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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...... SEPIEMBER 2, 1899.

A NEW AGENT.

In that great and growing district of Montreal, east of St. Denis street. there are hundreds of Catholic men and women whose names should appear on the subscription list of the "True Witness." In order to give them an opportunity to become subscribers, Mr. F. C. Lawlor, a wellknown member of St. Mary's parish. has been appointed our agent for that section. Mr. Lawlor is also authorized to collect subscriptions. We rely upon all friends of the "True Witness." in the East End, to facilitate Mr. Lawlor's work. He may be seen at his residence, 93 Shaw street, in the evenings between 7 and 9 o'clock.

COUNTRY PARISHEN.

y applies in our Dominion. We can of support and co-operation, and we les. are ever glad, when the opportunity presents itself, of leading them what | Witness"--a regular Catholic organ. ever assistance is within our power. I that goes into almost every parish i. We will quote a few passages from Canada, If those interested in the the letter abovementioned, and will wolfare the success, the prosperity then state our own Views on the subject-at least in as far as it concerns this country. The reverend of the special ceremonies that take writer says :

cities are, as a general rule, in a jug of a new church, the means emfair state of development, but neglect played to meet the requirements of of the parishes in small towns and the parish, the festivals, fairs, miscountry districts has been the gule sions, retreats; in a word, all the and not the exception. There is per- events that are of a nature to interhaps a reason for this, inasmuch as est the public and to create an interthe strength of our religion has alliest in the locality, would constitute ways been in cities. So many are the subject matter for a weekly letter. religious institutions connected with By that means the parish priest city churches, each with its own par- would have the special aid of the paticular wants, that the crying needs per in laying before the Catholic of the country parishes have been ig- readers all happenings of importance, nored, or almost so. The rule has and thus draw attention to the needs been that the pastor, sent into a of his district and awaken the country mission, must spend his life sympathies of those inclined to do a in labor that seems unending, to good work, by aiding in the propagmake a struggle for the building up ation of the faith throughout the of the church where he realizes it is land, would be aware of the opporta veritable necessity, and a most unity of putting their good intenpotent factor for good even to those tions into practice. This is a matter outside the pale. The country thur- which the pastors of country parishches need a helping hand and the es should seriously study. Next week time has come when it should be we will touch upon another phase of given them."

dreds of country parishes scattered and in country. over the face of Canada. The writer then points out the many advantages enjoyed by the inhabitants of the cities, and contrasts them with the comes this appeal :

be folly to deny it-we are losing courage to teach and to preach such because we cannot do woulders with lessons. Any Irish Catholic who will out means. We are losing because we | carefully read Dr. Thomas O'Hagan's are neglected. We are losing valuable timely contribution, in this issue. ground and God alone knows how will not fail to perceive how benemany still more valuable souls. We ficial friendly criticism may be -

Harger parishes come to give us a thought, we hope to get it. Money spent on your city institutions to beautify the Earthly Dwellings of the Most High. His sanctuary is worthy of every best gift, but we worship Him also in the country, and, pardon me if I say an unpleasant truth -it will remain a truth nevertheless -your aid would bear fruit a thousandfold greater were it lavished on some poor, struggling country parish, that needs sometimes the very vestments necessary for the worship of God, according to our sublime iiturgy."

With every word of this we agree. and we know that in this country. and in this Province, there is much tion indicated by the writer of that letter. But where we are at a disad-A Michigan Priest, writing to the vantage is in the fact that we have Milwaukee Catholic Citizen, places in no means of knowing the requirea very striking light the much-ne- | ments of our country parishes. It is glected needs of country parishes, not possible to visit them all, nor to What he says concerning those rural hold special communication with parishes in the Western States equal- each one of them. However, this could easily be remedied; but the eaeasily understand how much need medy lies in the lands of the prinsts some of our country parishes have and leading citizens of these parish-

Here, for example, is the "True of a country parish would only take the trouble to send us brief reports place, the episcopal visitations, the "Religious institutions in large foundation of institutions, the buildthis question-and one equally in-This might equally be said of hun- teresting to the dwellers in cities

PLAIN TALK. What we most lack, and to our disadvantages under which the coun- i great injury, is sufficient plain talk. try people labor. In cities the par- We generally have enough of selfishes contain a vastly greater name glorification, of splendid retrospects. ber of families; money is easier made of patriotic effusions; but very unin cities; in cities Catholic schools frequent are our practical interances, flourish: in cities there are Catholic We seem to have a horror of examinsocieties, clubs, colleges, and other ing our own short-comings, and abmeans of keeping the young in touch love all allowing any person to exwith the Church; in the country dis- amine them for us. Yet we are in tricts it is quite the reverse. Then great need of strong, but honest lessons, and we should be grateful to "But we are losing too it would those amongst us, who have the

record of Irish patriotism.

many others, ready to give our perple the benefit of their studies, their them how deeply their efforts are appreciated -and no appreciation is more emphatic that that which is expressed in accoust corresponding with their advice.

