## CATHOLIC ORDER OF FORESTERS.

THE GRAND ANNUAL CONVENTION.

The Appointment of Different Committees List of Delegates Present—General Work of the Convention-Reports, Election of Officers-Incidents of Interest.

In the Cercle Ville Marie, the Catholic In the Cercle Ville Marie, the Catholic Order of Foresters met in annual convention on Tuesday, 4th June. The Rev. Father Adam opened the proceedings with prayer and Mr. T. B. Thiele, of Chicago, High Chief Secretary of the Order, appointed the committee on credentials. This committee subsequently reported that of the 116 courts in the province 107

sumed. One hundred and six delegates were present, leaving only ten courts un-

The Finance Committee's report was presented to the convention, and it was under discussion all the morning. It was ultimately adopted. The report provides for the expenses of the Provincial Court by imposing a tax of 25c per capita. It



MR THEODORE THIELE.

Mr Thiele, of Chicago, Iil., is the High Secretary of the Order He is a native of Germany, and came to America 15 years ago. He was in the insurance business, and subsequently Cashier of Customs in Chicago. The latter position he resigned to assume the duties latter position he resigned to assume the duties of High Secretary of the Order. He was elected at the St Paul Convention, there being present about 400 delegates; he was the choice of the Canadian delegates, hence his kindly teeling and gratitude towards this countries. try. He is 27 years of age, unmarried. He has two brothers in the pries hood, one of whom will celebrate his 25th anniversary of ordination this year. Mr Thiele was presiding officer at the Ottawa Convention.

also provides for the salaries of the court officials. The Chief Ranger will receive \$100 per annum. The Treasurer \$100 and the Secretary \$400, out of which he will

have to furnish an office.

After the adoption of the report the convention adjourned till two o'clock in

the afternoon.

Mr. C. Ritchot was appointed Chief Ranger pro tem, and N. P. Lapierre, Vice Chief Ranger pro tem.

The following committees were appointed:

Press-J. J. Ryan and Z. Renaud. Credentials-F. X. Bilodeau (chairman), P. McGoldrick, A. W. Bedard. Committee on Appeals — J. Davis (chairman), A. Talbot, J. Thibaudeau, W. II. Winslow, Geo. Bisonnette, C. M. Veil-

Ieux, T. Cote, F. Leduc, A. H. Trudeau, A. Roy and W. Joly.

Finance Committee—J. J. Ryan (chairman), A. Boulanger, H. Monette, A. Parnt, W. J. Proulx, H. C. Roy, Rev. G. Bernard, J. Hayes, E. Roby and P. Riley. Committee on the Good of the Order-E. Piche (chairman), J. Morency, Guer-tin, L. Simoneau, H. Schetagne, J. J. Sheppard, J. Scanlan, H. Pelletier and A. Lynch.

Committee on the Constitution-A. A. Gibeau (chairman), J. C. Pouliot, P. F. Montreuil, Rev. Father Adam, M. G. Welsh, J. Joran, L. Forget, W. Shea and M. J. C. Lariviere.

LIST OF DELIGATES.

Following is a complete list of the delegates present:

Mr. A. Connell, St. Hyacinthe; W. J. Proulx, Montreal; A. Trudeau. St. Laurent; C. L. Bregineul, Lake Megantic; Therien, Montreal; J. Michaud, St. Anne



MR. J. J. RYAN

The Treasurer, Mr. Ryan, is 44 years of age. He was born in Montreal, and lived for 20 years in the United States He is 5 years a member of the Order He is Chier Ranger of St. Mary's Court—the richest Court in Canada, having more funds per member than any other one. He was delegate at three conventions. He holds the position of manager of Atkins Brewerv and is an active member of of Atkins Brewery and is an active member of St Vincent de Paul Society.

