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WARNING NOTICE.

The True Witness hereby throws down the gauntlet to the shameful, unlawful selling of intoxicating liquors in Montreal on Sunday.

We do not intend to mince words in the matter, we simply say that the city of Montreal, the city of churches and glorious history, is honeycombed with illegal liquor selling on Sundays.

The law is explicit, the judges are the personification of judicial integrity, and this wicked, criminal violation of the law must cease.

Every purchaser of a liquor license and every officer of the law knows its limitations, hence there is no necessity of repeating the text here.

Within a stone's throw of Bonaventure Station, almost under the shadow of St. James Cathedral, nearly a dozen saloons openly, flagrantly, shamefully violate the law Sunday after Sunday, and yet the police force seems to be adequate and men possessed of all their senses.

We mention this locality at this time because it occurs to us first. Other sections will be taken up later if necessity requires.

LET FOREIGN LABORERS IN?

Our worthy contemporary, La Presse, seems to be in earnest when it makes an eloquent plea to let the foreign laborer in. It puts forth the consideration that "the community at large is deeply interested in allowing the development of the country to be pushed on as rapidly as possible." This may be very true; but it is also well, while being anxious for the rapid improvement and growth of this Canada of ours, to consider the wisdom of allowing the foreign laborer within our borders.

With one class of foreign labor we have not had too much satisfaction.

Italian colony can boast of many excellent members, there is at the same time a too large number of the off-scourings of the land of sunny skies, as was proven in a very unfortunate manner just a few evenings ago when a gentleman, who remonstrated in a street car with a crowd of "foreign laborers" who were insulting some lady passengers. Upon alighting from the car he was followed and knifed by the same rowdies. And almost daily we read of such affairs, the outcome of allowing these "foreigners" to carry arms. We believe in tendering all kindness and consideration to the stranger within our gates; but charity always begins at home, and as there are great numbers of Canadians unemployed, we think they should have the first chance. We are alive to the fact that the underlying motive of employing foreign labor is that there is not such a high market value placed upon their work; but when it comes to choosing between the man who asks, say, one dollar and seventy-five cents per day, with the stiletto thrown in, we would much prefer to pay full price and not mind having any bargain. The bargain hunter generally pays the highest price in the long run.

WHY GOOD TEACHERS ARE SCARCE.

Good teachers are getting scarce, both in Canada and across the line in the United States. Cities which exact a high standard of qualification find their eligible lists depleted and no immediate supply in sight. This state of things is in a measure accounted for by the prevailing shabbiness in the remuneration of teachers. The rewards are not such as to induce enough ambitious young men to invest their time and strength in a thorough preparatory course. The increase of money earning opportunities for working women has further reduced the influx of desirable material. The situation is a serious one. Thousands of efficient teachers leave school work every year for more remunerative labor. They feel they cannot afford the luxury of teaching. Meanwhile the number of inefficient ones must of necessity increase, and as a matter of fact is increasing, their inefficiency ranging all the way from lack of professional judgment down to rank illiteracy. People devoid of almost everything included under the term culture, a considerable percentage of them possessing not even a modicum of elementary instruction, manage to get employment as teachers. This is a serious matter, and it behooves our boards of education and the public generally to lose no time in remedying the matter before we go so far that it will take years of work to regain our educational competency.

Teachers have to live as well as other mortals, and they should be the last of our public servants to receive niggardly treatment.

SUPPRESSION OF THE CHURCH.

Mr. W. S. Lilly, who has the historian's acumen, has drawn up an indictment against the Republican Government of France that carries conviction with it. Mr. Lilly recalls the brief of Pius VI. "Caritas," addressed to Cardinal de la Rochefoucauld and the Bishops of the National Assembly on March 10, 1791, declaring the object of the National Constitution of the clergy to be the abolition of the Catholic religion in France:

"Ex ipsa conventus constitutione facile intelligunt nil aliud ab illa spectari atque agi quam ut aboleretur Catholica religio."

