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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.

PAUL, Archbishop of Montreal.

SATURDAY..... SEPTEMBER 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."

COUNTRY PARISHES.

A Michigan Priest, writing to the Milwaukee Catholic Citizen, places in a very striking light the much-neglected needs of country parishes.

"Religious institutions in large cities are, as a general rule, in a fair state of development, but neglect of the parishes in small towns and country districts has been the rule and not the exception."

This might equally be said of hundreds of country parishes scattered over the face of Canada.

"But we are losing too—we are losing because we cannot do wonders without means. We are losing because we are neglected. We are losing valuable ground and God alone knows how many still more valuable souls."

larger 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.

With every word of this we agree, and we know that in this country, and in this Province, there is much good work to be done in the direction indicated by the writer of that letter.

Here, for example, is the "True Witness"—a regular Catholic organ, that goes into almost every parish in Canada.

PLAIN TALK.

What we most lack, and to our great injury, is sufficient plain talk. We generally have enough of self-glorification, of splendid retrospects, of patriotic effusions; but very unfrequent are our practical utterances.

While we love to dwell upon the glories of the past, to revive sacred memories, and to sing the praises of our great ones of the bygone, still we must not forget that we are living in the present, and that the future is ahead of us.

When we find men, gifted and fervent, as is Dr. O'Hagan, and as are many others, ready to give our people the benefit of their studies, their observations, and their most laborious becomes a sacred duty to show them how deeply their efforts are appreciated.

THE GROWTH OF CATHOLICITY.

Of recent years we have had a considerable amount of controversy concerning the status of the Catholic Church in England.

Not long ago, on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of St. Alban's Church, Liverpool, the Bishop of Salford preached a remarkable sermon, on the growth of the Catholic Church in England.

"With these remarks let us now appeal to the argument of numbers. When this mission was founded fifty years since, there were eight dioceses and eight Bishops in the whole of England and Wales; there are now within the same limits 16 dioceses, one Cardinal-Archbishop, and 21 Bishops.

and 20,000 Catholics. To-day we have six Bishops, 1,122 priests, and I have nearly four times as many Catholics in the city of Manchester alone.

OUR CURBSTONE OBSERVER On Civic Administration.

SOME TIME AGO I ventured to express some opinions concerning civic affairs, and I had the advantage of being severely criticized by a correspondent in the Herald.

IN STATE QUO.—I often recall a remark made by the learned Archbishop of Ottawa, on the occasion of the funeral of a very eminent and saintly man.

POLICE PROTECTION.—That our police protection is lamentably inadequate not even my old critic "H. St. V." will deny; and in making this assertion I am confident that a Herald has good and sufficient reasons for agreeing with me.

the same period it is estimated that the Catholic population of the diocese has increased by 113,000. During the two last years 2,555 converts have been received into the Church.

In presence of those figures it seems to us that the question should be allowed to rest, and the logical deduction from actual facts be accepted.

possibly be found whereby to track the culprits; we have citizens snubbed, and otherwise maltreated on the most public thoroughfares, and still the perpetrators of these outrages escape detection.

STREET CLEANING.—For a long time I was under the impression that Montreal was about the only city on this continent that was entirely devoid of means to clean the streets in wet weather.

"Once, Porto Rico, Aug. 14.—At a meeting of the city council to-day it was suddenly discovered that the city was practically out of funds, only 200 pesos being in the treasury.

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 of dirty lanes.

of the very potent drawbacks that are to be found in Montreal. One day, as I was standing upon the platform on the mountain, enjoying the magnificent scene spread out before me, I heard a traveller remark: "Montreal is another Constantinople."

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.

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.

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.

BANQUE DU PEUPLE.—It is said that the directors of La Banque du Peuple will shortly be in a position to pay the depositors the amount of the dividend on the balance due of the five percent of the balance due of their claims.

LIQUIDATORS AT WORK.—Mr. Justice Curran has issued an order confirming an agreement arrived at between the liquidators of the Ville Marie Bank, providing for a division of the work.

CATHOLIC PARTY IN BELGIUM.

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.

Mrs. Mark Sturm, whose death occurred recently in Marysville, Mo., at the age of 90, probably had more living descendants than any other person in the United States.