

IRISH INTELLIGENCE.

Captain Henry Eustace Leader, J. P., Millstreet, died on the 1st inst., after having undergone a most trying operation. The deceased was most deservedly liked by all who knew him. He was master of the Duhalloo fox hounds, and the owner of a very extensive property in the neighborhood, and was a good landlord.

On the 28th ult., a fire broke out in the premises of the Messrs. Mercer, Keer & Co., wholesale tea merchants, 115 Thomas street, Dublin, but owing to the exertions of the fire brigade the flames were confined to the rooms where they originated, and were in a comparatively short time extinguished. The loss of property was considerable, but was covered by insurance.

The following sale was made in the Landed Estates Court on the 2nd inst: Estate of John Fitzgerald, owner and petitioner.—Part of the Lands of Levally, containing 265s 3r 10p, situated in the parish of Erke, barony of Clarmallagh, held in fee-simple; estimated yearly value, £398; tenement valuation, £216. Sold for £9,000 to Mr. C. E. Davison, Gastous, in trust for self and J. F. S. Chisholm.

PUBLIC INCOMES.—Mr. Mitchell Henry has obtained a return, which was printed on Friday, containing an account for the last five years. The gross receipts in the United Kingdom 1870-71 were £74,061,325, 7s 7d.; in 1871-72, £79,420,582 7s 4d.; in 1872-73, £81,768,718 3s 3d.; in 1873-74, £78,483,532, 16s. 9d.; and in 1874-75 (to the 31st of March), £76,652,263 10s. 1d.

On the 29th ult., a fire broke out in the shop of Mr. P. Loughnan, grocer, Harold's Cross, and resulted in a very serious loss to Mr. Loughnan, whose entire stock in trade, furniture, and a large quantity of wearing apparel were destroyed. A fire engine was sent to the burning premises but whatever service it rendered in preventing an extension of the fire, it failed to prevent the utter destruction of Mr. Loughnan's property.

The Cork Examiner of the 3rd inst., says:—"We have seen a specimen of new potatoes sent into market from the Castle Gardens, Mitchelstown. They are fine healthy potatoes, of the kidney class well grown, dry, and of good size. Judging from these as specimen of early potatoes, we may expect that in less than a month the vegetable will have arrived at its most perfect state. The gardener of Mitchelstown Castle is Mr. Thomas Brownell."

On the 29th ult., an inquest was held at Parsons-town on the body of a man named Patrick Gorman, a workman in the employment of the Earl of Huntingdon, who was burned to death on the previous day. It was stated in evidence that the deceased was applying paraffin oil for the purpose of eradicating rheumatism from his arm, when his clothes caught fire, and he was reduced to a charred mass before assistance could be rendered. A verdict in accordance with the above evidence was returned.

A poor woman met her death on the 2nd inst., a short distance outside Charleville, under most extraordinary circumstances. She had picked off the fields a bag of borax, and was bringing it home on her back held by a rope which came across her shoulders and breast. In passing a fence formed by a stick across a gap, she rested the bag on the stick, and by some means it slipped down on the off side, and the rope coming on her neck she was unable to release herself, and was strangled, being quite dead when discovered.

At the last meeting of the Armagh board of guardians it was decided by a majority of twenty to five that the salary of the Catholic Chaplain to the Armagh union, the Rev. Mr. Byrne, should not be increased. It now stands at £35. The number of Catholic paupers is 175, whilst the number of inmates professing the other religious denominations was shown to be—Members of the Church of England, 88; Presbyterians, 20. These latter (two) are attended to by clergymen who each receive a salary of £35.

The ceremonial of the profession of 2 young ladies took place on 30th ult., at the Convent of the Bridgettine Nuns, Abbeyfeale. The names of the ladies professed were Miss O'Neill, niece of Mrs. Ellen Walsh, Ballinkilly, who took in religion the name of Sister Bernkams; and Miss Phelan of Ballyragget. The ceremonies took place in the parish chapel immediately adjoining the convent, which was crowded. Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Father, Maher, C.C., Abbeyfeale; and the Rt. Rev. Dr. Lynch, Conductor Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, conferred the veil, and preached an appropriate sermon.

