C. M. B. A.

Our First Year's Business. Our First Year's Business.

The Grand Council of Canada, with the latassessment has concluded its business for the first year, under the reparate beneficiary system, and our members have every reason to feel gratified. The last assessment was the fourteenth for the twelve months. This is indeed a cheerful outlook, and we hope our members will, one and all, work earnestly with a view to increase the strength of our organization.

Grand Council Conventions

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Ed. Catholic Record—Sir—It is a matter of surprise that St. John, N. B., should have been chosen as the place of meeting of the next convention of the Grand Council; and as the printed copies of the minutes do not give the reasons why it was chosen, perhaps some of the officers or the mover of the motion would enlighten us on the subject. On Sept. 1, 1899, there were in Canada 181 branches of the C. M. B. A. C. Othis number about 185 were located in Outarlo, and of the others the majority were in the western part of Quebec, Too C. M. B. A. 1s, first of all, and principally, a business association, and as such must be conducted on strictly business principles; and just as soon as the Grand Council departs from any of the rules that govern the management of a first class financial concern just so soon will our association lose some of its good reputation. Just think of the shareholders of a joint stock company holding their annual meeting in some out of the way town where one of their number happened to live. The x persess of the delegates to the last convention at Hamilton were 8295, and I will venture to assert that it will cost at least \$1300 more to pay the delegates' expenses to St. John than to Montreal or Toronto. I do not believe that we should dole out the expenses of the delegates in a niggardly spirit, or begrudge paying for the conveniences of the officers who give their time to the association, but I do object to our delegates getting up anything that savors of a junketing trip. I see nothing to be gained by holding the next Grand Council convention at St. John, on the very outer edge of our membership territory, but I see much to be lost.

Yours fraternally.

W. PERNDERGAST, Pres. Br. 28.

Seaforth. Dec. II, 1893.

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W. PRENDERGAST, Pres. Br. 23.

We are glad Brother Pendergast has cared our attention to this matter, as many, like him, are, quite reasonably, too, surprised that the meeting should not be held in a more central locality. The business proposition laid down by our worthy Brother is quite correct, but it does not always hold good. If an Insurance Co., for instance felt they would lose money by holding a meeting an an out-of the way place, but were reasonably certain that such a course would in the future lead to a handsome profit, there is not the least doubt they would cheerfully make the first outlay. In the Maritime Previnces the Catholic element is a very large one, and, still better, the Catholicity of the people down by the sea has the sterling ring about it. This being the case our Seaforth brother will recognize the importance of planting the C. M. B. A. firmly in such favored ground. The meeting in St. John will give the people an excellent idea of its merits, and we may reasonably expect that a large accession to the membership will be the result. Indeed it may be said the tide has already set in, as Brother O'Keeffe, the indefatigable Deputy of St. John, has lately organized some very fine branches. The expense of holding the convention will not, we think, be quite as large as indicated in the letter, as excursion rates will likely be arranged for. The fact must, however, be borne in mind that our C. M. B. A. Parliament is getting altogether too heavy and unwieldy, and no doubt the subject will be fully gone into at the next gathering, It would be well were branches to discuss this matter, so that the delegates would come prepared to take action. There are various ways of remedying the corrections of the delegates would come prepared to take action. There are various ways of remedying the difficulty. Provincial Councils is one scheme, and grouping the membership into districts, another, while a third is to have meetings every four years. We hope some satisfactory solution will be f

Monday evening, the 4th inst., the members of Branch 218 presented His Lordship Bishop Decelles, of St. Hyacinthe, with the following address, which was read by the President of the Branch, Brother P. Lefebyre lawyer. febvre, lawyer : To His Lordship Maxime Decelles, Bishop of

Drusipara.

Of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association of Canada are happy to take this, the first opportunity they have since their organization, to present you their most sincere homage and at the same time salute in Your Lordship not only the distinguished prelate Lordship not only the distinguished prelate and the former and beloved parish priest of Sorel, but also one of their Brothers in the

and the former and beloved parish priest of Sorel, but also one of their Brothers in the association.

Your exaltation, My Lord, to the Episcopal See has rejoized at the time our hearts, as Catholics, and this joy, so vivacious then, has no equal to-day, but the sentiment of lawful pride we experience at this moment in seeing one of our brothers in your venerable person, occupy so high office and especially so well merited in the ecclesiastical hierarchy.

