniface College attended, this morning, at 7.30, in the Cathedral, a High Mass sung by their professor, Father Drummond, for the repose of the soul of Mrs. Bélanger, mother of Gonzague Bélanger, a second year man. She died, fortified by the rites of Holy Church after a saintly life, last Friday.

The toll-keepers still keep to their post on Broadway bridge, because the absence of snow forces heavy teams to cross the bridge, and, as the horses have their ice shoes, they wear out the wood floor of the bridge much more than in summer. The steep banks of the river are impracticable for heavy loads until they become properly covered with snow. But the ice on the river is thick enough to bear a railway train.

Rev. Father Lacasse, O. M. I., is at St. Mary's Presbytery, Winnipeg. He lately preached a most successful mission at Willow Bunch, Assa., attended by every Catholic in the neighborhood. Dissensions which had hitherto raged among the parishioners were happily and completely appeased. They manifest a most laudable zeal for the beginning of a new stone church; already much of the material is ready. The church will be completed in two years.

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On this subject there is a serious question to be settled with French Canada, and it will not be settled by violent assertions on either side as to the disposition of the French people, much less by a war-whoop. There is nothing in the constitution of the Dominion formally binding us to respect the nationality of the French Canadians. But there is a manifest obligation of policy as well as of right feeling and justice. Anything that would deeply estrange French Canada, whether followed by a formal secession or not, would practically dissolve Confederation. Colonel Turnbull, if he was correctly reported, thinks that nine-tenths of French Canadians are "Anglophobes." The term is too strong; probably it is a stronger term than the colonel intended to use. Anglophobes the French Canadians are certainly not. They have no reason to bear, nor do they bear, any ill-will to Great Britain. They are generally well content to live under her rule and in partnership with us in British Canada. But they cleave to their nationality; they retain their national flag; and it appears that their connection with

"If any one present knows of any just cause or impediment, why these two persons should not be joined together in holy matrimony, let him now speak."



That is the challenge of the old marriage service. It is the challenge of church and state, and rarely is answered. But if that challenge were offered to Science how often would she forbid the banns, in the interest of woman's health and happiness. Thousands of happy maidens who have looked to marriage as the consummation of their earthly happiness, have found it a blight to the body, a martyrdom to the mind. The irregular and painful periods of maidenhood were looked upon as a part of the common lot of woman, and so, neglected. Wifehood brought with it debilitating drains, and the trial of motherhood left an inflamed and ulcerated condition of the womanly organs. Then followed the slow decay of body and mind; the one tormented with pain; the other irritable, or despondent. Science which cannot forbid the banns of marriage, can undo these sad consequences. It is the hand of science which offers afflicted women that marvelous medicine, Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It positively cures irregularities, female weakness and disagreeable drains on the system. It allays inflammation and heals ulceration. It makes the trial of motherhood easy and brief. It brings back lost health and beauty. "Favorite Prescription" contains no alcohol, whisky or other stimulant. Nothing is "just as good" for women as the "Prescription." Accept no substitute. Women single or married will find invaluable advice in Dr. Pierce's Common Sense Medical Adviser. Sent free on receipt of stamps to defray cost of customs and mailing only. Send 31 one-cent stamps for paper edition. For cloth edition 50 stamps. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

their mother country has of late been somewhat strengthened by increased intercourse and immigration of the higher class. It is vain to expect that they will be willing to bleed and pay for Great Britain's wars. Of all wars between European powers the least unlikely is a war between Great Britain and France. What the French Canadian would do in this case it is not necessary or pleasant to inquire. But no one would imagine that he would consent to take an active part against his country.

PROPOSED CATHOLIC CLUB

For some time past the Catholics of the two city parishes have had under consideration the advisability of establishing a club, and yesterday afternoon a very largely attended and enthusiastic meeting was held in St. Mary's school house, when the scheme took somewhat definite shape. All those present enrolled themselves as members and committees were appointed to look up quarters and to draft by-laws. It is intended now to push the scheme to completion, and it is hoped the club will be opened early in the year. A further committee was appointed to arrange for an entertainment, to be held about the 27th inst., under the auspices of the new institution.—Free Press, Dec. 18.

Mr. De Froment and Capt. McRobie give an exhibition of the De Froment gun-cotton fire alarm and the McRobie extinguisher at the Hotel de Ville of St. Boniface this evening.

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