THE GROWTH OF CATHOLICITY.

Of recent years we have had a Church in England. The Protestant writers-especially in the large magcreasing in England, Despite the Ox- ing. in reality, the tide of Protestantism has never ceased to swell higher and of the day claim that the first great before it for a time; but, like the ocean billow, it finally shattered itver since, been obbing away in divided parts and constantly diminishas well as the vital interest, of the Protestant organs to hide the fact loudly, that Catholicity has been gaining ground in a remarkable degree; equpublic the potent facts connected. ic Church in England, Between the simply accept the statistics that

preached a remarkable sermon, on i the growth of the Catholic Church in England, What renders his sermon or 30 years ago. Still the fact he has traced, by authentic figures. the different phases of Catholic extions presented is a matter of deep astonishment, even to the most sanguine Catholic. The Bishop said: "With these remarks let us new

appeal to the argument of numbers. When this mission was founded fifty years since, there were eight floceses and eight Bishops in the whole of England and Wales; there are now within the same limits 16 dioceses. hops. At the same date there wre 587 churches and chapels-for the most part small, humble, and obscure. Now there are 1.509-an increase of 923- many of them costly, imposing, and spacious, and not dilapidated structures. In 1850 there | -all of which | goes to show | that were scattered throughout England and Wales about 800 priests, 70 n ligious houses, and 10 colleges. Now But this is not police protection. We houses, and 10 colleges. A century ago the entire Catholic population number at least one million five hundred thousand. In the year 1773, Bishop Petre, who lies buried in my diocese at Ribchester, and who was of Eagland- including, of course. Lancashire- reported that in the

While we love to dwell upon the and 20 000 Catholics. To-day we the same period it is estimated that of the very potent drawbacks glories of the past, to revive sacred have six Bishops, 1,122 priests, and memories, and to sing the praises of I have nearly four times as many Ca- has increased by 113,000. During the our great ones of the bygone, still | tholics in the city of Manchester al- | two last years 2,555 converts have we must not forget that we are liv- one. In the year 1804, we had in been received into the Church. I have ing in the present, and that the fu- Lancashire 50,000 Catholics; now little doubt that a like consoling reture is ahead of us. There are duties | we have an estimated Catholic popu- | cord can be given of the diocese of imposed upon us, even from a nati-lation of at least 600,000—that is Liverpool and of every other diocese onal standpoint, in the present that to say, we have 'thirty times' as in England. These facts and figures I cannot be neglected without incur- many Catholics in Lancashire alone mention not in a spirit of boastfulring grave misfortunes. This elect- as there were in the counties of ness but of deep thankfulness to God, ric age will not give us time to sit Northumberland, Durham, Cumber- for the abundant graces which He is down and feed ourselves upon the land, Westmoreland, Yorkshire, Lan- pouring upon our dear country." traditions that have been handed cashire, and Cheshire a little less down to us from past generations. than a century ago. Fifty years since to us that the question should be al-We, too, must create traditions that Catholics schools were few and far will be transmitted to the children between throughout the length of of the future. And to do so we must England; now we have in Lancashire ed. If Catholicity has grown and exaccept the circumstances in which alone upwards of 120,000 Catholic panded in England, at the rate above we live, and make the best of them children on the rolls of our elementfor our own henefit and for the glory ary schools. In 1838 there were five ditions of the daily opposition which of our race. It is certainly patriotic churches in Liverpool and 14 priests; the very law of the land made to it, and praiseworthy to keep before the four churches in Manchester, and 10 what must not be its growth and world and before the children of the priests. Now there are in Liverpool expansion, at present and for the fupresent, the stories of the great 34 churches and 127 priests; in Man-ture, when nearly all the legal tramdeeds performed and the splendid chester 24 churches and 70 priests. | mels have been removed and a spirit characters that flourished at various In 1841, 649 converts were received periods in Irish history; but, we must into the Church in Lancashire; last country? That England is marching not have it said that all greatness year 2,245 were received. At the be- Romanward can no longer be denied. and all goodness departed with our ginning of this century the number of It may take time- a long time even ancestors, and that the race to-day Catholics in the city of Manchester |-but the Catholic Church, being permerely lives upon the credit of those was less than 600, and in Salford petual, can afford to wait. The spirgreat names. Their example must be only a few scores. At the present day it of Protestantism cannot rest, nor emulated, by each in his own sphere, there are between 70,000 and 80,000 abide its time; it must be in motion. in order that the future historian Catholics in Manchester and 23,000 or else it will stagnate. Having no will be unable to find a blank in the in Salford. Within the last twentyin Sanord, within the last twenty-five years we have spent nearly olic Church never changes, never When we find men, gifted and ferv- £400,000 in the Salford diocese on wears; it has time and eternity on ent, as is Dr. O'Hagan, and as are our elementary schools alone. During its side,

