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EPISCOPAL APPROBATION.

If the English Speaking Catholics of Montreal and of this Province consulted their best interests, they would soon make of the TRUE WITNESS one of the most prosperous and powerful Catholic papers in this country. I heartily bless those who encourage this excellent work.

PAUL, Archbishop of Montreal.

SATURDAY, July 1, 1899.

DOMINION DAY.

This is the first of July—the natal day of our Canadian Confederation. Thirty-two years have passed over this vast Dominion, and in that comparatively short space of time this young country has made more progress—in every sense—than any of the nations of the Old World, in ten times that number of years.

In order that such a desirable consummation may be attained it is necessary that a certain degree of unity should prevail. We should bury in the waves of the Atlantic all the faults, follies and misfortunes of the Old World, and begin upon this virgin soil the honest labor of building homes for ourselves and heritages for our children.

Our ideas should be as large even as our mountains and lakes, and our spirit of tolerance should be as sublime as the Rockies, and as boundless as our great prairies of the West.

To our fellow-countrymen and co-religionists we say:— "Take full advantage of all the liberties accorded you by the constitution of our Federated Dominion, and you will be building up your own fortunes, proving to the world what heights Irishmen can reach, when under the paternal and honest system of government that prevails in this land, and assisting in the material and moral elevation of this home of their adoption, until it shall eventually become what a Canadian poet once described as:—

"The Northern whose vast proportions, Span the sky from sea to sea, From Atlantic to Pacific, Home of unborn millions free."

JACQUES CARTIER BANK

From a perusal of the report of the annual meeting of the Shareholders of the Jacques Cartier Bank, which we publish elsewhere, it will be seen that this financial institution has in some

measure shared in the prosperity of the country during the past year, and is increasing its strength. As the president, the Hon. A. Desjardins, announced, a dividend of 6 per cent. has been paid the sum of \$15,000 added to the reserve fund, \$5,000 set aside for the establishment of a guarantee fund, and a balance of \$17,000 carried forward to the credit of the profit and loss account.

FATHER FALLON.

Sincere regret is being expressed by the Irish Catholics of Montreal at the approaching departure from amongst us of the Rev. P. Fallon, of St. Patrick's Parish—a departure rendered necessary on account of his health.

Father Fallon, who is a native of Montreal, and who received his elementary education in the Christian Brothers' School here, was ordained for the diocese of Alton, Ill., to which he will return from this city on August 1st next, at the request of Bishop Ryan of that diocese. He came to St. Patrick's from Alton, in January, 1897, and has since that time made for himself hosts of friends not only in the parish with which he is about to sever, reluctantly, his connection, but in the four other Irish parishes of Montreal. It is owing to the effect of the extreme cold of our recent severe winters that he is now obliged to go back to Alton.

During his too brief stay at St. Patrick's Father Fallon, in addition to his ordinary duties, had spiritual charge of the English-speaking patients in the Montreal General Hospital, and was director of the Christian Brothers' Schools of St. Patrick's and of St. Patrick's Orphan Asylum. He is a model priest, zealous for the salvation of souls, as well as for the temporal welfare of the people; and an able and fluent pulpit orator, as those who listened to or read the report of his eloquent panegyric of Ireland's patron Saint, on March 17 last, are well aware.

Father Fallon will carry back with him to the diocese of Alton, the best wishes and kindest feelings of esteem of the Irish Catholic people of Montreal.

ANOTHER WARNING NOTE.

We learn as we go to press that the vacancy in the office of the collector of the Lachine Canal Tolls, created by the retirement of Mr. John O'Neill an Irish Catholic, has been filled by the appointment of Mr. George Bourgoin, a French-Canadian merchant of this city. The position to which Mr. Bourgoin has been appointed has it may be pointed out, a salary of \$2,200 a year attached to it. In the same office another vacancy has occurred, as the result of the retirement of another Irish Catholic, Mr. Thomas McNally, cashier, whose salary was \$1,200 a year, and who, like Mr. O'Neill, has a record of over 40 years of faithful and efficient service in the Canal office. Efforts are being made we are credibly informed, to fill Mr. McNally's place by a French Canadian also.

In connection with the filling of the first named position, we have no hesitation in pronouncing it to be another evidence of the rank injustice that is being constantly meted out

to our people of late. At no other period in the history of the Irish Catholics of Montreal, during the century that is drawing to a close, have there been such evidences of antagonism displayed towards us in regard to our representation in public offices as has been furnished during the past few years. In fact nearly every public office of importance, which at one time or another during the past quarter of a century has been occupied by an Irish Catholic and vacated through death or retirement has been given either to English-speaking Protestants or French Canadian Catholics. To such an extent has this policy of injustice been carried out that Irishmen noted for their broad views in regard to race and religion are beginning to ask themselves whether the Irish Catholics of Montreal have any rights at all.