We are proud, my Lord, for more than one reason, of this exaltation of Your Lordship to that important office, and at the same time proud of the splendor of your success, which reflects on all the members of this large family, the C. M. B. A., a Catholic association to which we belong, having as brother and spiritual guide our venerable and beloved parish priest, your worthy successor. Our branch, my Lord, is at its beginning, and needs, for its progress and its advancement, a father all paternal, and for that reason we come to-day to prostrate ourselves at your knees and beg Your Lordship's blessing inpon our rising work, so as to assure its spiritual and temporal success.

His Lordship replied, expressing his satisfaction at seeing implanted at Sorel an association which, like all those which have arisen in the city, is particularly lear to him and has all his sympathies.

Kinkora, Dec. 11, 1893.

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The members of Branch 175, Kinkora, paid a visit to St. Bridget's parish, Logan, in the interest of the C. M. B. A. A large number were present at the school. M. J. Hagerty, of Brooklyn, occupied the chair in a very acceptable manner. Messrs. Foley and Crowley, of Branch 175,gave addresses, showing the benefits to be derived from a membership in the association. P. Lahey, President of Branch 175, gave artiling speech of some length, explaining fully the workings of the C. M. B. A. Mr. Lahey is one of the earnest workers of the association, and never fails to say a good word for it, and will, no doubt, occupy a prominent place in the near future. The chairman, Mr. Hagarty, made a neat address at the close. A number of gentle men present signified their willingness to join. Another neeting will be held at an early date, when it is expected that a branch of about twenty charter members will be organized.

Blection of Officers.

Branch 64, North Bay.

Spir. adv. Rev. E. Bloem, chan. B. M. Mulligan, pres. P. J. Murphy, first vice-pres. J. A. Crawford. second vice-pres. T. McGuire, asst. sec. T. Hearly, fin. sec. P. McCool, mar. C. Lamarche, guard P. Degrace, trus. J. Boulet, J. Shields. M. Brennan, J. A. Crawford, J. J. MacNamara.

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Spir. adv. Rev. Dean Murray, chan. Dr. T. J.

Moher, pres. M. P. Kinsella, first vice pres. Jas.

Fitzpatrick, second vice-pres. Fred. Gingratreas. T. D. Kinsella, rec., sec. J. P. Connolly,

astt. sec. M. T. Grancy, fin. sec. L. W. Dion, mar.

Thos. Holmas, guard Edward Allard, trus. M.

B Connors and T Bougie, rep. to grand council Dr. T J Moher, att. L W. Dion.

Spir. adv. Rev. Dean. Egan, chan. William O'Nellt, pres. Chas. McGuire, first vice-pres. M Shanacy, second vice-pres. Hos. Brown, rec. set. J. Agr., asst. sec. T. Hickey, fin. sec. T. F. O'Mara. treas. E Bevigny, mar. Jas. Moran. guard John Healey, trus. Rev. Dean. Egan, P. Kearns, J. Kerr, rep to grand council J Coffey, set. D Quinlan.

Branch 116, Fergus. Branch 116, Fergus.

Spir. Adv. Rev. P. Cosgrove, P. P. chan. J. J. kirby, pres. Thos. Hally, first vice-pres. Fred. Fischer, second vice pres. John Hecker, Fred. Sec. E. J. Downey, mass cee. ecc. Arthur Waddick, treas, Michael McLeister, fin. sec. Writzpatrick, mar. Wm. McDermott, guard J. McCoreier, trag. for two years J. J. Kirby and John Becker.

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Pres. C A Gormaly, first vice pres. F Ebach,
second vice pres. J Callaghan, treas. J O'Hearn,
rec. sec, C N Ryan, asst. rec. sec. G' O'Leary,
fin. sec. A 8 Gormaly, mar. T G' Grady, guard
R Alyward, trus. P J frooney. T O'Grady and J
Callaghan, rep to grand council P J Costello,
at. P J Rooney.

Branch 15 is in a very prosperous condition. The membership shows a substantial
increase over that of last year and the prospects for the future are very bright.

Branch 49, Toronto.

