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Notes.

THE Buffalo Times accuses Canada of being a slow grower. The opposite is the fact, which can easily be mathematically demonstrated. Since Canada became a British possession it has increased in population nearly four times the rate of the United States since the revolution. Canada is all right, and the "slow-grower" theory is purely an imaginative one.

OWING to long-continued ill health, and after thirty-eight years of faithful service, the Very Rev. Father Vincent, of St. Michael's College, no longer feeling equal to the arduous duties of his charge, has resigned the office of Provincial Superior of the Community of St. Basil in America. His successor in this responsible position is the Very Rev. Victor Marijon, for the past six years Superior of the Basilian Novitiate in Plymouth, England. He arrived from France on Tuesday, and comes to establish his headquarters at St. Michael's College in this city. The new Provincial will have jurisdiction over the different houses of the Basilians in Canada and the United States.

THE new Provincial was accompanied to this country by the Rev. Father Dumouchel, who, as his many friends will be pleased to learn, returns to his native Canada after an absence of two years in England, where he held a responsible position in the College of Mary Immaculate, Plymouth.

AUTHORITATIVE denial is given in the official *Osservatore Romano* of the 5th current, to the assertions of the minor Crispian organ, *Capitan Fracassa*, "that the Cardinal Secretary of State for Pontifical affairs (sic) has addressed a circular to all the bishops of Italy, urging them to promote popular protest and agitation against Art X. of the projected bill relative to the regulations of the city of Rome." Another canard, hardly worth contradiction, first appearing in the Roman correspondence of the Paris *Temps* is the stupidly constructed tale of the pseudo-poisoning of Leo XIII., by means of stale asparagus, cooked in the Pontifical kitchen, the fright of the Pope himself, the terror of the household, the

dismay of the physicians, and the official inspection of culinary utensils, and of the remnants of the Papal dinner, being all pathetically detailed in a manner creditable to the fervid fancy of the inventor of the absurd fable which has gone the rounds of the press.

THE sad accident which happened on Friday last at Brock avenue crossing of the C. P. R., is one the most painful occurrences which has ever happened in Toronto. An old man, Patrick Dowling, aged 66 years, an employee of Sunnyside orphanage, and two of the boys from the institution had driven in their wagon to collect the goods and parcels, which one of the Sisters had collected from friends of the institution, and was on their way home, when the heart-rending occurrence took place. Evidently they neither saw nor heard the approaching train, and in a moment were struck by a C. P. R. engine, and hurled into eternity.

The grief-stricken Sisters of the orphanage, and the relatives of the dead have the sympathy of everyone.

An inquest was held by Coroner Lynd the same evening and adjourned until Wednesday, when, with the consent of Dr. O'Sullivan, Q.C., the Solicitor for the Orphanage, the inquest was further adjourned.

A CABLE despatch to the New York *Catholic News* from its Rome correspondent, says that Rev. Denis O'Connor, D.D., Superior of Assumption College, Sandwich, has been appointed Bishop of the Diocese of London, in succession to the Most Rev. John Walsh, Archbishop of Toronto.

Father O'Connor is a Canadian by birth, having been born in the Township of Pickering, and is fifty years of age. He early determined to devote himself to the religious life, and entered St. Michael's College with the intention of preparing for the ministry. He graduated with high honors, studied for some years in France and, on his return to Canada, received Holy Orders.

For a time Father O'Connor filled a professorship in St. Michael's College, his *alma mater*, and afterwards was appointed Superior of Assumption College at Sandwich. When he entered upon the duties of his new office the college was barely in existence, but under his guiding hand and untiring energy it steadily advanced in efficiency and prosperity until it has reached the position that it now holds among Canadian educational institutions.

The success of every project that Father O'Connor has undertaken has been due to his great ability as an organizer and the broad and liberal view that he has taken of everyday affairs. Father O'Connor has continued at the head of Assumption College during a period of 22 years, up to the time of his present appointment, and his masterly efforts will soon be felt in the new position that his profound learning and ceaseless energy have won for him.

The Basilians—to which order Dr. O'Connor belongs—are to be congratulated on the elevation of one of their members (the first in this country) to the purple.