the Catholic population of the diocese are to be found in Montreal. In presence of these figures it seems lowed to rest, and the logical de-

duction from actual facts be acceptdescribed, and under the harsh conof liberty has taken possession of the

it becomes a sacred buy to show OUR CURBSTONE OBSERVER On Civic Administration.

express some opinions concerning civ- the culprits; we have citizens sandic affairs, and I had the advantage bagged, and otherwise maltreated on being severely criticized by a cortice by a cortice of being severely criticized by a cortice of being severely criticized by a cortice of bagged, and otherwise maltreated on the collapse of which would have caused irretrievable damage to respondent in the Herald. I say the still the perpetrators of these "advantage." because that criticism rages escape detection; and so afforded me an occasion to refuse the through a long list of equally importconsiderable amount of controversy narrow ideas of my critic and to add ant cases. Is this state of things due concerning the status of the Catholic considerably to what I had already to the insufficient number of policewritten. Despite all this, I do not men? or to the inefficiency of the feel that the subject is yet exhaust- force? or to the faulty organization ed. I have of late had occasion, and discipline that obtain? or to azines-have persistently adhered to partly for the sake of exercise, to mere accident? Or to some other unthe contention that Catholicity is de- ramble a good deal about Montreal, known cause? I will not pretend to clining and Protestantism in- and I could not but notice the rap- decide; but I am confident that the idity with which the city is grow- vast majority of my readers have ford movement, they claim that the wards the river-it is gradually tions and have been unable to give Catholic Church has only apparently spreading out and usurping the pas- satisfactory answers. made numerous converts; and that, tures, meadows and swamps that so recently surrounded it. Not only is it growing broader and longer, but also time I was under the impression there was absolutely no foundation for higher and fatter. It is swelling up that Montreal was about the only higher as the years went past. On wonderfully of late years. Also the city on this continent that was en- given at the public meeting of deposigood work to be done in the direction before as the years were past. On wonderinny of late years. Also the star devoid of means to clean the the other hand, the Catholic writers population is increasing to such an tirely devoid of means to clean the star in the other hand, the Catholic writers population is increasing to such an tirely devoid of means to clean the extent that soon we will have a city streets in wet weather and to water cents on the dollar, and he had made of over three hundred thousand inwave of the Reformation rolling un- habitants. It is pleasant to note all past summer I had read so much, in Garand he was hard at work, but it expectedly and without tremendous this progress and development. It our local papers, on this subject, that would be six weeks or so before he strength over the land, swept all makes one feel proud of the great I was becoming afraid to speak to could give any definite estimate commercial metropolis of Canada. In strangers of the beauties and attract what the bank really would pay. fact one would feel inclined to go tions of Montreal. In fact I often abroad and publish from Dan to felt angry with the daily press for self into a hundred fragments Bethsheba the wonders that have so publicly and unceasingly exposing said that the directors of La Banque against the Rock of Ages, and has, come to pass, within a comparative the city's disgrace, in this regard, du Peuple will shortly be in a posily short space of time, at the foot of that I almost vowed to give up tion to pay the Mount Royal; but everything is not equal, and strangers might ask uning power. It is certainly the policy pleasant questions. Therefore, I will to pay flying visits to Montreal on five percent, of the balance due not go abroad, nor will I boast too the first I regretted not having their claims. The directors were giv-