Spir. adv. Most Rev. Mer. Rooney chan. Wm
Moran, pres. B J Cronin, first vice pres. J J
Barry, sec vice pres. John Walsh, rec. sec. W
M Vale, tress. M Clancy, asst. sec. M Kilroy,
fin. sec. Percy Kirwan, mar. T F Kelly, guard
M Mick. trus. M Clancy, asst. sec. M Kilroy,
fin. sec. Percy Kirwan, mar. T F Kelly, guard
M Mick. trus. M Clancy, att. Wm. Moran, John
Walsh. George Clark and W J Smith, rept. to
grand council M Clancy, att. Wm. Moran.

Branch 31. Guelph.

Pres. Geo. Urquhart, first vice-pres. Frank
H. Frank, second vice-pres. Theodore Heeg,
rec. sec. Jas. Kennedy, asst. sec. John Killion,
fin. sec. C. C. Collins, treas W. J. Dulgnan,
mar. Fellx 6 Donnell, guard Hugh Johnston,
tres. for two years M. J. Doran, Frank H.
Frank, Michael Purcell, repres. to Grand
Council M. J. Doran, alternate S. A. Heffernan.

Sarafield Branch, No. 1, Hamilton.

There was a very large attendance of members at the last regular meeting, and very great
interest was taken in the election of officers,
resulting in the following being elected for
1894: Chan. Rev. Father Brady; pres., J P
Ball; vice-pres. R J Purdy; rec., ec., N J
Ourran; fin. sec.. D Galvin; insur. P. Chesseman; asst. mar., W L Bonany; inside guard,
R Ball; outside guard. W Melachy; surveon,
Dr. T H Balfe. The branch has added several
to its membership and have several candidates
on hand.

St. Patrick's Branch No. 2, Toronto.

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St Cecilia's Branch, No. 29.

This branch has only been organized a few months, but from the energy displayed by its members it will soon be in a most fiourishing condition, they not allowing a single branch meeting to pass without at last one initiation. At their last meeting they unanimously reclected this present staff at officers, being well satisfied with the manner in which they had discharged their duties: Chap. Rev. Father Kearns; pres. M Mahonev; vice-pres. M Doyle: rec. sec., H L McDonald; fin. and insur. sec., M Ward; pres., D Cain; stew. F C Neil; mar., M Carrol; insile guard. E Rafferty.

W. LANE, Sec. Treas., 17 Homburg ave., Toronto.

Resolutions of Condolence.

At the last regular meeting of Branch No. held Dec. 11, 1893, the Rev. Chancellor J. Feeney and the Recording Secretary, W. Schuler, were appointed a committee to raft a resolution of condolence to Brother

Jas. Silles:
Whereas it hath pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to call the beloved wife of Brother Jas. Silles to her eternal reward; we knowing the severe affliction which he suffers at the loss of her who was a loving, model wife, and devout Catholic, a warmhearted friend and a comfort to the poor and afflicted, extend to Brother Jas. Silles in the name of St. Basil's parish, Brantford, our very sincere sympathy, and pray that God may fortify him in his sad bereavement.

Moved by President O'Neill, seconded by Past Chancellor Rogers,
Whereas it has pleased the all wise Providence, who doeth all things for the best, to remove from this earth the Mother of our esteemed Bro., Jno. Healey, be it Resolved that we, the members of Branch 51 of Barrie, extend to Bro. Healy our heartfelt sympathy in his irreparable loss, and pray with him that the deceased mother may be enjoying the Beatific vision of God in all His glory. Be it further Resolved that a copy of these resolutions be sent to Bro. Healey, spread on the minutes of our meeting and one sent to the CATHOLIC RECORD.

JOHN COFFEY, Rec. Sec.

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E. B. A.

The members of the Emerald Beneficial Association Stratford, met in the C. M. B. A. hall Monday, Dec. 11, 1893, and ele-ted for the coming year the following officers: chaplain, Rev. E. B. Kilroy, D. D.; chancellor, E. J. Kneitl: president, A. McPhee; vice-president, J. B. Badour: recording-secretary, J. J. Hagarty, (accl.); financial secretary, N. La Marsh, (accl.); treasurer, Thos. Quirk (accl.); stewards, P. Wahl, S. Hickey, R. A. Kennedy; marshal, J. G. Bartty; asst. marshal, P. Tobin: inside guard, J. Kastner; outside guard, J. McPhee.

