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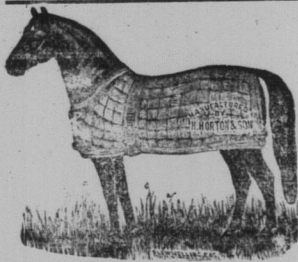
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PERSONAL AND SOCIAL.

Mrs. O'Connor and children, who have been visiting Mrs. O'Connor's mother, Mrs. Gallivan, Duke st., have returned to New York.

Invitations are issued by Mr. and Mrs. James P. Robertson to the marriage of their daughter Helen to Mr. H. Aubrey Holmes. The ceremony will take place at St. John's church, January 16th.

Miss Helen M. Lunney has returned to Lowell, Mass.

Miss Alice Mahoney, who resigned recently from the school staff, Moncton, has returned to her home on Main street. The Moncton Times says:—Miss Mahoney has won much praise and commendation for her work here and a large number of friends and acquaintances regret her departure.

Mrs. Edmund S. Breese returned to New York on Monday evening after a short visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. J. D. Landry.

Rev. Richard J. Coughlan, the popular pastor at Johnville, paid a brief visit this week to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Coughlan, Exmouth street.

Mr. John Fleming, of Calgary, arrived home on Monday to attend the funeral of his father, the late William Fleming, Fairville. He will spend a month home before returning west.

A NEED, BUT IS THERE A DEMAND?

The New World of Chicago says: "We have always marvelled that Catholics are not corrupted to a greater extent by the unscrupulous policy of the daily press. The sanity of Catholic preaching, the advice imparted in the confessional, and the traditional common sense of the hierarchy beget in the faithful a judicial habit of suspending judgment until the evidence on both sides is fully presented. If the Methodists, with their emotions always on full tap, were subjected to an ordeal like that which Catholics have to pass through every morning when they read the daily papers they would all have been long since either in lunatic asylums or in some other church organization. There is a crying need for able Catholic dailies in the United States." But where does the demand come in?

NO DAMAGE TO REPUTATION OF COLUMBUS.

John Bach McMaster, the historian, declares the enactment of Representative Steenerson's bill by Congress, providing for a \$100,000 monument to Leif Ericsson, the Norseman, as the discoverer of America, would not cause American history to be rewritten, as a dispatch from Washington indicated.

"There is no doubt whatever that Leif Ericsson and a band of Norsemen came to America many years before Columbus did," said the historian today. "All histories say this and nothing Congress could do toward honoring the adventurer could affect the history of the new world."

"The reason Leif Ericsson is not given the fame that is Columbus, is because his discovery of the new land was productive of no distinctive results upon civilization. Columbus made known to Europe the existence of a beautiful land and opened that great era of discovery which immediately followed."

BIGGEST MAIL ON RECORD.

On December 31st, the biggest mail ever received by one firm in Canada was delivered to the Family Herald and Weekly Star of Montreal. The number of subscription orders received by that paper on the above date would probably exceed the entire receipts of any other paper for the whole month. The publishers were at their wits' end for an hour or two but quickly met the emergency by adding a complete night and day staff, and will keep up to date entering the names. The public are realizing more than ever what big value they receive in that great weekly, and are not slow to take advantage of it. The premium picture "A Tug of War," given to all subscribers, is the best ever issued. No family should be without Canada's great family and farmers' paper this year.

DEATHS AND BURIALS.

The death of Mr. Edward Finigan took place on Sunday night, after a lengthy illness. He was born in this city 55 years ago. The deceased was well-known in Saint John, and was popular in Catholic fraternal circles for many years—until his fatal illness. He was an active member of the City Cornet Band. Mr. Finigan belonged to Division 1, A. O. H., Branch 134, C. M. B. A., and St. Vincent d. Paul Society, and he had a large number of friends in the city and elsewhere who will deeply regret to hear of his death. His wife and two brothers, Henry and Thomas, survive him. The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon, at 2.30 o'clock from his late residence, corner of Waterloo and Paddock streets. It was a large one and thoroughly representative. Preceding the hearse were the members and ex-members of the City Cornet Band and Division No. 1 A. O. H., while a delegation from No. 134, C. M. B. A., walked after the hearse. At the Cathedral the funeral service was read by Rev. F. M. Lockary, after which the remains were conveyed to the old Catholic cemetery. The pall-bearers were Messrs Henry Dolan, Thos. Kicham, Daniel J. Gallagher, James Connolly, John Keefe and James Barry. Among the several floral pieces sent by friends was a lyre from the members of the City Cornet Band, and a harp from Division 1, A. O. H.

The funeral of Mr. William Fleming took place from his late residence, Main st., Fairville, on Monday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock to St. Rose's church. Rev. Chas. Collins read the funeral service and burial was made in the old Catholic cemetery, Lancaster Heights. The funeral was very largely attended, many friends and acquaintances from the city being present. A delegation from the Ancient Order of Hibernians, with which Mr. Fleming was connected, preceded the hearse.