On the night of the 1st inst., a fire broke out in a house in the Faythe, and before anything could be done three cottages were burned to the ground. Immediately on the alarm being given, the staff and recruits of the Wexford Militia, at present up for training, turned out under the Command of Captain Pigott, but owing to the scarcity of water, which had to be carried by buckets a considerable distance, nothing could be done but keep the fire from spreading to the adjoining premises. It appears that a woman in one of the houses sent some children to their bedroom with a lighted candle, which ignited some of the bed clothes. The children narrowly escaped being burned.

At a meeting held in the Shelbourne Hotel on Friday week, Mr. Justice Fitzgerald in the chair, it was resolved to form a limited liability company, to be called the Dublin Artisans' Dwellings Company, whose objects should be the acquisition of land, the building of improved dwellings, and the alteration and adaptation of existing dwellings, with a view to increased health and comfort—the capital of the company to be £250,000. It was announced that Sir Arthur Guinness and Mr. Cecil Guinness would each take £5,000 worth of shares, and that Mr. Justice Fitzgerald and Mr. Richard Martin would each take £1,000 worth. Trustees and directors were appointed.—Nation, June 10th.

SERGEANT MCCARTHY.—The Dublin Freeman's Correspondent, writing from London under date of the 1st inst., says:—"A gentleman who visited Sergeant McCarthy, one of the Irish political prisoners, at Chatham, a few days ago, informs me that he looks as well and is in as good health as could be expected. He complains bitterly, however, of the degradation of being compelled to work in company with all sorts of scoundrels—English convicts, who are paying the penalty of the lowest crimes—an association which necessarily must be galling to the unhappy man. It is well known that Mr. McCarthy is a man of remarkable attainments and of a peculiarly refined mind, and contact with burglars, garroters, and other ruffians who are inured for unnameable offences, must be well nigh, if not absolute, cruelty."

The funeral of the late Major Henry O'Farrell Gregory, who died on the 14th ult., at his residence Carluke, at the early age of thirty-seven years, took place on the 17th ult., and was one of the largest and most respectable that was ever seen in the neighborhood. There was a Pontifical High Mass for the repose of his soul, at eleven o'clock, celebrated in the Catholic church of Newtownforbes, at which the Most Rev. Dr. Conroy, Bishop of Ardagh, and Clonmacnois, and upwards of twenty priests, officiated. A little after two o'clock his remains were taken out, when the long row of carriages moved on in solemn procession, after the hearse. At the entrance gate all the orphans of the industrial school, of which he was a great patron,

formed into line and preceded the hearse to the graveyard, which is close to Newtownforbes, where his remains were interred.

One of the strangest things that has occurred perhaps, in the North of Ireland for some time (says the Lurgan correspondent of the Belfast Examiner) took place here last Thursday evening. It would seem that a respectable man named Patrick Wallis thought it to remove from Shankhill-street into Hill street. The people in Shankhill street are all Roman Catholics, and the people in Hill street Protestants. The latter determined that the Roman Catholic party should not enter their house, and accordingly a large number entered, smashed the windows, and broke the furniture. That did not, however satisfy them. They took the furniture into the street and smashed it, and what they could not take out they smashed inside. The house is still empty, and it is determined that no Roman Catholic shall enter it.

On the 30th ult., James Murphy, the butler at Beaulieu House, county Louth, the residence of Richard T. Montgomery, Esq., J.P., went out to amuse himself by shooting rabbits, which are very plentiful in the locality. He crossed over some three or four fields, carrying a loaded gun, and coming to a rather thick fence, attempted to get through it, pushing the butt end of the fowling piece before him. Subsequently he relinquished this idea, and in the act of pulling the gun back, with the muzzle towards him, it discharged itself, the trigger becoming entangled in the bushes, and the contents of the charge entered his groin, passing out in a very ragged wound above the hip joint. On finding he was wounded, Murphy proceeded as well as he was able to the nearest house, a distance of some three hundred yards, when Dr. G. B. Kelly and Adria were sent for, and were promptly in attendance. The patient is in a precarious condition, having lost much blood.