The election of officers of Branch No. 30, E. B. A., Kinkora, took place on the 1st of Dec. Following is the result: Chaplain Rev. John O'Neill; president, T. Coughlin; vice president, J. Dwyer: recording secretary, T. E. Brown; financial secretary, P. J. Crowley; treasurer, J. J. Brown; stewards, J. Gallagher, and L. Crowley; marshal, T. O'Flynn; assistant marshal, P. Hison; inner guard, M. Hishon; outer guard, J. Flynn. ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

OBITUARY.

MR. JOHN O'SULLIVAN PARKHILL.

Dear Sir: With sentiments of deep sympathy and profound regret we ask you to chronicle the sad event of the sudden death of Mr. John O'Sullivan of Parkhill, which occurred adjacent to the town of Listowel, on Thursday, the 7th inst. The deceased young man was one possessed of affability and amiability, coupled with jocundity and innocent jocose insimuations which doubly endeared him to all the encircling youth and his friends in general. He was a son to parents, and a member of a family distinguished for exemplary Catholic life, their strict honesty and profound integrity in all their dealings. His sister, Miss Annie O'Sullivan, has efficiently rendered her assistance as organist and choir leader in the church at Parkhill for the last five years Unfortunately, he embraced the dangerous profession of brakeman las: September, at the juvenile age of eighteen years, which soon resulted in cutting him off from the rank of the living in his blooming minority. He was of stately figure and stalwart appearance, and you would anticipate for him many years of vigorous life and robust health.

On the day of his interment Requiem High Mass was celebrated by the esteemed pastor MR. JOHN O'SULLIVAN PARKHILL.

health.

On the day of his interment Requiem High Mass was celebrated by the esteemed pastor of Mt. Carmel, Rev. Father Traher, in consequence of Rev. Father McRae having a simultaneous service to perform in another part of his mission, after which his remains had been taken to the Catholic cemetery of St. Columba, Bornish, followed by a large

funeral cortege of different denominations.

Requiescat in pace.

The bereavement of this good family is deeply regretted by all surrounding friends of every creed, and consequently they extend to them their filial sympathy in proportion as they regret the premature demise of their departed friend.

AN EARLY DISSOLUTION POSSIBLE.

Harold Frederick cables to the New York Times—If the bye-election in the Accrington Division of Lancashire next Thursday turns out well for the Liberals it is quite within passibilities that we shall have a dissolution of Parliament next month, and the whole tremendous upproar of a new general election in Fobruary. It cannot be described as more than a fair possibility, and, so far as it is known, no hint of any such intention has been dropped from officials on cross. But the logic of the situation clearly includes a resort to this bold and risky device. The situation itself is unprecedented. Records of over fifty years—or with the property of the situation clearly includes a resort to this bold and risky device. The situation itself is unprecedented. Records of over fifty years—or with the partition of the par

WEDDING BELLS.

LYNCH-WATTERS.

One of those enjoyable events which causes no small excitement took place on the morning of November the 14th. Although the morning was not as pleasant as people would wish, yet a large number of vehicles could be seen wending their way to St. Patrick Church, Kinkora, the cause being to celebrate the marriage of Miss Alice Watters, daughter of Mr. Terrance Watters, of the Township of Logan, to Mr. Thomas Lynch, a most highly respected young man of the same place. Promptly at 9 o'clock as the organ pealed forth the wedding march, the bride, learning on the arm of her brother, Cormac, marched up the aisle, accompaniel by her bridesmaid, Miss Katie Lynch. The bride looked charming and was attired in brown cloth, with a yoke of silk and velvet of the same shade; while the bridesmaid was attired in a like costume. Rev. Father O'Neill, pastor of the church, performed the sacred ceremony. while the bridesmaid was attract in a fixe costume. Rev. Father O'Neill, pastor of the church, performed the sacred ceremony. The nuptial Mass over, the bridal party, accompanied by friends and relatives, proceeded to the home of the bride's parents, where a sumptuous breakfast awaited them. The remainder of the day was spent in congratulations and amusements. In the ovening the newly married couple, amidst a shower of rice and old slippers and accompanied as far as Mitchell by the bridesmaid and groomsman, took the evening train for Bay City, Michigan, where they intended spending a couple of weeks with the bride's sister, Mrs. J. Ferquharson. The bride was the recepient of many valuable presents from friends and admirers who wish Mr. and Mrs. Lynch much happiness and prosperity through their married life.

Old Christmas.

It's a long way round the year, my dears, A long way round the year! I found the frost and the fla ne, my dears, I found the smile and tears!