de Bellevue; J. Groulx, St. Scholastique; M. P. McGoldrick, Montreal; A. Chausse, Beauce; A. Bayard, L. C. Moneau, Montreal; M. Parent, St. Jerome; E. Berthiaume, Hull; P. Maltais, Murray Bay; H. S. Chetagne, Lachine; G. S. Joron, 'alleyfield; H. Monette, St. Cunegonde; J. J. Ryan, Montreal; L. Forget, Montreal; A. Michon, De Montmagny; E. Bertrand, St. Joseph; E. Morissette,

ard, St. Roch, Que.; C. E. Oliver, Montreal; J. Morency, St. Romuald; Thos. P. Burns, St. Philippe; E. Piche, Quebec; A. Talbot, Montreal; W. H. Winslow, Montreal; M. G. Welsh, Montreal; W. Shea, Sherbrooke; Rev. Father Adam, Montreal; J. Guertin, Montreal; J. E. Stevens, Campbellton, N. B.; T. Cote, St. John's, Que.; W. Joly, St. Polycarpe; F. Leduc, Beauharnois; C. Richot, Montreal; V. A. Pilon, St. Cunegonde; J. J. Sheppard, Joliette; H. E. Sirois, Montsneppard, Jollette; H. E. Sirols, Montreal; D. Roy, Buckingham; J. Brien, Sault Recollet; J. Scanlan, Montreal; Mr. Ecrament, Maisonneuve; H. A. Villeneuve, Grenville; H. Pelletier, Marieville; J. Brossard, Laprairie; N. Gregor, St. Eustache; Rev. J. Bernard, Sorel; J. B. Gendron, Coaticook; M. J. C. Lariviere Montreal: J. Comean, Maninwaki: viere, Montreal; J. Comeau, Maninwaki; L. Dagenais, St. Thomas; A. Demers, St. with prayer and Mr. T. B. Thiele, of Chicago, High Chief Secretary of the Order, appointed the committee on credentials. This committee subsequently reported that of the 116 courts in the province, 107 were represented at the convention.

At 10.20 o'clock Wednesday morning the business of the convention was resumed. One hundred and six delegates the convention of the convention was resumed. One hundred and six delegates the convention of the convention of the convention was resumed. One hundred and six delegates the convention of the convention of the convention was resumed. One hundred and six delegates the convention of the convention of the convention of the convention was resumed. One hundred and six delegates the convention of the conv Sanguinet, Montreal; W. Forget, Oka; J. Lefebvre, Rigaud; C. Grenier, Cote des Neiges; C. Doucet, Arthabaskaville, J. Prieur, Coteau; P. La Salle, Montreal; Prieur, Coteau; P. La Salle, Montreal;
A. Lemieux, Montreal; J. D. Coutlee,
Montreal; P. Riley, Montreal; J. Trohun, Stanbridge; J. Range, Montreal; A.
Lantoll, Gatineau, A. Pilon, Vaudreuil;
L. Masseau, Varennes; H. Godreau, St.
Bernard; J. B. de Leberprey, St. Andre
Aluelin; F. Challifour, St. Cyprien; J.
Bourgois, Montreal; F. Bouvier, Montreal; T. Burns, Montreal; J. Preveau,
Montreal; M. Page, Hull; A. Savariat,
Vercheres; A. Mott, St. Constant; A.
Lauren, St. Dorothee; A. Vanasse, St.
David; Rev. E. Rochon, Papineauville,
J. Walker, Montreal; J. Fremont, Quebec; J. A. G. Delfose, Quebec; Alphonse
Ievage, St. Luc; F. X. Bilodeau, Montreal; C. M. Venillaemx, Levis.

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Immediately on the reassembling at 2 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon the Committee on Constitution made its report. It was decided to take the report into consideration item by item, and this occupied the time of the session until 6.30.

At the evening session they proceeded to the election of officers. Brothers Z. Renaud, J. W. Blouin and Lafond were nominated for chief ranger. On the second ballot Mr. Renaud was elected. For vice-chief ranger Messrs. Aime Talbot, of Quebec, and A. Pouliot, of Fraserville, were nominated. Mr. Talbot was elected. Mr. F. X. Bilodean and J. J. Ryan, both of Montreal, were respectively elected secretary and treasurer by acclamation.

#### CLOSE OF THE CONVENTION.

The Convention of the Catholic Order of Foresters is ended, and as the result of its work the Provincial Court of Quebec is an established fact. At last Wednesday evening's session the committee on the constitution handed in their report, which was adopted with some amendments. The election of officers took



Z. RENAUD,

CHIEF RANGER PROVINCIAL COURT OF QUEBEC Mr. Renaud is forty-two years of age, a lawyer by profession, and has been five years a member of the Sacred Heart Court C.O.F., No 129 He has been Chief Ranger of the same for over four years.

place in the evening, and at 5.30 o'clock Thursday morning the newly elected of-ficers were installed by High Secretary Thiel, of Chicago, and the meeting was

adjourned sine die The officers elected are as follows: Chief Ranger, Z. Renaud, of Montreal: Vice Chief Ranger, Major Aime Talbot, of Quebec; Secretary, F. X. Bilodeau, of Montreal; Treasurer, J. J. Ryan, of Montreal; Medical Examiner, Dr. Pelletier, of Sherbrooke.

