

THE LATE FATHER LABELLE

AN IMPOSING FUNERAL CEREMONIAL

All Banks and Churches do Honor to His Memory.

The funeral of the late Mgr. Labelle was one of the most imposing ceremonial ever seen in the province. It partook of the nature of a public funeral, the Provincial Government defraying the costs. The village of St. Jerome was in mourning and there was all around ample evidence of the popularity of the deceased and the general regret felt at his death. Long strings of black material were stretched along the streets, and nearly every door there was crumpled. Flags were at half-mast and many reddened eyes were seen. The remains were exposed in the church. The dead priest was dressed in his vestments of purple and white as a member of the Vatican household. The church was decorated in black and yellow, the Papal mourning colors, and on every pillar a shield with the inscription "Requiescat in pace." The attendance was very large, the country people having driven in for miles around. A special train of ten cars from Montreal carried more than 700 people, among them being Mgr. Duhamel, Archbishop of Ottawa; Mgr. Moreau, Bishop of St. Hyacinthe; Mgr. Tota, representing Cardinal Taschereau; Mgr. Guay, of Roussillon; Mgr. Desjardins, of St. Jerome; Mgr. Maréchal, V.G., Administrator of the Archdiocese of Montreal, and representing Mgr. Fabre; and over 100 priests; Hon. J. A. Chapleau, Secretary of State; Hon. J. A. Ouhé, Speaker of the House of Commons; Messrs. Beauvolet, Prefontaine, Bergeron, M. P.'s; Messrs. Starnes (Speaker), Turville, Ward, Marcell, Archambault, Sylvester, members of the Legislative Council; Hon. Mr. Mercier, Hon. Mr. Robidoux, Attorney-General; Hon. Chas. Langlois, Provincial Secretary; Hon. Geo. Duhamel, Minister of Crown Lands; Hon. Arthur Boyer; Messrs. Rochelleau, Nantel, Lussier, Cardin, Carrier, Laliberte, Leblanc, Mesbanc, Maréchal, (Speaker), Levesque, Villeneuve, M. L. A., Hon. Arthur Tardif, Chief Justice, C. A. Damsoreau, and E. S. Jarvis. Mr. Charles Drinkwater of the C. P. R. was present as the official representative of the company with which the Curé was so closely connected. The Hon. Messrs. Mercier and Hon. J. A. Chapleau entered the sacred edifice together and walked with bowed heads towards the coffin, both visibly impressed. His Grace Archbishop Duhamel officiated in the church and Mgr. Moreau sang the obsequies at the cemetery chapel, where the remains were interred. It was intended that there should be no funeral oration, but the programme was changed and just before the mass announced the Abbé Prolix, Vice Rector of Laval, ascended the pulpit and paid a glowing tribute to the dead. He stated that the best way of honoring the dead would be to take up a collection to have mass said for the repose of his soul. This was done, a handsome sum being raised. The order of the procession from the church to the cemetery was as follows: College students, choristers, the catafalque, drawn by ten horses, all the bearers, relatives, the Fabrique, the town and municipal councils, Cercle St. Antoine, employees of the Rolland Paper Co.; Congregation des Hommes, and general public, in all more than four thousand persons, and the streets were lined by many thousands more. Each society had a magnificent car, with violet and black ornaments, and decorated with flowers. The pall-bearers were Hon. J. A. Chapleau, Hon. Honoré Mercier, Hon. George Duhamel, Hon. Wilfred Provost, Mayors Leclerc and De Montigny, of the village and parish respectively, and Messrs. Paquin and Jos. Champagne, representing the Fabrique. The floral decorations were most elaborate and costly, and they would have been more numerous but for the request of the Cardinal. As the people returned to town from their sad day's work it was felt by one and all that the Church had lost one of her most zealous, the French race a fearless defender, and the Dominion of Canada an ardent patriot.

The town council of St. Jerome passed a resolution of condolence and subscriptions will at once be taken up to defray the cost of a monument. The Government will head this list. L'Electeur gives some interesting details touching the death of the venerable priest. On the Saturday when informed he must undergo an operation, he sent for his confessor, Rev. P. Turgeon, S.J., who gave him absolution. Then, armed with a crucifix in one hand, and a chapel in the other, he placed himself on the operating table and quiply remarked: "With these I fear nothing." Next morning while the priest was reciting the prayer for those in extremis, the doctor came in and told him he had only a few minutes to live. Then turning to the paying priest the dying man said: "Faster, faster, march, march." At this moment Father Moreau, an old friend of Father Labelle, came in, and exhorting him to have courage he said, "Monseigneur, you have chosen a beautiful day to die; to-day is the 'Martyrdom of St. Laurent.'" Perceiving that he had made an error, Father Moreau said, "No, it is St. Lawrence's day, to-morrow is St. Laurent's." Thereupon the dying man had a moment of gaiety, remarking, "I would rather wait until to-morrow. His voice was so lucid that the attendants could not refrain from laughter. Three minutes after he was dead.