The wind blew high on the pine topped hill, And cut me keen on the moor;
The heart of the stream was frozen still,
As I tapped at the miller's door.

I tossed them holly in hall and cot, And bade them right good cheer, But stayed me not in any spot, For I'd travelled around the year

To bring the Christmas joy, my dears,
10 your eyes so bonnie and true;
And a mistletoe bough for you, my dears,
A mistletoe bough for you!
—December St. Nicholas

NEW BOOKS.

Among the books recently published by the Messrs. Benziger Bros., 35 and 38 Bar-clay street, New York, are. "Connor D'Arcy's Struggles." by Mrs. W. M. Bertholds, author of "One in a Crowd." "Untle John's Jewels," "A Golden Hind," etc.; and "The Comedy of English Protestantism," edited by A. F. Marshall, B. A., Oxon.

The A. P. A.

What gang is this, whose fetid breath
Pollutes the sir, and loads the breeze
With microbes of a living death?—
What creed gave birth to knaves like ti
Who unto other folk deny
The right to live, and dare gainsay
Their claim to thrive beneath God's sky—
Say, is it not the A. P. A.?—
The selfsh, odlous A. P. A.—
That shuns the light
And loves the night—
The owlish ghoulish A. P. A.

What are its weapons? Cant and fraud—A trickster's guild that's sleek and sly; Great Lucifer its Lord and God. Its gospel one unblushing lie; Professing Christian love, its creed Is one that preacheth but to slay—A horde of Pharisees indeed Compose the dastard A. P. A.—That bigot's den the A.P. A.—Surely no Christ Hath sacrificed His life for such as they!

Traitors alike to God and man—
To truth, and love, and honor blind,
No serpents wriggle as they can.
And leave such slimy trails behind!
False to the flag, whose stars recall
In many a bright and dazzling ray
The right of liberty for all
Detested by the A. P. A.!
The vie and lep rous A. P. A.!
Who. without doubt,
Make up the cattiff A. P. A.!
—Eugene Dayis in the St. Louis W.

-Eugene Davis in the St. Louis Watchm

"THE COLORED HARVEST."

The Colored Harvest is a sixteen page paper, beautifully illustrated and filled with interesting reading matter. It is issued every October for the benefit of St. Joseph's Society for the Negro missions. With the paper comes a certificate of membership is the St. Joseph's Society, and a blessed medal. The paper and medal are really worth the 25 cents asked as subscription tee, yet they are not the real returns. The subscriber becomes an affiliated member of St. Joseph's Society, and thus shares in all the merits of its missionaries, besides having thirteen hundred Masses said during the year for their intentions.

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We Catholics should do all in our power to help on the great work of the evangelization of the Negro. We must remember that we are their debtors inasmuch as we owe them the Catholic faith which Christ has entrusted to us, not that we might hoard it up, but that we may share it with our brethren. And the more wretched and benighted they are the deeper we are in their debt. We can do much towards cancelling this debt hy enabling apostolic men to devote their lives to work among the Negroes. And surely the payment of 25 cents a year to this end is within the capabilities of all.

I would advise every reader to send for a sample copy of the Colored Harvest that he may see the scope of the work, and convince himself of its necessity. Apply to the Very Rev. J. R. Slattery, St. Joseph's Seminary, Baltimore, Md.

On Wednesday evening of last week the beautiful statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary, purchased by the young ladies of the Sodality, was blessed by the Rev. Father Allaine of St. Catharines. After the ceremony Father Allaine preached an eloquent and instructive sermon to a large congregation. The rev. speaker explained, by such clear and effective arguments, why the Catholics' love for the Mother of God should find expression in placing such a beautiful statue in the church that some Protestants who were present freely admitted they were now convinced every Christian should honor the Mother of our Lord. One said he could now ask her to pray for him.

C. O. F.

RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE.

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Ingersoll, Ont., Dec. 12, 1893.

At the last meeting of Sacred Heart Court
No 270, Catholic Order of Foresters, the
following resolution of condolence was moved
by J. P. Henderson, seconded by Jas. O'Callaghan, and adopted:

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God to
remove from our midst Mary Alice, beloved
daughter of our Brother, Lawrence Dunn,
Resolved that the sincere sympathy
of this Court be extended to Brother Dunn,
and family in their affliction, and pray God
to give them fortitude to bear with their sad
loss. Be it further
Resolved that a copy of this resolution be
sent to Brother Lawrence Dunn, and also
published in the CATHOLIC RECORD.