Of course, all right-thinking men who have watched the trend of events in the past know that in a very great measure the humiliating position in which our people are placed to-day is due to their lack of appreciation of the value and importance of distinctively Irish Catholic institutions in Montreal. Time there was when no government or municipal body or commercial corporation or any association of individuals would attempt to take the stand they do to-day in opposition to the rights of fair representation of the Irish Catholic minority in Montreal. But despite the fact that we are encircled, so to speak, with Irish Catholic societies of every character, religious, national, and benevolent, we are losing position after position in public life.

There is sad need of unity in our midst. There is sad need for such an amount of enthusiasm on the part of Irishmen of wealth and social position as would impel them to come forth from their seclusion and join hands with their less favored brethren in an endeavor to put an end to our present condition. There is sad need, too, for the Irish Catholics of Montreal to put a curb on the ardor of their political attachments.

THE CARE OF DESTITUTE CHILDREN.

The "Daily Witness" in a recent issue, had a very lengthy article regarding the important question of "Neglected Children." The purpose of that graphic description of the many wrongs and burdens inflicted upon young boys and girls, is to further the ideas, and assist in the work being done by Mr. J. J. Kelso, of Ontario, and all those under his supervision. Having pointed out how the law seems to be inadequate to protect and provide for those numberless waifs, thrown on the world, probably through the vices of their parents, the "Witness" says:—

"Mr. Kelso's work is to superintend for the provincial government the thirty odd Children's Aid Societies in the various cities and towns of the Province, and to promote the forming of new ones. The best exponent of the principles under which the Provincial work is carried on is the Children's Aid Society of Toronto. This society makes it its business to attend the trial of all children under sixteen years of age in the Police Court, and as far as possible investigate the home life of the child and help the magistrate decide what is best to be done with each individual case.

"It investigates complaints of alleged cruelty or neglect of children and seeks by remonstrance and warning to lead the parents to mend their ways.

"It receives at the 'Children's Shelter' confirmed truant or other children whose parents are unable to control them or children whose parents are from any cause unable to support them.

"It superintends the placing of all infants sent from maternity homes.

"It selects foster homes for children who have become its permanent wards, and co-operates with other institutions both in the city and province for the help and protection of children."

Without going further into details, we have here a striking evidence of the minute interest taken by our Protestant fellow-citizens in such important questions. We are perfectly aware that behind this active philanthropy, there is ever the idea of the religious propagandist, and the design of swelling the future ranks of Protestantism with the recruits thus brought under its influence. But all this in no way detracts from the merit of unbounded energy displayed and of immense sacrifices of time and money made in the cause of the very neglected ones. That all these methods are advisable is a question open to serious discussion; but certainly we Catholics cannot afford to criticize, when we are so very deficient,

in such organizations and lack the same constant endeavor as is exhibited by the non-Catholic Christians.

However, in this connection, we would like to quote a few lines from an address delivered on May 20th, by Hon. T. M. Mulry, of New York, at the National Conference of Charities and Corrections held at Cincinnati. He spoke on the "Case of Dependent and Neglected Children," and, amongst other things said:—

"Do not be in a hurry to send children to an institution until you are convinced of the hopelessness of preserving the home. Remember that when the home is broken up even temporarily, it is no easy task to bring it together again, and that a few dollars of private charity, a friendly visit, a kind word, and a helping hand will lift up the courage of the deserving poor, and this is half the battle—because discouragement begets carelessness.

"It is often through kindness, a mistaken kindness, that homes are broken up and children scattered. It is as bad for the parent as for the child. There is something ennobling and soul-inspiring in the spectacle, in a good woman working and saving, if you will, to keep her little family together, and if instead of turning over such families to relief societies or to public charge, as is frequently done, the charitable men and women of this land would all take a personal interest in such cases, if each would take under his or her care such a family, help them materially, give them also the alms of good advice, and kindly listen to the story of bitter struggles which will always be found ready for a sympathetic listener, give the assistance in a way which will not degrade the beneficiary; do this and you will have done much to advance this great question of the care of dependent children.

"There are homes in abundance throughout our cities, our towns, our farming sections for every orphan child, if the people will but open their hearts and brighten their homes by looking into themselves and studying in what way, they may best show their love for their less fortunate fellow-beings. When we look about and see the care and money expended on dumb animals, while children are hungering for just such treatment, the thought is very saddening indeed."

Here we have the same subject treated from a very different standpoint, yet, the Hon. Mr. Mulry, as just as enthusiastic an advocate for "Neglected Children" as is Mr. Kelso, or any other gentleman who takes a deep interest in such matters. The "Children's Aid Societies," seem to tend more and more towards the separation of parent and child, while the Convention above referred to, seems to seek to preserve the home, even under painful circumstances. Now both may be right, and both may err in some cases; but evidently the grand aim is the same—that is the preservation and protection of destitute and neglected children.