The kind agent of a good landlord (says the Clare Advertiser) was waited on by a deputation of lay and clerical gentlemen last week to present a congratulatory address to Major Studdert, on taking up his residence at Milton Malbay. The gallant, kind-hearted major is to be agent to the much beloved and popular baronet Sir Augustine Fitzgerald, and great joy was felt by the tenants when Major Studdert came to live amongst them. The address set forth the feeling of the people in warm and appropriate language that welled up from the heart. It was read in clear and ringing tones by Michael Kenny, Esq., French Castle. Among the gentlemen who formed the deputation were the esteemed and popular parish priest of Milton Malbay, Rev. P. White, Rev. — Stewart, C.C.; Doctor Townsend, Doctor Hill, Michael Molohou, Esq.

ROCKWELL COLLEGE, TIPPERARY.—A case concerning the College at Rockwell, Cahir, came before the Vice-Chancellor on the 6th inst., for the sanction of the court to an agreement. A gentleman named Thiebault, in Fortshaire, now deceased, had granted a house and grounds in Tipperary for a college for educating Scotch Catholic youths for the priesthood. The manager and trustees were the Rev. Mr. Schwindenhammer and the Scotch Catholic bishops. Lately, however, the bishops wished to have the college transferred to Scotland, but Father Schwindenhammer had improved the property so much that instead of being worth £7,000, it was now worth £12,500. In these circumstances it was agreed that he should pay £7,000 to the bishops, and maintain the college in Tipperary as before. The Vice-Chancellor sanctioned this agreement.

A DUBLIN ENGINEER IN CHINA.—A correspondent of the China Mail states that China is about to make another step towards civilization. This time it partakes of an even more specific nature than arsenals, gunboats and revenue cruisers. The coal mines some thirty miles beyond Kiukiang and two to three miles from the Yangtze, are to be worked as soon as possible by the latest foreign appliances, and the authorities have secured the services of Mr. S. J. Morris, C.E., who has left for the scene of his labor in the steamship "Fusiyama." It was this gentleman who sunk the shaft and brought to the surface the first ton of coal out of the now well-known Takasima mine in Japan. We are told that a railway from the mines to the wharves and godowns on the river side is contemplated. Mr. Morris is a native of Dublin, and obtained his diploma from the University Engineering School. There is abundance of coal in China, but hitherto the mines have not been worked scientifically.

May 27th, the fiftieth anniversary of the ordination of Very Rev. Canon Roche, P.P., V.F., Wexford, was appropriately celebrated in St. Peter's College and in the Convent Schools, all rejoicing at having an opportunity of celebrating the jubilee of their beloved pastor's admission to membership of the sacred ministry. Addresses breathing a spirit of filial respect and love were presented to the very reverend gentleman from the professors and alumni of St. Peter's, and from the children attending the Convent Schools, who also sang songs of joy specially composed for the occasion. Father Roche, who was deeply affected by these expressions of affection, replied to them extemporaneously in such a manner as to show that he fully reciprocated the kind feelings which prompted them. Incidentally he mentioned that he had the great happiness of having celebrated over nineteen thousand Masses since his ordination, a statement which evoked from all who heard it the heartiest hope that he might long enjoy the great blessings of mental and physical health and strength which have up to the present moment been granted him.

ORDINATIONS AT CARLOW.—The following gentlemen were called to holy orders at Carlow College on Tuesday, the 30th ult:—

To Priesthood.—Mr. John Wye, Kildare; Mr. James Parkinson, Kildare; Mr. Peter Casey, Kildare; Mr. John Fox, Birmingham; Mr. James Foley Dubouque; Mr. James Brady, Ardagh; Mr. James Rodgers, Boston; Mr. Patrick Lynch, Cloyne; Mr. John White, Cloyne; Mr. Thomas Morrison, Cloyne; Mr. Joseph Gernon, Armagh; Mr. William Kelly, Maitland; Mr. John Lyng, Ferns; Mr. Matthew Fanning, Ferns; Mr. James Furlong, Ferns; Mr. John Corish, Ferns; Mr. Nicholas Lambert, Ferns.