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Committee, THOS. MCDERMOTT,

Committee, P. DEVEROUX, THOS. McDERMOTT, D. HOWE,

The Saints of Bethlehem.

Generations of saints have been formed by the contemplation of the mysteries of the Child God—the Eternal present in the Babe whose days might be counted-Omnipotence helpless and dependent on His creatures for movedependent on His creatures for move-ment—the eternally spoken Word in-capable of speech. And whence have these saints learned their wisdom? They have gazed on the beauty re-vealed to them in the Babe of Beth-lehem. They have understood how God chose voluntarily, through love of them, a state of weakness and dependence. The beauty of that mystery has passed into their own souls, and made them in spirit little ones like Him, weak and humble and guileless, and willing captives of His will.

—From "Jesus the all-Beautiful."

Protestants and Indulgences.

The Protestant mind is apparently quite incapable of grasping the doc-trine of Indulgences. The most gross ignorance prevails among even well educated Anglicans as to their nature and to persuade Protestants that In-dulgences are not bought and sold is a hopeless task. We heard the other day of a lady returning from Mass with the receipt for her seat-rent in her hand. "Oh, that is an Indul-gence, is it? May I see it?" asked a Protestant iriend. The Catholic explained the nature of the offending piece of paper, and added that Indul gences were not bought and sold neither were they tangible things. Of course she was contradicted; the Protestant lady had been abroad a great deal, and had constantly seen pieces of paper which she was sure were Indulgences, given to the com-municants about Easter-time in the churches in Rome. It was explained taht these were certificates of Easter communion, a fruitful source of confusion to Anglicans. But the Protestant had still another card to play; the explanation might suffice as to the

certificates, as thay were given, not sold; but she had also seen people buyling little pictures and cards with indulgences on the back of them at the church doors in Italy. The Catholic explained that the pictures might be, and no doubt were, sold, but that at any rate, the Indulgences could only be gained by saying the prayers to which they were attached and fulfilling the necessary conditions, not by buying the picture. Though any little Catholic child understands this well enough, it is very difficult to this well enough, it is very difficult to get Protestants to see it.

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MARKET REPORTS.

London, Dec. 21.—Grain remained the same as our last quotations, as there was hardly any appeared. Beef \$4 to \$5 per cwt. Lamb 6 to 7c a pound wholesale. Dressed hopgs \$6 to \$5.50 per cwt. Nine to 10c a pound was asked for turkeys. Geese and ducks were scarce, at 50 to 75c for the former and 45 to 70c per pair for the latter. Fowls had no change. Butter and eggs were unchanged. Potatoes 75 to 89c a bag. Apples \$1.75 to \$2.50 a bag. Hay \$7.50 to \$8.50 a ton.

were unchanged. Portatoes 13 to 50c a 10g., Apples \$1.75 to \$2.50 a 10g. Hay \$7.50 to \$8.50 a ton.

Toronto, Dec. 21.—Flour—Straight roller, \$2.75 to \$2.85; extra, \$2.50 to \$2.75. Wheat—white, \$7.50 to \$2.85; extra, \$2.50 to \$2.75. Wheat—white, \$7.50 to \$2.50 apples \$1.50 to \$2.75. Wheat—white, \$7.50 to \$9.50; paring No. 2,57; red winter, \$7. 2005e, \$16; \$10.50 to \$2.50; No. 1, \$2.50 to \$1.50 to \$1.50 to \$1.50; each, \$10.50 to \$1.50 to \$1.50; each, \$10.50 to \$1.50 to \$1.50; each, \$10.50 to \$1.50; each, \$10.50; each, \$10.50 to \$1.50; each, \$10.50 to \$1.50; each, \$10.50

Latest Live Stock Markets.

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TORONTO.

Dec. 21.—Butchers' Cattle — Prices ranged from 2½ to 3c for rough cattle, 3 to 35c for medium to good; 3½ to 4c for good to choice and up to 4½ for fancy stock.

