

General News.

ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

ST. PATRICK'S.

The blessing of throats will take place at St. Patrick's church during Sunday afternoon from 4.30 to 6, and after benediction on Sunday evening.

ST. MICHAEL'S.

Sister Dolores, nee Miss Griffith, died at Loretto convent of consumption on Monday last. R.I.P.

The blessing of throats will be given after High Mass in the Cathedral. The children will receive the blessing after Sunday school in the afternoon.

The number of deaths in the city this month promises to eclipse that of any other year on record. Up to Monday of this week no fewer than 78 Catholics have passed away since the first of the year, and with a full week yet to be reported it is more than likely that this month will be a record-breaker in deaths.

ST. BASIL'S.

The blessing of the throats on Sunday, Saint Basil's Day, will be given in St. Basil's after each mass, and at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

The funeral of Mrs. Bolger, of Bishop street, took place from St. Basil's church on Thursday last. Mrs. Bolger was one of those kindly old women whom everybody loves, and whose lives are living sermons.

ST. BASIL'S CATHOLIC UNION.

The St. Basil's Catholic Union held their weekly meeting on Monday Jan. 28. Immediately after the meeting had been called to order, Mr. John O'Sullivan, in a few well-chosen remarks, referred to the sad event which had plunged the nation into mourning during the past week.

ST. MARY'S.

Literary and Athletic Association Meets.

The Association devoted the whole of the afternoon to debating the insurance question. Resolved, that fraternal society insurance was preferable to old line insurance.

The debate brought out a very logical and interesting discussion, and showed that the members had given the subject considerable thought.

Mr. Thomas Mulvey, during the afternoon, was introduced by President Carey, and delivered an address on the benefits of Catholic associations. The speaker encouraged the members to go on with the good work, after pointing out the many advantages to be gained.

the 8.30 mass and receive Holy Communion.

The members were also reminded of their interest in the building of the new hall.

The whist tournament among the members is very popular.

Every second Sunday meeting will be devoted to lectures and debates. They commenced on Sunday, with the largest attendance of the year.

Five new applications were passed yesterday.

A society of boys averaging in age from 9 to 13, under the direction of the Brothers, is now in full swing. President Carey, of St. M. L. and A. A. gave them a talk recently.

A night-school will be started in St. Mary's the first week in February. The blessing of throats will be given at St. Mary's church on Sunday after late Mass and after Vespers.

Mrs. Hayes, a well-known and highly respected member of St. Mary's parish, died at her home on Farley avenue on Monday last. Mrs. Hayes was 61 years of age and had many relatives throughout the city.

Miss Catharine Eva Heerte, of Mitchell avenue, was buried from St. Mary's church on Monday last. May her soul rest in peace.

KNIGHTS OF ST. JOHN.

Annual Election and Installation of Officers.

Leo Commandery No. 2 Knights St. John, of this city, held their election of officers for the ensuing year in St. Vincent's Hall. Retiring President Colonel J. J. Hoffering and the other officers thanked the members of the commandery for their kind support during their term of office.

At the installation of the officers, after reviewing the prosperous year of the Order in Toronto, congratulated Leo Commandery on its good work, and the efficient officers it had just elected for the new year.

LADY OF LOURDES

Death on Saturday Afternoon of Mrs. Long.

The death occurred on Saturday at 12.30 o'clock in the afternoon of Mrs. Long, wife of Mr. Thomas Long, the well-known capitalist. Mrs. Long's illness dated from September last, although she was confined to her bed for the past three or four weeks only.

IRISH MUSICAL ART.

The Irish Musical Art Society has engaged Miss Josephine Sullivan, solo harpist, of Dublin, Ireland, niece of the famous Irish orator T. D. Sullivan. Miss Sullivan was first brought to America by Lady Aberdeen to play at the World's Fair as the "Representative Irish Harpist."

De La Salle Alumni.

The above society held its first general meeting of the New Year in The De La Salle Institute on Wednesday evening last. President Cottam was in the chair and conducted the meeting in his usual business manner.

A constitution, which had been drawn up, by the committee appointed, since the last meeting, was submitted for consideration and as it met with the general approval, was adopted.

Messrs W. Finnigan and Girvin were appointed auditors for the ensuing year. It was decided that the next general meeting take place, on Wednesday, Feb. 13th.

A committee of five members was appointed to get up a program for the Evening. It has not as yet been decided what form the entertainment will take, but it is very likely it will take the form of a progressive Euchre party.

PICKERING.

Death of Archbishop O'Connor's Mother.

At Saturday last, there occurred at Pickering the death of the aged mother of his Grace Archbishop O'Connor. She was in the seventy-third year of her age. Mrs. O'Connor was one of those grand Catholic characters that are all too rare in Canada now-a-days.

The clergy present at the sanctuary were—Fathers McEneaney, LaMarche, Jeffcoat, J. Walsh, Murray, C.S.B., McGrath, W. McCann, Cruise. May her soul rest in peace.