> IN STATU QUO .- I often recall a remark made by the learned Archally is a the policy and interest of bishop of Ottawa, on the occasion Catholic writers to keep before the of the funeral of a very eminent and saintly man. His Grace said: "The mosquito-net behind me, as it would Justice Curran has issued an order world is improving daily; but meawith the advancement of the Cathol- are degenerating." There was more truth and wisdom in these words same thoroughfare. The readers can two the impartial observer has to than may at first sight appear, i They may be applied in countless cases and under numberless circumcome from the most reliable sources stances. Even in the material affairs in order to form his estimate of the connected with our own city they find an application. I might be allowed to paraphrase the Archbishop's Not long ago, on the occasion of the language, and say: "Montreal is im-Golden Jubilee of St. Alban's Church, proving daily; but its civic adminis-Liverpool, the Bishop of Salford tration is retrograding" - or at least, it is at a standstill. There seems to be no improvement upon the condition of affairs that existed 20 still more remarkable is the fact that | mains that the city is growing. becoming more attractive, and certainly richer. This is a strange contradiction; yet it is an absolute truin. pansion, during the past century, or Whose the fault? I do not feel pastimore, and the result of the calcula- fied in making the statement, but I know that somebody, or some element, or something is wrong It may not easy to place the finger upon the exact spot, but decidedly there are so many indications of civic unhealthiness that one might accidentally fall upon the most vital one, by a sufficiently careful examination.

POLICE PROTECTION .- That our police protection is lamentably in-adequate not even my old cricic "H. 'drunks," and vagrants, and disorand that they accidentally turn up of breaches of the law. By protection that it can detect the intention to do a wrong or commit a crime, and whole of his vast diocese or vicariate be found; we have private residences want help, and when the Catholics of when it is taken in the proper spirit. there were only 137 resident priests entered and robbed, and no clue can do it. I am only indicating a few Catholic Columbian.

SOME TIME AGO I ventured to possibly be found whereby to track rages escape detection; and so In all directions-sexcept to- often asked themselves the same que-

> reading the papers. two occasions, during the vacati willidend on the balance due brought my bark canoe along, as it on three months by the last Act would have served my purpose much Parliament, but they will settle on better than any other snown means the first of October, and depositors of locomotion, along the principal will be notified to that effect. business part of Craig street; on the second I lamented havery left iny have proved a protection against the confirming an agreement arrived at dust that I found eddying down the easily imagine with what relief 1 of the work. The preparing of read the following paragraph in an general statement and dividends is American paper; it gave me the ques- left to Mr. Kent. Mr. Garand is to tionable satisfaction at least, of ab- lookafter the employees and , the using some other town, and thus di- routine administration at the head verting attention from Montreal. It reads thus:

> "Ponce, Porto Rico, Aug. 14 .-- At a meeting of the city council to-day discovered was suddenly that the city was practically out of funds, only 200 pesos being in the cheques jointly for the payment of treasury, and that it was impossible to supply the needs of the board of in matters of routine in the absence health. Governor-General Davis, was of the third liquidator. Daily meetasked for a loan of \$10,000 or a gra- ings are to be held at seven o'clock, tuity of \$5,000, but replied that the or any hour agreed upon; the fees are had no authority to grant either re-

> "The board of health has consequently been compelled to stop all under the Winding-up-act, it is dis-The work on the streets to-day. merchants refuse to honor orders on the city treasury, and the distribution of food and clothing will cease."

