

Clement VIII. as the last year of the sixteenth century, just as Leo XIII. regards the year 1900 as the last of the nineteenth century."

Of course the whole difficulty turns on "the year one." And it is passing strange that almost all those who discuss the question should overlook the only case in the history of the world when the beginning of that "year one" was clearly defined. We refer to the case of the French Republican Calendar. In all other eras, the Jewish, the Greek, the Christian, the Mohammedan, the calculation began many years after the initial date; for the Christian era in particular it was not till it had been going on for almost 800 years that its initial date was fixed and probably fixed from four to seven years too late. But the initial date of the French Republican Calendar was settled most accurately only one year and thirteen days after the event which marked the beginning of that short-lived era. On October 5, 1793, the Convention decreed a thoroughly new calendar, which was to date from September 22, 1792, the day on which the Republic was proclaimed. Thus, looking backward only one year, the Convention decided that September 22, 1792, would be considered the first day of the first month of the "year one"; but, as that year was already past, the Republican Era practically begins with September 22, 1793, which bears the name of the first day of the first month of "the year two." Thus the French mathematicians, who were, then especially, by far the greatest in the world, had no hesitation in beginning their brand new era, not with the year 0, but with the year 1, and that calendar was accepted and used by the French nation for thirteen years. Nor was it abandoned because it was faulty but because other nations would not take it up and looked upon the names of its months as ridiculous and the abolition of the week as unchristian.

At any rate this unique example in the history of calendars, proceeding as it does from the greatest known experts in the matter, is decisive.

DEATH AND FUNERAL OF MR. J. C. AUGER.

Extremely sudden but not unprepared was the death of Mr. Joseph Caesarius Auger last Wednesday evening. Of late years spells of faintness coupled with the doctor's warning had led him to prepare for a sudden demise. Though always a practical Catholic he had become more fervent. On last Christmas Day he received Holy Communion, and on Wednesday hardly an hour before the dread summons came he had recited the beads with his wife. This was their last act before they set out at 8 p. m. to walk from their home in St. Boniface to

the residence of the wife's mother, Mrs. L. N. Bétournay, of Edmonton street, Winnipeg. When they had got more than half way Mr. Auger felt great oppression in his side and began to cough heavily, but he made an effort and finally reached the house. There he collapsed almost immediately. Dr. Jones was called in but could do nothing. Father O'Dwyer came as soon as possible, but there was no longer any sign of life. Mr. Auger was 47 years of age and had been here 18 years.

The deceased was a clerk in the Winnipeg customs house and was highly esteemed by a host of friends. His widow is a daughter of the late Hon. Judge Bétournay, at one time law partner of Sir George Etienne Cartier. There are three children, the eldest being not quite eleven years old. Mr. J. C. Auger's life was insured for \$3,000. He was a member of the Catholic Order of Foresters and of the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

The funeral was held on Saturday morning at 9.30 from the residence of the deceased to the Cathedral and the St. Boniface cemetery and was very largely attended. Unfortunately the father of the deceased, Mr. J. C. Auger, Sr., registrar of Montreal East, was unable to come owing to illness. The requiem mass was celebrated at St. Boniface cathedral, Rev. Father Dugas, V. G., officiating, assisted by Fathers Gravel and Béliveau, D. D. In the sanctuary were Fathers Cherrier, of the Immaculate Conception, Drummond, from the Jesuits' college, and Dorais from the Industrial school. The choir under the direction of Mr. Ernest Levéque rendered appropriate music. Mr. Arthur Crick, of St. Mary's choir, sang the "Kyrie" and "Agnus." The "Dies Irae" was sung by Mr. Chas. Bernier, of the Immaculate Conception choir; the "Miserere Mei" by Mr. Louis St. George; the "Pie Jesu" by J. B. Leclerc, of the cathedral choir; the "Sanctus" by Mr. Ernest Levéque. The pall-bearers were Messrs. Jos. Lecomte, F. Chénier, H. Béliveau, E. Marston, E. Paradis and E. Prieur. Among the large number of floral offerings, sent by Protestant friends, a floral anchor from the employees of H. M. customs and a crown from the Ancient Order of United Workmen were conspicuous. Many Catholic friends sent offerings of Masses for the repose of their dear friend's soul.

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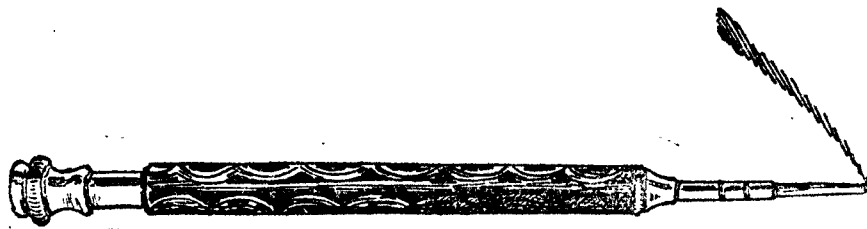
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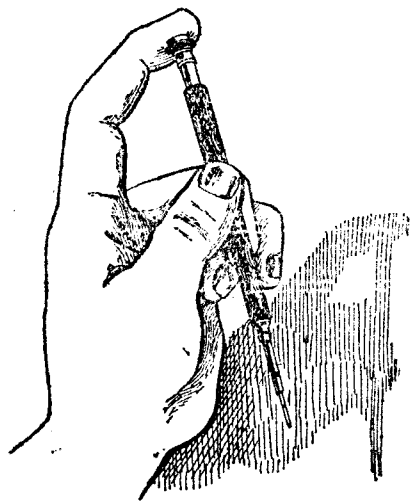
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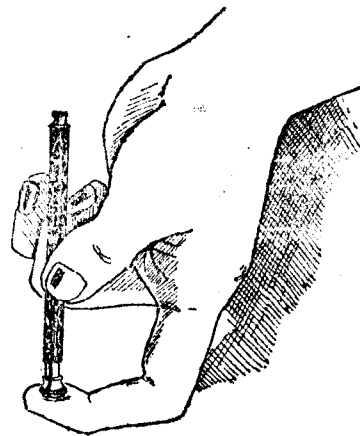
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