BLESSING OF CANDLES.

On Sunday next, the feast of the Purification of our Blessed Lady, candles will be blessed in the several churches before High Mass. Wax candles that are to be used on the altars during the year will be blessed according to the rubrics of the church.

ODE TO THE CENTURY.

The Pope's Latest Poem.

Renowned in letters, famed in art, The age recedes, of many a thing Woe for man's good from Nature's heart Who will may sing.

The glories of the faded years I rather backward glancing mourn— The deeds ill done, the wrongs, the fears Of the Age outworn.

Red wars that reeked with blood of man, Wide-wandering licenose, sceptres bent, Pierce gulle that threats the Vatican— These I lament.

Where is thy glory, stainless, free, City of Cities, queenly Rome? Ages and Nations kneeled to Thee, The Pontiff's home.

Woe for a time of Godless laws! What faith, what loyalty abides? Torn from the shrines the ancient cause To ruin glides.

Listen, how Science wildly raves Around the altars overthrowing; Brute Nature, with the World for slaves, Is God alone!

Not made in God's own image now Is Man—tho thus the wise dispute— But sprung from one same cell, they now, Are Man and Brute.

O blinded Pride on chaos hurled! O Night proclaimed where Light should be, Obey thou Him who rules the World, Man, and his free!

He only is the Truth; the life; He only points the Heavenward way; He only frees the Soul from strife, If men obey.

'Twas He who led the pious throng But now to Peter's dust divine; Of Faith, to live through ages long, No empty sign!

Jesus, the Judge of years to be, Direct the tides, the tempest still; And make rebellious peoples free To work Thy will.

Sow Thou the seeds of happy Peace, All Evil drive from us afar; And bid the rage and tumult cease Of hateful war.

The minds of Kings and Peoples mould, Thy word may all obey with awe, Be there one Shepherd and one Fold, One Faith, one Law.

My course is run, long ninety years Thy gifts are mine; Thy grace remain; Let not Thy servant's prayers and tears Be poured—in vain.

SIR FRANK SMITH'S WILL

A Million and a Quarter Dollars Left Behind.

The will of the late Sir Frank Smith has been made public. It is dated July 10, 1897, appoints the Toronto General Trusts Corporation executor and trustee, and divides all his estate to the trustee in trust. The value of the estate is \$1,279,564.64, and consists of—

Real estate, comprising the residence, 102 Bloor street east and other real estate in the cities of Toronto and London, and Town of Ingersoll ... \$126,380 00 Stock and bonds of Niagara Navigation Co. and various bank stocks ... 615,080 50

He authorizes the trustee to sell any of his estate from time to time, and to make investments on certain named securities; to give leases; also to change investments from time to time, and retain, so long as the trustee thinks fit, any lands, property, assets of every kind.

Any unexpended income of an infant who may die before coming of age, falls into and forms part of the estate. He wishes his grandson, Frank A. Harrison, an orphan, to be brought up by one of his daughters, Mrs. MacDonald or Mrs. John Foy.

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LATEST MARKETS.

FAIRY PRODUCE WHOLESALERS.

Table listing various commodities and their prices, including Hay, baled, car lots, Straw, baled, car lots, Butter, dairy, lb. rolls, etc.

Hides and Wool.

Price list revised daily by E. T. Carter, successor to John Hallam, 85 East Front Street.

LOCAL LIVESTOCK.

Receipts of live stock at the cattle market to-day were not large, 43 car loads all told, composed of 672 calves, 285 hogs, 333 sheep and 20 calves.

ST. BLASE.

On Sunday next is celebrated the feast of the great Saint Blase. On his feast day, it is customary for the faithful to have their throats blessed.

Buffalo Stockers—Yearling steers, 560 to 800 lbs. each, sold at \$2.25 to \$2.25, and off colors and those of inferior quality at \$1.75 to \$2 per cwt.

Stock Bulls—Yearling bulls, 600 to 900 lbs. each, sold at \$2 to \$2.25 per cwt. Milch Cows—Twelve milch cows and springers were sold at \$30 to \$50.

George Rountree bought 24 butchers' cattle, 910 lbs. each, at \$3.50 per cwt., less \$5 on the lot; 6 heifers, 1000 lbs each, at \$4.25 per cwt., less \$1 on the lot.

William Dulmage sold 23 butchers' cattle, 1020 lbs each, at \$3.70 per cwt.

Robert Hunter bought 7 butchers' heifers, 1000 lbs each, at \$3.00 per cwt.

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MONSIGNOR FARRELLY.

A special despatch to the Mail and Empire from Kingston says:—Monsignor Farrelly, the venerable vicar-general at Bellefleur, will in March celebrate his golden jubilee anniversary as a priest of the Roman Catholic Church. He will retire from active duties and reside at the Archbishop's palace in Kingston.