How would it be if our municipal authorities were to take a step in the direction indicated in the following paragraph of cable news?

"Municipal authorities of Mons, Belgium, have just adopted a resolution which will prevent children from being born paupers in that city. Every child born in Mons, after being registered officially, will have a bank account opened in its name with the city savings bank. The authorities will deposit a small sum for the infant, who, when he arrives at a sufficient age, will find this a nucleus to augment with his penny savings. The original deposit cannot be drawn at any time, but the interest accruing is the property of the young depositor."

NOTES FROM ONTARIO.

One of the matters at present awakening attention in Toronto, is the proposed jubilee of St. Michael's College. This cannot be quite looked on as a local affair since hundreds of the old institution's graduates come from all parts of the continent. The College was founded in 1852, consequently its golden jubilee will take place during the summer of 1902. It may appear early to commence organizing for an event, that is three years off; but owing to the form that the testimonial proposed will take, it is not too long a time in order to secure a success.

According to the circular now issued; "In the fifty years of the existence of St. Michael's College they (the Basilian Fathers) have asked nothing from their students, but the bare cost of their training. They have desired nothing more." We can easily imagine the truth of another remark

to the effect that, "after conquering an army of difficulties, the old college is about to reach its golden jubilee." The students of former days wish to mark that year in a special manner. And they have decided to present their Alma Mater with a large sum of money to be used in improving the college buildings. Thus the gathering in of funds will go on for a couple of years, and according as amounts swell, the Basilians will add whatever improvements that circumstances demand, to the college. Therefore when the General Assembly takes place in 1902, it will be inside the walls of an almost entirely new building, and that building will constitute their own gift to the institution. Of the committee formed to carry out this plan, the Right Rev. Mgr. E. Heenan, V. G., of Dundas, Ont., is President, and Very Rev. J. J. McCann, V. G., of Toronto, is Secretary. The various other members of the committee both clerical and lay, to the number of twenty-six, belong to the various centres in Ontario and in the United States. Contributions are to be sent to the Very Rev. J. J. McCann, V. G., Secretary and General Treasurer, St. Mary's Church, Toronto, or to the College Treasurer, Rev. M. Mungovan, C.S. B., for Canada; in the United States the members of the committee will act as local treasurers in their respective districts. It is expected that the undertaking will be a grand success. It is for the members of committee to put forth their best efforts and for the alumni of the college to prove their devotion to their Alma Mater in a practical manner.

THE LATE MR. O'GARA.—In the death of the late Martin O'Gara, Q. C., and for long years police magistrate of Ottawa, the capital has lost one of its oldest and most important citizens, Ontario has lost one of its most prominent and able magistrates and the Dominion has lost one of its most distinguished and patriotic Irish Catholics. The public funeral accorded the deceased gentleman was a well-earned tribute of esteem and regret; for during a quarter of a century he had been a most faithful, energetic and successful public servant. Born in the County of Mayo, Ireland, in 1836, Mr. O'Gara came to Canada in 1857, and established himself at Ottawa. He studied law in Toronto, in the office of Sir Oliver Mowat, and in 1861 was admitted to the Bar of Ontario. About 1874 he was appointed to the position of Police Magistrate of the then increasing and developing capital of Canada. Since that day he has been one of the most conspicuous personages in the city of Ottawa, and his fame as a magistrate was only surpassed by his high reputation as a lawyer. He was a devout Catholic, an enthusiastic Irish patriot, and a profound lover of Canada—may his soul rest in peace.

OBITUARY.

LATE JOHN MOORE.—We are called upon this week to chronicle the death of another well known Irishman of Montreal, in the person of Mr. John Moore, father-in-law of Mr. Geo. Clarke, so well known in A. O. H. circles, who had been employed in the Engineer's Office of the Department of Public Works for nearly two generations.

Deceased during his long career always took an active part in public demonstrations held in connection with the Irish national organizations of this city. He was highly esteemed by a large circle of citizens, who doubtless will recall, on reading this notice, his many stirring recitals of the events which occurred in his native parish, in the Old Land, during the troublous times of the Repeal Movement.

Mr. Moore leaves to mourn his loss, a widow, one daughter, and one son. The latter holds a leading place in the circles of the machinists of this city. The funeral took place to St. Ann's Church, where a splendid choral service was held. The cortege was large and comprised many leading citizens. Mr. Moore's decease leaves a void in Irish Canadian circles that will not be easily filled. One by one the veterans are disappearing, men who in their day made the name of our people respected.