New York, Jan. 13.—The steamer State of Nevada, from Glasgow, brought to this port the coffin and crew of the British steamer Polux, which was in a sinking condition when the State of Nevada, the Polux was bound from Nevada. The Polux was bound from Reno for Philadelphia. The State of Nevada fell in with her, and sprang a was gone, and the vessel had no bad leak. The Polux only had to be left for an ordinary voyage when she left Reno. These became exhausted and suffered terribly from hunger. For 29 days they had nothing but canned meat to eat. This disappeared so rapidly that

during the last seven days previous to their rescue but seven ounces of meat per day were allowed to each man. They had no water or bread. The coal gave out long before they were rescued and the men also suffered greatly from cold. One of the Polux's firemen was washed overboard and lost.

Church Growth in Australia. Cardinal Moran, of Sydney, in a recent address, gave a compendium of Catholic progress at the Antipodes that is simply startling. He said that in 1826 there was not a single priest in all Australasia. Thanks be to God there had been a great change since then, and under the blessing of heaven the wonderful progress of religion would continue till the Southern Cross became in truth an emblem of faith and piety for the Southern Hemisphere. Looking the other day at an official census of the year 1886, he found that the total number of Catholics in the Australian colonies was 22,000 with six priests ministering to them. Now there had six ecclesiastical provinces with six Archbishops, and a great array of devoted clergy and Catholic institutions of all kinds flourishing in every diocese. In the census to which he had referred he found that marvellous Melbourne, represented there that day, as they were all happy to see, by Archbishop Carr, could only then boast of a total population, counting young and old, of 224, and of this number 14 only were recorded as Catholics. What had been done in Melbourne since 1826 it was unnecessary for him to say, for the progress of the Church in Melbourne and throughout Victoria was known and recognized throughout the Catholic world.

MEDICAL SCIENCE.

A Wonderful Discovery Which Will Benefit Thousands of Sufferers.

The civilized world has recently been deeply agitated over the announcement that Dr. Koch, an eminent German physician, had discovered a lymph for the cure of consumption. This discovery has been heralded one of the greatest achievements of modern medical science. Of equal, if not greater importance, is a discovery made by a well-known Canadian druggist, which, while it does not pretend to cure consumption after the lungs have been affected, is offered with every confidence as a preventative of that disease. Medical testimony bears out the statement that more than two-thirds of the cases of consumption, occurring in this country annually, are of catarrhal origin. The trouble begins with a cold in the head, which the sufferer treats as a slight matter, and too frequently neglects. This in time invariably develops into catarrh; the mucous membrane becomes thickened, inflamed and hardened, and there is a profuse discharge of watery and poisonous matter from the nostrils, or else the poisonous secretions become clogged and hardened. In either case the breath is inhaled over this poisonous matter and produces baleful results. The inflammation gradually extends to the bronchial tubes, and thence to the lungs, which already poisoned and weakened by the foul breath inhaled, are ripe for that dread disease—consumption which ends in death. A remedy that will prevent these disastrous consequences must be regarded as a boon to mankind, and, as already stated, such a remedy has been discovered by a Canadian druggist. There is no case of cold in the head which it will not instantly relieve and permanently cure. Do not, for an instant, neglect a cold in the head, for by its prompt treatment you will prevent its developing into catarrh—the second stage on the road to the grave. If, however, catarrh has already developed, the use of this great remedy will prove equally beneficial, as it allays and speeds relief, and will effect a certain cure, even in the most aggravated cases, if persistently used. It removes the secretions, frees the clogged nostrils, and sweetens the breath; stops the inflammation and thus saves the lungs and prevents the disease developing into consumption. This great discovery is known and sold throughout the country under the name of Nasal Balm. It is a positive and certain cure, and the thousands of testimonials in the hands of its proprietors bear witness that it is all they claim for it. It is sold by all dealers, and every sufferer from cold in the head or catarrh should use it.

The Pilot for 1891.

The first number of the Pilot for 1891 is just issued. It contains portrait and biographic sketch of Patrick Donahue, its founder, who has just resumed control of it; able editorials on the present crisis in Irish affairs; Roman news of more than ordinary interest; and many valuable and opportune contributions. The departments, and the special literary features which have made the Pilot so prized as a family paper, as "Our Boys and Girls," "Correspondents' Column," etc., are up to their usual high standard. The paper has been enlarged so as to give about a page additional of reading matter; and, altogether, enters on its fifty-sixth year, with all the advantages that a good editorial staff, a big and growing subscription list, and a fold as wide as the country can give it.

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A BURIED CITY.

Discovery of Roman remains in England—Some interesting relics.