To Deaconship.—Mr. Thomas Farrell, Kildare; Mr. Martin Long, Maitland; Mr. Francis Curran, St. Louis; Mr. William O'Grady, St. Louis; Mr. James Hughes, Birmingham; Mr. Daniel Desmond, Cloyne; Mr. Patrick Brady, Ardagh; Mr. Patrick O'Brien, Nashville; Mr. Denis Twomey, Philadelphia; Mr. John Hackett, Dubouque; Mr. Robert Power, Dubouque.

To Sub-Deaconship.—Mr. George Going, Kildare; Mr. James Byrne, Kildare; Mr. Patrick Kenny, Nashville; Mr. James O'Reilly, St. Louis; Mr. John Neilgan, Cloyne.

To Minor Orders.—Mr. John Dunne, Kildare; Mr. Michael Hennessy, Dubouque; Mr. Patrick Loughlin, Dubouque; Mr. Edward Slavin, Dubouque; Mr. James Davis, Nashville.

On Sunday, the 28th ult., the foundation stone of the new Franciscan church, Henry street, Limerick, was laid by the Most Rev. Dr. Butler, with all the ceremony which could add to the solemnity of the event. The trades attended, with bands and banners, the different local societies, and also several members of the Corporation, were also present, and altogether every evidence was given that the people were anxious to pay a well-deserved compliment to the members of the Order who, through weal and woe, have ever stood by the people of Ireland in their long struggle for civil and

religious liberty. High Mass, was celebrated at 12 o'clock, the Rev. Joseph Burke, Diocesan Seminary being priest celebrant; Rev. Father Condon, O. P., deacon; Rev. Father Keatinge, O. S. F., Athlone, sub-Jeacon; and Rev. Father McCoy, Administrator, St. John's, master of ceremonies. A large number of clergymen, secular and regular, assembled to take part in the ceremony. Immediately after the conclusion of the first Gospel, the Most Rev. Dr. Conroy, Bishop of Ardagh, ascended the pulpit and delivered a most eloquent discourse. In conclusion, his Lordship exhorted the congregation to show by their generous offerings that they recognized the efforts of the Fathers of the illustrious order of St. Francis. High Mass having been concluded, the foundation stone was laid by Dr. Butler with all due ceremony.

The last of the grand religious demonstrations of the Confraternity of the Sacred Heart, attending the Mount St. Alphonsus church of the Redemptorists, Limerick, came off on the 28th ult., being the last Sunday in May, to close the religious ceremonies of the month, and was witnessed by a vast gathering of citizens. The demonstration commenced about the time that the laying of the foundation of the Franciscan church had concluded; so that those who attended there were in time to witness what was taking place at the Redemptorist church. There were 110 Guilds, each comprising over thirty members, present, so that there took part in the procession fully 3,500 men, old and young. Each Guild had a magnificently wrought banner of its patron saint borne by a prefect. There were two bands, that of the Foresters and the newly-created one attached to the Christian Brothers' Convent. The Guilds first formed within the church at the places assigned to them, the arrangements being carried out by Father Bridget, and having left the church, which was almost inconveniently thronged, notwithstanding its great extent, being one of the largest Catholic churches in the South of Ireland, the procession moved, headed by a prefect carrying a large banner, with a figure of St. Alphonsus painted thereon, Father O'Donnell, in a grand cope, carrying the host under a canopy. Having made the circuit of the grounds the processionalists returned to the church, where benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament was given by Father O'Donnell, the splendid edifice echoing with the responses of the vast congregation, and the ceremony terminated.