THE LATE MRS. PHELAN.—Amongst the recent deaths is that of Mrs. Phelan. She was one of the oldest Irish ladies in the city and was a devout member of St. Ann's congregation. Her death took place at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Patrick Brennan, St. Antoine Street, but by her own special request made shortly before she died her service was held at St. Ann's Church. Rev. Father Strubbe officiated, assisted by deacon and sub-deacon. A solemn Requiem Mass was sung by a full choir under the direction of Professor Shea, organist. Amongst those who were in the funeral ranks were Mr. Justice Curran, Wm. J. Power, J. Slattery, P. Flannery, C. A. McDonnell, Frank J. Curran, Ald. Gallery, J. Killoran and many others.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL.

Mrs. A. Menzies, 218 St. Martin St. begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations received for St. Patrick's Fancy Fair, in aid of the Catholic High School:—

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Mrs. Menzies wishes to acknowledge with thanks the following donations received for the "At Home" in aid of the High School:—

Mr. C. McCarey, Richmond Square, Mrs. Welch, Balmoral Hotel, Mr. Shea Westmount, Mr. C. Alexander, St. James Street, (Ice Cream); R. B. Hall, St. Catherine street, cake; Mrs. Burns, Beaver Hall, strawberries; Miss McCurragh, Mance street, cake; Mr. McKeown, St. Antoine street, cake; Mr. Watt, St. Antoine street, cake; Miss McCarvey, Palace street, cake; Mrs. Nicholson, Mance street, cake; Miss Cassidy, cake.

Mrs. Thos. C. Collins acknowledges with thanks the following donations to the "At Home" held in aid of the Catholic High School.

Donations of Cake from Lady Hingston, Mrs. W. McNally, Mrs. C. F. Smith, Mrs. M. Feron, Mrs. Booth, Mrs. Thomas McNally, Mrs. Sweeney, Mrs. Lanning, Miss Conway, Mr. Prowse, Mr. M. Burke, Miss Irvine, Mrs. J. Collins, Miss Colman, Mrs. Bond, Miss Farrell, Mrs. E. Innis, Mrs. T. D. Tansey, Mrs. P. McCreey, Miss A. Dwan, Mrs. Harding, Mrs. P. McDermott; Cream: Mrs. Gallagher; Sugar and hams, Mrs. McNamee; Cut flowers and palms, Mr. S. S. Bain; Flowers, Mrs. Buchanan; Candy, Mrs. J. Dwan; Tea, Miss Darragh, milk and cake, Mrs. T. C. Collins; tea, Mrs. P. S. Doyle.

WEDDING BELLS.

A very pleasing event took place Wednesday morning in St. Patrick's Church, when the Rev. Father Shea, of St. Anthony's united in the bonds of matrimony, Mr. William Brennan and Miss May Cunningham. The bride carried a bouquet of white roses and looked charming, gowned in mauve silk with lace trimmings and hat to match. She was led to the altar by her father, Mr. Thos. Cunningham, and the groom was attended by his particular friend, Mr. Jos. Fahey. After the ceremony the bridal party returned to the home of the bride's father, where a richly prepared banquet awaited them. The presents were beautiful and valuable, and here testimony of the high esteem in which the happy couple were held. At 10 o'clock Mr. and Mrs. Brennan left for Albany and New York, where they intend spending the summer vacation.

Mr. Brennan has been principal of St. Mary's School for the past five years, and has ever proved himself an active and energetic tutor, courteous and gentlemanly with the professors and practical and liberal with his advice to the students. And we only echo the sentiments of all his pupils and countless friends in wishing him and his bride health and happiness for many years to come.

CATHOLIC SAILORS' CLUB.

The regular weekly concert of the Catholic Sailors' Club, is largely attended. On Wednesday the hall was crowded with citizens and seamen. Mr. M. Hicks occupied the chair, and several citizens and ladies were in attendance. The programme, which consisted mainly in vocal music, proved very interesting. Miss Reilly accompanied at the piano. Songs were rendered by Messrs. Furguston, Bain, Nucleet, Auburn, Smith, Williams, McDonald, Ward, Greenwood, Donnelly and Hostneck, and Master Haekel. Messrs. Ward and Hostneck added characteristic dances, which were greatly appreciated by the sailors present. A dialogue was recited by the Misses Sangster, Mr. Stephen Mortimer directed the entertainment.

Mrs. Jane Harvey, has kindly consented to take part in next week's concert. She will be assisted by her two daughters who will render a pleasant Japanese song, composed by Prof. Starr. The latter will accompany them at the piano. Songs will also be given by Misses Nory and Hildred Coghlin.

NEW BISHOP OF LONDON.

It is rumored as we go to press, that the Right Rev. Mgr. McEvoy, rector of St. Mary's Cathedral, Hamilton, has been appointed Bishop of London, Ont.

Sonora Ray Castillo, a Mexican lady surely holds the world's record for multiple widowhood, as she has worn the weeds seven times between the years 1880 and 1895.