On Dec. 29th, the death took place of William T., son of Wm. F. and Laura Higgins, Waterloo street, aged one year and four months.

Mr. Thomas Malley, jr., died on Dec. 30 at the home of his father in Nelson. He was 20 years of age, and had been sick for a long time. He was a young man of excellent disposition, and the family have much sympathy in his death at the beginning of manhood. The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon, interment being at the Catholic cemetery there.

Mr. Charles Monahan, a former resident of this city, died recently at Brockton, Mass., where he was foreman in a shoe factory. He is survived by a wife and several children.

St. John's friends heard with regret the announcement of the death of Miss Grace Coughlan, which took place at her home, Milltown, on the last day of the old year. She had not been in good health for some years, and on Wednesday of the preceding week she took seriously ill. Her funeral took place on Wednesday morning, Jan. 2nd, with a High Mass of Requiem in St. Stephen's church, the pastor, Rev. E. Doyle, officiating. She is survived by her parents, Counsellor and Mrs. Coughlan, three brothers, four sisters at home, and two married sisters, Mrs. Robert Woodside of Cornwall and Mrs. Jas. Green of St. Stephen.

The death of Mrs. Patrick Geary, of Moncton, took place on Sunday morning. The deceased, who was 71 years of age, was a native of the County of Cork, Ireland, and came to this country in early life. She lived for quite a number of years at Newtown, Kings county, but for the past twenty-five years has been a resident of Moncton. Deceased is survived by her husband, two sons, James A. Geary, of the Moncton Carpet and Furniture Co., and George A. Geary of Boston, and one daughter, Mrs. Hazen Alward. She is also survived by a sister, Mrs. James Niles, of St. John, and four other sisters living in various parts of the United States.

THO'E USELESS QUESTIONS

How many of our words are absolutely superfluous, serving no end but the waste of time

A man stood before a mirror, his face well lathered and his razor in hand

"In came his wife. She looked at him and inquired: "Are you shaving?"

"No," he retorted fiercely; "I'm blacking the kitchen range. Where are you—out driving or at the matinee?"—Woman's Home Companion.

HALIFAX, N. S.

Evening Mail, Monday.

Rev. Father Hipwell, a young Irish priest, has been appointed one of the clergy of St. Mary's and has entered upon his duties.

A pleasing detail of the holiday season at St. Mary's cathedral was the presentation by the Rev. Rector, Father Hamilton, to each of the choir boys of a pair of gold cuff buttons and a stick pin. The lads were greatly pleased at this remembrance on the part of the reverend father.

St. Mary's Collegiate School will re-open on Tuesday, after the Christmas holidays. The Rev. Rector Father McManus, who, it will be remembered, was a passenger on the ill-fated steamer Strathcona, has returned to the city. During the absence of Rev. Father Sweet, Father McManus took the latter's place at Sheet Harbor and received a warm welcome from his former parishioners there.

On New Year's Eve Rev. R. McDonald, late parish priest of St. Ann's parish, Glace Bay, now pastor of St. Joseph's, Reserve, was waited upon by a committee from St. Ann's parish and presented with a purse of \$1,065, the results of a collection taken up by the parish. The purse was accompanied by an address expressing the gratitude of the people for the good work done by Father McDonald in Glace Bay.

WIVES SHOULD KEEP YOUNG.

A certain amount of social life is absolutely essential to all of us, to the old as well as to the young. A woman never grows so old that she ceases to enjoy the company of others, and generally the older she grows the more she enjoys it. It is always a pity to see a man fall into a state which he explains by saying, "Oh, we are getting old and don't care for so much variety in our lives." In the pure selfishness of his soul he always speaks of "us" and "we," as if it naturally follows that because he is getting antiquated his wife must keep pace with him in his decline. It is more credit to a husband to keep his wife young than to make her grow old. His actions and his habits necessarily influence those of his wife. Let him keep in touch with the world, and both he and his wife will be the better and the younger for it.

THE HARD THINGS OF SCRIPTURE.

A shrewd, worldly agnostic and a Christian clergyman dressed in a modest clerical suit, said Eli Perkins, sat at the same table in the Pullman dining car. They were waiting for the first course at the dinner, a delicious Hudson River shad. Lying his companion coldly for a moment, the agnostic remarked:

"I judge you are a clergyman, sir?"

"Yes, sir; I am in my Master's service."

"Yes, you look it. Preach on the Bible, don't you?"

"O, yes; of course."

"Find a good many things in that old book that you don't understand—don't you?"

"O yes; some things."

"Well, what do you do then?"

"Why, my dear friend, I simply do just as I do while eating this delicious shad. If I come to a bone I quietly lay it on one side and go on enjoying the shad, and let some fool insist on choking himself with the bones."

Then the agnostic wound up his Waterbury watch and went into the smoker.

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CHILD PUNISHMENT.

Never punish a child for a first offense. When about to punish always be very sure that you are punishing him for a fault and not simply because the wrongdoing has caused you annoyance. Remember that it is not wise to inflict corporal punishment unless every other method has failed to impress the small offender.

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