THE REV. MR. O'KEEFE.—During the past few days (writes a Callan correspondent of the Freeman's Journal on Sunday, 23th ult.) rumours have been current of a submission by the Rev. Robert O'Keefe to the authority of his ecclesiastical superiors, and the termination of the Callan litigation. The extent of the foundation for these rumours goes thus far:—Father O'Keefe has instructed his attorney not to proceed with any of his summonses and claims, and he has also, I believe, executed and signed a legal document whereby he undertakes to give up the priest's house at Callan to the Most Rev. Dr. Moran, the Lord Bishop of Ossory. It should be understood that those overtures originated with Father O'Keefe, and I presume are made unconditionally. As yet he has not given up possession of the house. It was stated that a form of retraction had been sent to him, which he was to read publicly to his congregation on Sunday in the chapel, but that "item of intelligence" is open to the objection that no such document was ever sent to him, nor has he been required to read anything of the kind. Father O'Keefe returned to Callan on Thursday last, and proceeded to the priest's house of which he has possession, while the Rev. Mr. Nolan, the administrator, and the curates, live in lodgings in the town. From the "priest's house" to the chapel there is an entrance through the ceiling, and for some months a police constable always guarded it to prevent either party using it, but for the last few weeks, with the sanction of the authorities, some of the parishioners have undertaken the task of guarding it. Since his arrival Father O'Keefe has not left his house, but it was expected that he would make some public movement on Sunday. The ordinary police force was strengthened by eight men, and on Saturday evening and Sunday morning a group of men, apparently labourers, took their station under the chapel, watching the doors in order to repulse any attempt to effect an entrance, while two other men stood in a position which commanded a view of the "priest's house," in order to give the alarm. These guards, constantly changing, were kept up until after last Mass, when the doors were locked, and nothing unusual having occurred, the crowds waiting outside gradually thinned away, and went off in little knots, all discussing what is in this part of the country the absorbing topic. The feeling of the people is all one way. The prospect of peace in the parish is entertained with pleasure, but mingled with this, on the part of many, there is a certain distrust. However, there is at present little reason to doubt but that some time during the ensuing week the Rev. Mr. O'Keefe will formally give up to the administrator the presbytery, of which at present he is in occupation.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The Clergy Retreat for the Birmingham diocese commences on the 24th July.

A large vault will shortly be constructed in the Catholic cemetery, Manchester, for the bishop and clergy.

The value of petroleum imported in the last four months increased from £133,158 in 1875 to £369,137.

The ironworkers at the Cinderford Furnaces, Forest of Dean, resumed work on Monday at five per cent. reduction in wages.

About £12,000 damage has been done by fire at the old mills of the Newchurch Spinning and Manufacturing Company near Haslingden.

Alexander Kennedy, lessee of the Aberdeen ferry-boat, the capsizing of which caused the deaths of thirty persons, is to be indicted for culpable homicide.

A new boys school has been opened at Stoke-on-Trent. It has been placed in a central position Father Beach is manager, and Mr. J. Rushworth master.

The death is announced of the Dowager Lady Lovat, which took place on Sunday at Beaufort Castle, Beaulieu, Scotland, in her 76th year. The lamented lady was the eldest daughter of George, eighth Lord Stafford.—R.I.P.

It would seem to be better to cover brains than to have them. Dr. Letheby, the celebrated analyst, died the other day, leaving a modest £25,000; but Mr. Christy, the latter, left £70,000, besides an estate in Surrey.

CATHOLIC ORDER OF UNITED BROTHERS.—On the 27th ult., a Lodge, No. 26, was opened at Normanston, in the presence of Father Cooper, S.J., and there is every prospect of it being a large lodge, 31 members having been admitted at the opening.

On the 24th ult., an interesting ceremony took place in the chapel of the Poor Clares Convent, York, when Miss Brady of Bradford, formally took the veil. She was attended by her father and mother and eighteen bridesmaids. The Rev. Provost Reader officiated.

The roll of the British army has received two ornamental additions. The Queen has appointed her cousin the Duke of Cumberland, (ex-King of Hanover), to be a general in the army; and the Crown Prince of the suppressed kingdom receives a colonelcy.

The Horse Guards authorities have determined to introduce a new headress in the British Army. They are about to adopt for all the infantry and artillery a helmet of black leather, shaped like the white helmet which has been for some years worn by the English troops in India.

An attempt has been made to sink the ironclad Caledonia at Devonport, which is being temporarily used as a naval training ship, and has 500 boys on board. The leave of the boys had been stopped for the misconduct of some among them, and there was in consequence, much discontent.