Delegates to the annual convention of the High Court, which will be in Ottawa commencing September 7:

From the district of Montreal—Eugene Gibeau, Z. Renaud, F. X. Bilodeau, M. P. McGoldrick, Dr. Alexander Ouimet, W. J. Proulx, L. Forget, P. Riley.
Alternates for the district of Montreal—
D. Roy, J. Guertin, L. A. Simoneau, L. M.
Lariviere, C. A. Olivier, Dr. Comeau, T.

H. Burns, A. Lynch. District of Sherbrooke-A. P. Vanasse,

A. Leduc, W. Shea, T. Cote. Alternates from the district of Sherbrooke-P. Plimoneau, J. E. O. Demers, M. Massue, E Bedard.

Delegates from the district of Quebec-S. Doucet, M. A. Talbot, A. Chasse. Alternates from the district of Quebec-J. C. Pouliot, P. J. Montreuil and J. E.

## NOTES OF INTEREST.

A committee was appointed to wait on His Grace Archbishop Fabre and to request his attendance at the Convention; but owing to the pastoral visitations fixed for the same dates as the Convention His Grace was unable to be present.

On the kind invitation of Rev. Father Adam, P.P. of the Sacred Heart Parish, Ontario Street, the High Secretary, ac companied by the Provincial Chief Ranger, Secretary and Treasurer, paid a visit to the newly erected residence on

Court, were entertained by Rev. Father Lapierre, of Hochelaga, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. The High Secretary, then, accompanied by a host of friends, drove to the Windsor Station, to take his departure for home. He expressed himself delighted with the reception that he had received at the hands of tion that he had received at the hands of the C.O.F., and promised that when he should return to the International Con-vention at Ottawa, he would pay a visit to Montreal.

#### MISSING LINKS.

PARKMAN THE HISTORIAN PILLORIED.

A Most Important Contribution to Cansdian Historical Literature.

The Northwest Review has the following able analysis, in its issue of May 29, of ex-Sheriff Edonard Richard's splendid new work entitled "Acadia-Missing Links of a Lost Chapter in American History by an Acadian ex-member of the House of Commons of Canada;" New York, Home Book Company, 45 Vesey street; 2 vois.

The Northwest Review speaks thus: "Though the author has an undoubted right to call himself an Acadian because he is of Acadian descent, we also have a clear title to claim him as a man of Canadian upbringing, since he was born



MR. JOHN SCANLAN.

Mr. Scanlan is one of Montreal's leading retail merchants. He was a member of the Organization Committee, representing St Law-rence Court He is a charter member of the Court and has been chief ranger since 1893.

for some years distinguished himself as a worthy law partner of Mr. Laurier and a member of the Ottawa Parliament. We are therefore justified in claiming for our own country, and in particular for the city of Winnipeg where he wrete his work, the honor of having produced one of the most noteworthy contributions to American history. The volumes are copyrighted in Canada as well as in the United States, and the Canadian edition is announced to appear in two or three

Mr. Richard's manuscript, written in French, has been translated so idiomatically that no trace of its French origin is discernible. An interesting feature is the use of suggestive headlines, different from each other and specifically adapted to every page, left-hand as well as right. the usual meaningless repetition of the title of the book being dispensed with.

The author's main purpose is to study that period of Acadian history which immediately precedes, covers and follows the expatriation of that unfortunate people. But incidentally there runs through the whole work a brilliant and masterly refutation of all the crafty slanders Parkman has written against the Acadians. With rare patience, deep study and almost unparalleled power of analysis, Mr. Richard brings to light new and most important documents, dissects new and old sources of information, and ever and anon brands the Compiler of the Nova Scotia archives as a garbler and mutilator of state papers, and pillories the overestimated Parkman as a "literary malefactor." This will come to many with the shock of a painful surprise. They have been accustomed to admire Parkman for his varied historical knowledge; they have hitherto supposed that he was honest as well as learned. But no sincere student can read Richard's Acadia without carrying away the conviction that the author of "Montealm and Wolfe" has abused his splendid



SECRETARY F. X. BOILEDEAU

Mr. Boiledeau is 45 years of age, and is an accountant. He has been five years a member of St. Jacques Court, No. 196, of which Court he has been Chief Ranger for two years.