The object of M. Clemenceau and his associates to-day is the same. Mr. Lilly quotes M. Clemenceau's address to the Grand Orient (Freemasons) on April 2, 1882, which was published at the time in the papers of Paris. La Patrie reported the speech as follows:

"Finally, if, in spite of the one hand of these measures, and in spite of the other hand, of the general legislation of the schools and all

public establishments, clericalism still preserved some roots in the country, it would be possible in the name of the common law to extirpate them forever in rendering impossible the exercise of religion by the skilful application of some articles of the penal code. For instance, by declaring that confession corrupts youth, the remnant of the priests will be prevented from fulfilling the most important functions of their sacerdotal office (Article 334). Similarly they might be deprived of all resources by forbidding them to receive from the remnant of the faithful any sum whatever for masses, baptisms, and other ceremonies since it would be sufficient for this purpose to classify adroitly those acts as crimes of deceit and fraud (Articles 405 and 427). That is the reason why, simply asking for the separation of church and state—an excellent formula in the sense that it will be more easily accepted—the Republican Party should in reality pursue the realization of the definite and more effectual end—the suppression of the Church in the State."

The pretension of some of our own newspapers that ought to be better informed is that but for Rome the French bishops would have accepted the proposal to form associations cultuelles. In other words, which may be adapted from Clemenceau, they would have accepted the proposal of the suppression of the Church in the State. The year upon which we have entered seems destined to witness the higher proof of faith of the French people.

HON. JOHN COSTIGAN IN THE SENATE.

It might have been expected that the covert attacks upon the Government on account of the appointment of Hon. John Costigan to the Senate would be kept clear of partisan color. But as it has happened, even this was not done. One thing that Hon. John Costigan possesses above those who attack him is reserve and moderation of speech. Most men in his position, subjected to the annoyance of persistent enemies, would retaliate and perhaps open up some pages of political history that the party to which these men belong would much rather avoid. Mr. Costigan is not of that class. His break with the Conservative party was dictated by a principle that he could not close his eyes to, and the support he has given the Liberal party was rendered equally imperative when the Conservatives fell into the keeping of irresponsible leaders who could be led into any dangerous absurdity by arrogant lodgements. But though the irritation must sometimes have been very great, Mr. Costigan for his part preserves from first to last the dignity that should attach to the bearing and character of men who have been called to the council of the Sovereign. Sir Wilfrid Laurier never made a better Senatorial appointment, and the True Witness hopes that Mr. Costigan may long fill the position for which his public career has so well qualified him.

FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF VICE

United States Postmaster General Cortelyou has done a very commendable thing in re-appointing Mr. Anthony Comstock to an inspectorship in the Post Office Department. And this in face of the fact that influential interests in New York have been snarling at Comstock for years. The Postmaster General says:

"I feel that I should avail myself of this opportunity to express in the strongest terms the department's appreciation of the faithful service rendered by Inspector Comstock for many years. There may have been a few cases in which his methods have been open to criticism, but any man who wages war on impurity and obscenity cannot hope to avoid criticism. He has stood as a barrier between the youth of the land and a frightfully demoralizing traffic, and I want him to know that, looking at his work in its larger aspect, he has had and will continue to have this department's support."

"It has been the custom to jeer and jibe at Mr. Comstock, yet he is doing a work which earns for him the commendation of clean-minded men and women everywhere," says a thoughtful writer in the Catholic

Union and Times, in comment upon the appointment. The True Witness has taken an interest in Anthony Comstock's campaign against vice for some time, and while we have not always sanctioned his "means to an end," we must say that on the whole Comstock has done more than any lay citizen in New York for the cause of Christian purity.

Had we a Comstock in Montreal, there would be less flaunting of obscene cards in store windows, etc. A few penitentiary sentences are required in this city to awaken these vendors of obscenity to their peril.

MARRIAGE OF CATHOLICS BY PROTESTANT MINISTER NOT RECOGNIZED.