At the Sheffield town Hall, a woman was committed for trial on a charge of horrible cruelty to her idiot boy, aged four years. A neighbour saw prisoner throw the child, which was quite naked, on the fire, which was a large one. The child fortunately rebounded on to the fender, but was terribly burnt all over the body.

NEW BRANCH MISSION AT GALSTON, Ayrshire.—A want, long felt by the Catholics of Galston and district, has been at length supplied through the combined energy of priests and people. A commodious hall has been secured at £200, which is to serve as a temporary chapel, in which the holy sacrifice of the Mass will be offered up. The branch mission will still form part of the district of Kilmarnock, from which it is distant some five miles.

St. Mary's, Glasgow.—Sunday, 23 ult., the mission given by the Vincentian Fathers was brought to a close. In the afternoon, his Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. Strain, in the absence from home of his Grace Archbishop Eyre, administered the sacrament of Confirmation to 826 persons, mostly children, who had been prepared by the Vincentian Fathers, whose work has produced the most gratifying results. In the evening a procession of the guilds and societies attached to the Church concluded the services of the fort-night's mission.—Catholic Times.

SUBTERRANEAN FIRE.—On Friday night, 2nd inst., alarm prevailed in the vicinity of Nile-street, West Holborn, South Shields, owing to the underground fire having again broken out. The flooring of one dwelling-house which had been previously deserted was in flames, and the fire threatened the destruction of all the buildings. Measures were taken to subdue the fire and prevent its extending. Most of the dwelling-houses in Nile street are deserted, and two public houses are in a dilapidated state through the fire, which is now being burning for about four years. Already the destruction of property in the locality has amounted to several thousand pounds.

The burgesses of Killyth are at war with the lord of the manor. Sir Williams Edmonstone having quarrelled with the magistrate and council regarding the possession of the keys of the Town Hall, has caused a summons of ejection from the building to be served upon them. The magistrate and the councilors, resenting this, have resigned their offices, and the burgesses, sympathizing with them, have adopted a resolution expressing "indignation and unqualified disapproval of the contemptible and insulting proceeding towards the municipal officials," but they have not limited the expression of their indignation to these condemnatory epithets. They have "struck" against the antiquated system under which the affairs of the burgh have hitherto been administered, having given order that "the keys of the hall, together with all the books and documents belonging to the burgh, with a copy of this resolution, should be at once forwarded to Sir William Edmonstone, lord of the manor and baron baillie of Killyth." Sir William is M.P. for Strirlingshire.

PAUPERISM.—The Lady-Day Return issued by the Local Government Board shows that the number of persons then receiving relief from the rates in England and Wales was 700,332, which number shows a decrease of 16,196, or 2.3 per cent., compared with the number at Lady-Day, 1875, and 10.8 per cent., compared with Lady-Day, 1874. The improvement thus shown in the present year compared with 1875 extends to every one of the 11 divisions in England, but it was as small as 2.0 per cent. in Yorkshire, and it ranged from 5.6 to 9.1 per cent. in six other divisions. There are only four in which it exceeded the average of 3.8 per cent.—namely, the South Midland and the Eastern divisions, in which it was 10.8 and 10.9 per cent.; the Metropolis, 11.4 per cent.; and the Welsh division, as much as 29.5 per cent.; and the comparison being with a time of trouble in the iron and coal trades. But about 3 per cent. should be added to all the figures owing to these returns not including vagrants not paupers in lunatic asylums.

THE COAL AND IRON TRADES.—Our Sheffield Correspondent writes:—"Another attempt was made yesterday to end the strike in South Yorkshire and North Derbyshire, this time with a result which it is believed will put a stop to the strike. The Finance Committee of the Coal Owners' Association were waited upon at Sheffield by the chief officials of the Miners' Association, who were accompanied by Alderman Moore, of Sheffield, and Mr. Jenkinson, F.S.A., Swinton. The committee were asked if they still adhered to their original resolution, and they replied that they were willing to consent to a reduction of 10 per cent., and submit the remaining 5 per cent. to arbitration or to at once accept a reduction of 12 1/2 per cent. as a settlement of the dispute. This latter alternative was accepted by the miners' officials, and a document embodying the agreement was signed by Mr. Markham, managing director of the Staveley Collieries, on behalf of the coal owners, and by Mr. Fritch, general secretary of the Miners' Union, on behalf of the men. This result will be received with much satisfaction in some districts where the distress is very great, but in others it will meet with strenuous opposition. Already a meeting has been held at Barnsley, at which the officers of the Union were censured for the course they had pursued. It is likely that many of the men will refuse to resume work upon the terms agreed to yesterday. The strike has lasted seven weeks. The loss in wages alone is believed to be at least £250,000.—Times.