Sheep and Lambs—A bunch of 152, averaging 17 lbs, sold at 83.90 per cwt; a bunch of 76, averaging 92 lbs, at 33.50 a head; a bunch of 78, averaging 98 lbs, at 33.50 a head; a bunch of 78, averaging 98 lbs, at 33.50 a head; a bunch of 78, averaging 88 lbs, at 32.50 head; a bunch of 78, averaging 88 lbs, at 32.50 head; a bunch of 85, averaging 88 lbs, at 32.50 head; a bunch of 85, averaging 88 lbs, at 32.50 head; a bunch of 85, averaging 88 lbs, at 32.50 head; a bunch of 85, averaging 88 lbs, at 32.50 head; a bunch of 85, and teole brought from 2½ to 34 a head more.

Hogs—Straight fats, weighed off car, sold at 85, and fed and watered at 84.75. Stores and half-lats off car sold at 84.75 to 84.99, and stags from 82.50 to 83.50; BUFFALO.

Buffalo, Dec. 21.—Cattle — Sales: cows and steers, 83.15 to 83.25; fair to choice cows, 82.35 to 85.60; medium and heavy, 85.45 to 85.69; pigs, 85.55 to 85.65; roughs, 84.50 to 84.69; pigs, 85.55 to 85.65; roughs, 84.50 to 84.55. Sheep and attive lambs, 84.25 to 84.69; common fatr, 83.25 to 84.50 to 84.69; logod native lambs, 84.25 to 84.69; common fatr, 83.25 to 84.50 to 84.69; extra fancy, 84.55.

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But when one thousand gliding Their rapid course had noiseles The One besought by nation; God's uncreated, equal Son, Within that cell on winter's nu-As man first saw this world's pu

Unknown, unloved, e'en by His A score of days the Child had d' In that retreat and stronger gre The wind's chill cold no longer And on His Virgin Mother's kn Passed the long hours in childis A playful linnet flitting throug The humble cell, tipped with its As 'gainst the silent harp it flew A long untouched but thrilling Which gave a sweet melodious Whilst charmed and scared the

Again its glistening pinion wal A tender, low and lulling note. The bird moved by the sound it With rapid wings the still coor And sang to Mary while they pi This simple, short, but dulcet is

"In every land, o'er every sea.
Thy blessed name shall be extol
While thousand suppliants ben
To honor her, whom God foretol
As one whose virgin he el shoul
And crush the wily serpent's he "The mourners round the bed of Sad gazing on the loved one the Warned by the sufferer's shorte Shall turn to thee in earnest prand thou will stay the parting of guide it to its final goal.

"When children call upon thy To help them on the road to Got To keep them from the depths o To guide them on the path tho A loving mother, thou wilt fly, With help in answer to their co

Thus sang the linnet as it flew Around the harp; and Jesus sn "Thy tuneful words—"He said Each one must be My mother "Who serves her here in child Shall reign with her and Me

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Last Saturday Most Vincent Cleary, Archbis ton, came to Marysville, ceived at the railway st John S. Quinn, pastor.
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rived at the Presbytery
Grace. Next morning t
celebrated early Mass,
o'clock presided at the Presbytery After the Communion b lengthy instruction to the supreme importance tian education of youth sequent necessity of pro-lic schools for the child district of the diocese we done. The Public sc country, he said, are grid ive, inasmuch as they ious teaching, and th youth of Ontario unen untutored in regard o order of knowledge, a essential discipline of which the formation of the development of Ch can alone be solidly the general ignorance of

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trary, insists on the ki and Christ, and the fea Him, and the duty all His commandments His Holy Church in al life and the attainmen as the primary object aim of all education proclaims that this sh first place of important of instruction; and sho secular instruction, against manifold error, it in all its stages to t all, which is the assimi mind and heart to God tion of truth and Apostle St. Paul annou ciple to the converted very comprehensive an "Whom God h he hath also predesting conformable to the ima that He (Christ) may be among many brethrer bishop explained and lesson of this text. lesson of this text. counted among the fore God, the Father, unle in their souls the lil Christ, His first-born So ren of divine predile those who are to be no the saints in the King Glory, must be dist the family likeness of God, as manifes

Christ, the eldest family. It is in thi child, born of woman in of Adam, is regenerate baptism; and, because Jesus impressed upon its faculties by sacram of water and the Holy and there adopted by Father as a brother of heir of His glory in the Heaven. The Mother from the baptismal for of sin and corruption whom she had recently but the child of God, Jesus, the heir of Etern she has received a high infinitely more weigh command from Heav