In rendering judgment the court held that under the laws of the Church Rousseau made void was disposed of on Monday by Mr. Justice Taschereau, who, upon Rousseau's failure to contest, granted the woman's demand. The parties were married by Rev. R. P. Duclos, a Presbyterian minister, about 15 years ago. Shortly after the ceremony the wife left her husband on the ground that he refused to have their union confirmed by the Catholic Church.

In rendering judgment the court held that under the laws of the Church both parties being Catholics, their marriage by a Protestant minister could not be legal, and it must therefore be declared null and void. Each party was accorded the right to have the annulment confirmed by the proper religious authorities.

The plea used by the young man in opposing the confirmation of their marriage, as requested by his wife, was the expense attending same.

We would say that there is no stated expense for the marriage ceremony in the Catholic Church. Two dollars is the amount usually received by the clergy for marriages, but even this small amount is not a condition—nora requisite—it is entirely optional and all depends on the generosity of the interested parties.

IRELAND AND CANADA.

Irish opinion is thoroughly alive to the importance of the scheme for connecting Ireland with Canada by a service of fast steamers between Halifax and Blacksod Bay. The scheme has the strong support of Lord Strathcona, and there need be no doubt that the Dominion Government will favor it. Not only this, but imperial assistance is confidently anticipated. The public bodies in Galway are co-operating in the promotion of docks and railway works at Blacksod Bay, which is one of the finest and safest harbors in the world. The distance between that part of Ireland and Canada is only 2100 miles, and the proposal is to put steamers of 25 knot speed upon the route. Thus Ireland would be the important link in the Imperial highway through Canada to the Orient.

PERSECUTION OF INDIVIDUALS.

Reuter's service, which is generally the most reliable among the modern sources of news supply, is the authority for information to the effect that the French Government has decided to take a step to carry out what is described as a "purification" of the diplomatic and consular services of "clerical elements." The initial act in this direction is the recall of M. Kleczkowski, Consul General for Canada, who is known to be a staunch Catholic. We are to have instead, so the telegram states, M. Dallemagne, a Jew. The report further adds that French-Canadian Freemasons have ordered this change. But this is not all. M. Jules Cambon, whose family practise religion, will be sent to Berlin, whilst a noted anti-clerical, M. Leygues, goes to the Spanish capital. Where will these puny Republicans stop?

EDITORIAL NOTES.

It has been discovered that a member of M. Clemenceau's family was a priest-martyr during the revolution



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M. Clemenceau has acknowledged that a member of his family at the time of the Revolution was a clergyman of the Church. There is documentary proof that the Abbe Clemenceau was born at Rennes, was a parish priest in Brittany, Vicer-General of the diocese of Nimes, and afterwards rector of the Cathedral of that city. After the outbreak of the Revolution, he, together with eight other priests, fell under the axe of the executioner at Naves.

Canada and Australia have long stood forth as the friends and champions of Ireland's right to Home Rule. New Zealand is now about to take her stand, according to the New Zealand Tablet, which says: To the question placed on the order paper by the Hon. Mr. Guinness, the member for Grey, asking if the Premier would move a motion during the session with regard to Home Rule for Ireland, Sir Joseph Ward made the following reply: "It is unfortunate the hon. member should have referred so important a question as this, upon which the majority of members would have desired to speak, until the dying hours of the session, when it would not be possible for justice to be done to it. This is the more to be regretted as a private member moved the motion referred to in the Commonwealth Parliament, and a similar course has been open to the hon. gentleman all the session to follow here had he so desired. The matter is one that should certainly receive attention early in the next session, and care should be taken to see that the question is brought before the House."

The reception into the Catholic Church is announced of Hon. Mary Thesiger, youngest daughter of the first Lord Chelmsford, Lord Chancellor in the Earl of Derby Administration of 1858-66. It is another scrap of the irony of history that the father of this convert was the advocate who helped very considerably to unseat O'Connell after his election for Dublin in 1836.

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