ABOUT THE LANES .-- If I have

been able to find another city-even in Porto Rico- that is in a similar condition to Montreal, as far as the streets are concerned, I have not yet been fortunate enough to discover any rival for our city in the matter one Cardinal-Archbishop, and 21 Bis- St. V." will deny; and in making this of dirty lanes. Only the other day assertion I am confident that a a very interesting point of law was Herald has good and sufficient reas- raised in connection with the removons for agreeing with me. There is al of refuse and dirt from a section ao lack of ordinary arrests each week of one of our narrow streets. The in Montreal; the Police Court and the proprietor of the houses, on either Recorder's Court are never without side, was obliged to maintain in ortheir full share of work; there are der the entire street; and he was auxious to know whether or not he a few of them supplanting poor and derly people "pulled in" every night had any recourse against the corporation. It has cost him nearly there are policemen on the streets, thousand dollars to have the work done which should have been done by the city. Were I the gentleman's log-al adviser I think I would have told living descendants than any other when a little loud talk is going on, the city. Were I the gentleman's legthere are 2.785 priests, 752 religious certainly have evidence of the punish- him that, whatever recourse the let- person in the United States. ment of certain illegal actions; but ter of the law might give him, he I have yet to learn of the prevention certainly would be "throwing good of Luxembourg, from which they money after had" to attempt recovnumbered less than 70,000. They new I understand a vigilance so searching ery of any expenditure from the Corporation. In a smaller way almost every proprietor and tenant in the that it has the power and inclination city has been in the same position to step in and prevent the same. Yet | Those who did not become their own we have women murdered, in broad scavengers have had to put up with great-grandchildren, a grand total of Bishop over the Northern counties daylight, in a public shop, where a the fifth and unwholesome odors of 226. Mr. and Mrs. Sturm were degreat number of people were in the their lanes. The city had no money vout Catholics and all of their deshabit of coming and going, and yet this year to do such work; but it cendants are faithful adherents to no trace of the guilty party could had authority-or rather the audaci- the old Faith, and worthy, energetic

day, as I was standing upon platform on the mountain, enjoying the magnificent scene spread out before me, I heard a traveller remark: 'Montreal is another Constantingple." I heartily agreed with him: but I could have said even a little more. could have truthfully replied .that Montreal has become a Constantinople in every sense; in its majestic appearance, its grand and picturesque surroundings, its splendid edifices, its thousand and one spires; likewise in its mud, its dust, its dirt, its refuse, its offensive and malarial odors. Yonder is our glorious Rosphorus: there is our Golden Horn: here is our Galetu, nearer still our Stamboul.

IS THERE A REMEDY? It is not pleasant to record the facts; but they must be recorded, otherwise our citizens will-not awaken to the necessity of action. Action must be taken, and only with ballot in hand can the ordinary citizen threaten. If no person can discover the one, or many upon whom the responsibility, rests, then the only remedy in this state of affairs is to make a clean sweep-not of the streets exactly, but of the city's representatives in the Council. By such sweeps alone will Montreal ever have a chance to fall upon an efficient and competent body of representatives.

ABOUT BANKS.

CLERGY AND THE BANKS .- The Patrie congratulates the clergy and religious institution for having followed the example of Archbishop Bruchesi, and given their help to restore confidence in the banks. Thus they spontaneously came to the rescue of the Jacques Cartier Bank, and set an example to the depositors by being the first to consent to the needed extension of time. In conclusion, the article says:

"It is not the first time that the influence of our clergy has made itself felt in a beneficial manner at the moment of danger, it is not the first time that it has maintained institutrade. Such acts of spout metus generosity have contributed in a large measure to maintain among the pcople the esteem and affection which they have for their pastors."

BANQUE VILLE MARIE .- Many rumors have of late been circulated concerning the probable amount which will be received by the depositors in the Banque Ville Marie. One estimate had it that they would receive nothing at all, while a contemporary said, quoting Mr. Kent, that the amount paid would be 25 cents on the dollar. To a press representa-STREET CLEANING .- For a long tive a few days ago, Mr. Kent said these reports. His last estimate, as tors, was that they would receive 53

BANQUE DU PEUPLE .-- It is

LIDEIDATORS AT WORK .-- Mr. between the liquidators of the Villa Marie Bank, providing for a division office, Mr. J. O. Dupuis is to look aiter the business at the accordes with the object of concentrating it at the head office; the financial administration is to be left to Messrs, Kent and Garand who must sign all all accounts; two liquidators can act to be divided equally upon between the liquidators.

The order holds, however, that under tinctly understood that all three liquidators are to be held personally responsible for each other's action.

CATHOLIC PARTY IN BELT GIUM.

One of the Belgian Catholic papers La Patrie, expressed a desire to bring together in one meeting prominent. members of the Catholic party who are sincerely desirous of re-establishing unity among the Catholics. This wish is about to be realized. The Ligue Democratique Belge intends to invite to its annual congress in September not only the usual delegates, but also special groups of Catholics with a view to uniting them without distinction in a fast bond of harmony and concord.

Mrs. Mark Sturm, whose death occurred recently in Marysvile, Mo., at Sturm and her husband were natives came to this country in 1847. had thirteen children, three of whom died. Thus at the time of her death, "Grandma"- Sturm has surviving her 10 children, 11 grandchildren, 109 great-grandchildren, and 6 greatty-to demand the citizens should and respectable members of society.-