talents and unrivalled opportunities in order to produce a specious but malevolent caricature of history, that he is merely a charming story-teller, incapable alike of impartial justice and historic sequence, and that the much-lauded Bostonian is utter-ly untrustworthy. This cirsumstantial indictment of a popular hero, this truly cogent and frequently eloquent plea against one of the highest writers in American literature, will doubtless call forth many an indignant protest from Parkman's admirers. Mr. Goldwin Smith in particular, who is quoted by Mr. Rich-Thursday evening, and met Rev. Father and as having carried the progressive dis-Lapierre, of Nativity Church, and the tortion of history to its utmost limit in into our heart, without any knowledge

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What Mr. Richard proves and what no

that cruel deportation which Longfellow has immortalized in Evangeline; that the Home Government not only did not aid nor sanction the deportation, but opposed it, as did also General Amherst, commander-in-Chief of the British Forces in North America of that the Angliana in North America; that the Acadians were officially recognized as Neutrals, relieved from the duty of bearing arms, and that they behaved with such admirable fidelity to their oath and to the laws as to leave no excuse for any harsh treatment, still less for the atrocious crime of which they were the heroic victims. With a true lawyer's instinct for valuable evidence, Mr. Richard proves conclusively, from incidental phrases which a superficial historian would have overlooked, that Mr. Lawrence's object in expelling the Acadians was to enrich himself with their live stock, amount-ing to at least 100,000 head. His successors, Belcher and Wilmot, continued the expatriation and spoliation of the Acadians, and imitated Lawrence in their misrepresentations to the Home Governand turmoil of war. After peace had given the Haligonians time to reflect, suspicion was aroused as to the whole iniquitous transaction with regard to a harmless and singularly virtuous people. Then the accomplices of Lawrence, Belcher and Wilmot, the creatures who had fattened on the spoils of the Acadians, took alarm; then began the gradual suppression of all documents bearing on the deportation; sons, who were afraid that their fathers' reputation would be The robe of the Mother is blue, with smirched, mutilated the archives, carrying off all tell-tale papers. Later on, hair parted and waving to the car under Thomas B. Akins, appointed by the Nova the white mantle, edged with gold, fall-Scotia legislature to collect all documents connected with the history of that | Child, as well as herself; while His tunic province, systematically suppressed whatever could militate in favor of the Acadians, and raked up every calumny ever uttered against them, with the manifest intention of whitewashing the local authorities. If Mr. Akins is still in the land of the living, he will find Mr. Richard's work a very bitter pill. be to order that a new compilation of State papers be made by some honest man in such a way as to fill up, as far as possible, the gaps left by Mr. Akins, Rameau de Saint Pere and the Abbe

Casgrain, in their French works, have already let in some light on the main contentions of Richard's work; but neither of them has gone into the matter half so exhaustively as Mr. Richard, who has the additional advantage of being the first Acadian to publish in English an historical work replete with the results of original analysis and research. As he says in his introductory remarks (p. 2), the period he tells of is the only part of Acadian history that presents a real and varied interest, it ought therefore to have been related in detail; and yet all we have of it so far is a rough sketch that leaves out the palpitating of it all." And indeed his volumes make one's pulses throb and oce's blood boil. It is a tragedy from beginning to end: Lawrence, the cruel tyrant full of low cunning and false flattery, who never said nor did a humane thing, plotting against the most blameless and winsome people the world has ever seen. No wonder Hutchinsen. the historian of Massachusetts, tell us (quoted vol. II, p. 251) that, when he attempted to copy some of the petitions of the exiled Acadians, "he was so

blinded by tears that he had to stop." And yet Richard is never unfair toward the English. If he records the misdeeds of Armstrong, Lawrence and Wilmot, he seems overpleased to praise in glowing language the virtues and talents of Mascarene, Hopson and Franklin, and the excellent spirit of the

Lords of Trade in London. Only there runs through the whole work an undercurrent of sad sympathy for oppressed virtue that is the very quintessence of heartrending tragedy : a feeling which is intensified by the sweetly resigned and astonishingly grateful frame of mind which the closing pages of the last appendix of the second volume reveal in Jean Baptiste Galerne's story told to the assembly of the Province of Pennsylvania.

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL.

ATTRACTIONS OF ROME'S ONLY GOTHE CHURCH.