UNITED STATES.

The Church of this hemisphere has to lament the death within this week of two of her apostolic bishops, the Bishop of Havana, and the Bishop of St. Augustine, Fla., which by the way is the contiguous diocese on the main land. It was but last December that our Havana correspondent wrote to us concerning the joy which all the sons of the Church felt at the appointment of the new Bishop of Havana. He was a man of such prominent merit that it seemed as if it were too great a blessing from heaven for distracted Cuba to receive such a bishop. Now the first flush of the yellow fever withdraws him to his reward. May he rest in peace. His colleague in the episcopate and in death, is Bishop Verot, so long and so well known for his virtues and his learning. He toiled day and night in his arduous vicariate, the oldest Catholic settlement of these States, and we believe one of the poorest. Like all the Sulpicians he was a man of spotless integrity of life, and to labor as he did in a place where there was so little earthly hope to console him, argues that he must have been a true apostle. A day or two before his death this hopeful message was written from his episcopal city:—"The episcopal throne has been vacant for more than a month our venerated Bishop being now engaged in a visitation of his diocese, which will soon terminate, and we will have the satisfaction of seeing him at his usual place in the sanctuary. His throne will remain empty until he sits with his fellow apostles, judging the tribes of Israel. May he rest in peace.—Catholic Review.

VICARIATE OF NEBRASKA.—RELIGIOUS RECEPTION.—THE WORK OF THE SISTERS OF MERCY.—The May devotions closed at the Convent of Mercy with the ceremony of the religious clothing of Miss Adeline Barbeau of Quebec. Very Rev. W. Byrne, Administrator of the Vicariate, officiated on the occasion, assisted by the Rev. J. Jeannette who delivered an exhortation on the excellence and dignity of the religious state. A writer in the Omaha Herald says:—"I had great happiness yesterday of witnessing a very beautiful and impressive ceremony which took place at St. Mary's Academy. Truly it was a beautiful sight to see so many maidens in the bloom of innocence and youth dedicating their young hearts unreservedly to their Immaculate Queen. At 4 o'clock the organ played a soul striking hymn to the Madonna, while the children's voices floated on the air, as they moved slowly up the aisle, dressed in snowy white, emblematic of their souls, while the blue badges were bound tastefully across their shoulders and their modest faces were partly concealed by long white tulle veils which fell gracefully around their young forms. They separated fittingly the seats on either side, and like the rippling of sweet waters, their voices reached the ear as they solemnly pronounced the words which bound them to their Queen. The Virgin's altar presented a miniature terrestrial paradise, her beautiful form being enveloped in a veil whose brilliancy was striking. A magnificent jeweled crown adorned her brow. The altar was richly decorated with natural flowers presented by young ladies, and a number of baskets and vases filled with numerous waxen tapers kept up a continual brightness reminding us how our lives should pass in burning love before the altar. Ah, 'tis on an occasion like this we catch, as it were, a glimpse of our celestial home. Very Rev. W. Byrne spoke a few beautiful and touching words at the closing of the ceremony, immediately followed the benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The music was rendered by the sisters, whose sweet and cultivated voices produced a sensation not often experienced nor easily forgotten. The Tantum Ergo was particularly remarkable for its beauty at the solemn moment of benediction, while slowly the sweet incense arose casting a soft veil over the scene of young forms bowed in silent adoration, presenting a picture truly worthy of angel's notice. Benediction being over, all arose and noiselessly moved in procession from the chapel bearing their ribbons and medals of honor. I trust the noble generous efforts of the worthy Sisters made to instill into the hearts of the young a love for the honor and glory of God, and His ever Blessed Mother, will be fully appreciated by our Catholic citizens, and may I too crown their work with success and honor in my fervent prayer.

CANADA.

Mr. Timothy Hay, of Warwick, sold his 200 acre farm for \$13,500.

There have been one or two fatal cases of typhoid fever at Thunder Bay.

The valuation on which the county of Perth is assessed is \$15,490,778.

Less than \$1,000 was the amount struck off Windsor's assessment roll at the Court of Revision.

On the 29th ult. the Dunkin Act was carried at Prince Arthur's Landing by a vote of 83 to 64.

Nineteen quarter acre lots were sold at the recent sale at Wingham, realizing \$2,299 net.

A Preston man has placed a small steamer on the Grand River, to run between Galt and that town.

Several vessels have arrived loaded, and cleared for American ports since the opening of navigation at Mill Point.

The Grand Trunk authorities are making considerable improvements at Forest Station, and it is reported that an entire new set of buildings are to be put up.

The Orangeville water-works have cost \$7,827,14, and they are to be extended at a cost of \$1,000 more. It is estimated that they can be maintained at a cost of \$300 per year.

The lunatic prisoners who lately decamped from the goal at Saint Ste. Marie, and who was brought back again by the gaoles, was formally discharged after proper medical and judicial examination.

A gaol-bird giving the name of Henry Card was arrested at Lucknow on suspicion of being one of the Young Brothers, but telegrams having been sent to Onyaga and answers received, he was released.

The Galt Reporter says the Credit Valley Railroad Company will endeavour to finish a short portion of the road, which they will put into operation, and then apply to Toronto for the bonus of \$250,000.

It is said that Excellence the Governor General and Lady Dufferin intend remaining at Quebec about one month, and shortly after their return to Ottawa will leave for a trip across the continent, visiting Manitoba and British Columbia. His Excellency has kindly given the members of the Civil Service permission to use the Tennis Court at Rideau Hall during his absence at Quebec.

On Wednesday morning, 7th inst., a male child about two weeks or a month old, was found in front of the residence of Mrs. Rush, on George-street, Peterborough. The child was lying comfortably wrapped in a piece of blanket, in which was also found a napkin with the name "Godfrey" on it. Constable Johnston was notified, and the little waif has been properly cared for in the meantime, while the proper steps are being taken for the discovery of the hard-hearted mother.

The St. John (N.B.) Board of Trade, on the 31st ult., passed a resolution protesting against the Bill passed in England affecting Canadian ships, and requesting the Government of Canada to avert, by all constitutional means in its power, any such violation of the rights of Canadians, and ask the Imperial authorities to keep their legislation, as regards Canada shipping, within constitutional limits.

It is stated on the best authority that the drive on the Gatineau this season will be one-third less than last year. The estimated cut is 225,000 logs. This is divided among the firms of Gilmore & Co., Hamilton Bros., James McLaren & Co., and G. B. Hall & Co. Three rafts of square timber have also been taken out of the Gatineau this year, and about 20,000 pieces of flat timber for the Carillon boom.

A cablegram from London, England, to the Globe says:—"Mr. Smith, Deputy Minister of Marine and Fisheries, had a long interview yesterday with the Earl of Carnarvon relative to the Merchant Shipping Bill. The Deputy Minister urged Lord Carnarvon to advise the Government to reconsider the bill before it passed the House of Lords. The Deputy Minister will furnish the Canadian case to Lord Carnarvon immediately in order to enable him to submit it to the Cabinet, which meets to-day. Lord Carnarvon has it is understood expressed much sympathy with the Canadian view of the question, as stated by the Deputy Minister."

Persons who have recently travelled east and west report the productions of lumber as being in full blast. The drives are all in, and sawing is going on in some mills day and night. From some quarters the shipments are large, but the profits are reported as very small; indeed, in the majority of cases, there is no profit at all. Lumbering operations, like coal mines, have to be kept moving, profit or no profit; losses have to be lessened, stock worked up, and business connections held for better days. If the war in the East becomes a reality, and Russia's trials, confusions with Britain, the blockade of the Baltic will shut in all the timber coming from that quarter.—Halifax Herald.