Our first morning in Rome found us making our way across the piazza from the Hotel Minerva to the church of Santa Maria sop a Minerra, standing on the site of an ancient temple of Minerva. This is a Dominican church, and the only Gothic one in Rome. The lofty vaultings give a look of spaciousness at the first glance although the early winter hour left the whole in the shadow of a mysterious grandeur, with the exception of a side altar at which Mass was being celebrated. Following this friendly light, we passed, to the right, a column near the end of the spacious nave on which was a lamp suspended below a small painting of the Madonna and Child, and never did we miss this seemingly improvised flame any more than the picture itself, which we learned was a copy of the miraculous picture venerated at Genazzano, under the title of "Our Lady of Good Counsel." Only the head, shoulders, and hands are visible as she presses her Child's cheek to her own, while He seems to whisper in her car those counsels of Divine Wisdom which have won for her. in the Litany, that ejaculation of honor

"Seat of Wisdom, pray for us!" The artless arrangement of this impromptu shrine, and the devotion excited by it in one of the most unfrequented and attractive churches in Rome, is an example of the spontaneous way in which devotions spring up and flourish in the Eternal City, just as their daisies spread their tiny discs on the most venerated sites; nature, devotion, art, adjusting themselves to each other's society. Three Rivers; Jos. Bourdon, Longueuil; head warden of the parish, and were Rouling, Chaudiere, Que.; J. C. Pouliot, Fraserville; P. J. Montreuil, Constrained.

On Friday evening, Mr. J. J. Ryan, and Levis; J. Dawes, Montreal; O. W. Bed
the officers elected by the Provincial before taking up the cudgels for Park
the Via Sistina, but from a little table.

man; Richard has so completely demothat stood where the so-called riu del pie lished him thathe very prospect of liter-ary immorality seems in his case but piazza della Minerva and the piazza piazza della Minerva and the piazza Collegio Romano, this short cut of a street taking its name from the huge one before him had proved so clearly is marble foot, perhaps excavated from that Lawrence, the Governor of Nova these very precincts, standing at its Scotia in 1755, is alone responsible for head; the small table or stall at which these photographs are sold, giving another example of the thoroughly natural way in which Rome has become the most picturesque as well as solemn and significant of cities, Jerusalem alone ex-

Our little photograph was very precious to us, until a nigh to Our Lady of Good Counsel came to be a habitual expression of our need of counsel, even in small things; and as we look back upon the almost twenty years since we came into happy possession of it, we realize that this devotion shaped itself unconsciously in our mind in a way to meet daily necessities, from that first day of the year, 1876, in that early wintry morning, in the church of Santa Maria sopra Minerva.

Faded as our photograph became, it kept its honored place on our little altar, until a wonderfully beautiful copy in tint, a facsimile of the original miraculous picture, came to us from Miss Ella B. Edes, so long a resident of Rome, and with it a volume of six hundred and fiftyment, which was again deceived and distracted from their misdeeds by the din F. Dilion, D.D., a visitor from Sydney, Australia, to the shrine of Our Lady of Good Counsel at Genazzano. The picture itself, Mother and Child, is of exceeding sweetness of expression; a loving tender, confidential expression. As the Child's cheek is pressed softly to the Mother's one hand is seen to encircle her neck under her white mantle, the other small hand taking a gentle hold of the edge of a gold band at neck and shoulders; the ing over head, and wrapped around her is red, with gold; but the Son, her Redeemer as He is ours, bears the cruciform marks in red on the gold ground of His nimbus. Above the line of what might be the line of a wall, is an arc of blue, like the graded tints of a lunar rainbow and still above this, other lines of a wall. Mr. Richard's work a very bitter pill. There is not a coarse of coarse.

The least the Nova Scotia Legislature in the picture, and it is thus in delighten do in the way of reparation would ful contrast to the gaudy prints distributed in the way of coordinate to the gaudy prints distributed in the way of the coarse to be a coarse of the uted everywhere as Our Lady of Good Coansel. Such a picture, however small may well claim its lamp, and slender flame, and the sharp pang of failing courage as in a grave undertaking, or the distress of indecision, may well come to an end with one ejaculation to our Lady, as she presses her cheek to her Son's, listening to His divine counsels: while the feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel, on the 26th day of April, is one of those on which we bow to the earth in humble thanksgiving, declaring "Our Lady has counselled us well." - Eliza Allen Starr in the Rosarn.

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