London, Jan. 3.—A British Pompeii has just been discovered near Reading, in Berkshire, on the great Stratfieldsaye estate of the Duke of Wellington. It is a true city and not a mere camp, and, when fully excavated, will throw light upon the domestic life of our remote ancestors over since the Roman occupation of Britain; in fact, the soil is virgin, having been pasture land for centuries. An exhibition will be opened at Burlington House, Piccadilly, within a few days, which will present features of extraordinary interest. On the walls will be hung a huge plan of the buried city, marking the whereabouts of the streets, walls, gates, houses, paths, temples, forum and basilica. The excavations have brought to view the remains of houses ornamented with mosaic floors and containing rooms heated by hypocausts. Among the articles to be exhibited are: potsherds, bones, combs, bronze utensils, fragments of good glass vessels, pieces of iron-work, chiefly tools, including carpenter's planes, chisels, axes, hammers, gages, awls and some edged tools sharp enough, after having lain buried for 19 centuries, to work with now. The city was built out with great regularity in squares like Salisbury and Winchester in medieval times. There is a piece of the wall which a baby must have trodden while the clay of which it is formed lay drying in the brick-maker's yard. The points of the little turrets are distinct, and the entire floor is perfectly marked. There are very fair specimens of pottery, from coarse bottle ware to delicately moulded vessels embellished with artistic designs of human and animal figures and symbolic devices. There are two sets of human bones, skeletons of immature infants, as well as needles and other articles of household use. Among these it is curious to note a key ring and a safety pin, with other toilet and table requisites much resembling those in present use. There is one bangle almost a fac-simile of those worn in India and seen in our jeweller's shops to-day.

An Irish Murder.

DUBLIN, January 13.—The Irish police claim that they are in possession of facts tending the murder of Bridget Flanagan in County Clare, last October, to certain organizers of the League in that county. The young woman was shot dead while in the company of a party who probably mistook the sleeping form for that of her father, who occupied an evicted tenant's farm.

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Suspicious Death.

SEAFORTH, Ont., Jan. 8.—Mrs. Bailey Lupton, an old lady, aged about 70 years, who has been a resident of Eggenville, adjoining Seaforth, for a number of years, was found lying on the floor of her house today with life extinct. Fears of foul play are entertained. Lupton being under the influence of liquor yesterday and today and unable to tell a very straight story. The old couple were comfortably well off and have no family. A post-mortem was held on last Thursday night.

Killed on the Track.

Gregoire Briens, aged thirty, a rag-picker, was mangled to death by engine No. 408, which had left Bonaventure Station to go to the round house at Point St. Charles, about seven o'clock last Friday evening. As nothing unusual was noticed on the short trip the engineer was much horrified to find the mangled body of a man jammed under the cow-catcher, when a short stop was made at St. Henri. It was found that the body was wedged in between the engine and the track in such a manner that the only way to release it was to drive to a culvert near by and drop it in. When search was made by Chief Massey, of St. Onogene, a torn cap and overshoe were found near Holloway street, where it is surmised the accident occurred. The body was taken to the morgue.

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The humorist who goes around peddling a joke knows what it is to carry a joke too far.—St. Joseph News.

Cousin Lottie, to bashful youth—"I'm sure that new suit of yours must be all wool, Lanny." Alonzo—"Why?" "Because you look so sheepish in it."

ARCHBISHOP DUHAMEL.

Speaks of His Recent Visit to Rome—An Interview With His Holiness.

His Grace the Archbishop of Ottawa on his return to his see spoke quite freely of his trip abroad and stated that his mission was to present a report to the Holy See on the progress of the archdiocese of Ottawa and its needs. He would not say whether one of the needs was a suffragan bishop or a division of the diocese. He declined to make any statement respecting the reports that a suffragan was to be appointed to the Archbishop of Montreal, and said he had nothing to do with that diocese. Those making the reported statements must be responsible for them. All he could say was that he presented his case to the Holy See, and it would be considered and the decision given in due course. The Archbishop pointed out that his recommendations in regard to Ottawa university were made to Rome in 1879, and the decision was not given until 1888. His Grace was present at the Christmas reception by the Pope of the prelates and priests in Rome. His Holiness complained of the position in which he was placed by the Italian Government, and claimed that the temporal power should be restored to him. The Pope recently addressed a letter to the Catholics of Italy, setting forth at length the restrictions placed on the liberty of the church. One good effect of that letter was to carry the Catholic ticket in the municipal elections in Rome. The Catholics adopted the plan of naming twenty-five candidates out of a total of about eighty, and these twenty-five were elected. The balance elected were Liberals of a moderate stripe. This, the Archbishop thinks, will delay the issue of the Papal encyclical on social and labor problems, upon which His Holiness has been about a year at work. It will be sent out probably about Lent. His Grace had a couple of interviews with the Pope, and, notwithstanding that His Holiness is stopping under the weight of eighty-one winters, he was still vigorous and apparently in excellent health. He told the Archbishop that Canadian Catholics were good Catholics, and loyal to the Church. The names of notable candidates for the throne, such as Cardinals DeAvanilla of Italy; Lavergne of France; Gibbons of the United States; and Zichara, Ruffalo, and LaValette, were mentioned. Being asked if the election of a successor to Leo XIII. was being discussed in inner circles, His Grace said no; the possible successor, the Archbishop says, is never discussed until the Pope dies, and His Holiness may outlive many of those whose names are now mentioned as candidates, and the fact that Cardinals Lavergne and Gibbons were citizens under a Republican form of Government would be a bar to the consideration of their names by the Sacred college upon the death of the Pope. His Grace then went on to explain that on the 18th of December last, at a special audience, His Holiness was pleased to honor Vicar-General Bouthier by conferring on him the title Monsignor, and appointed him apostolic protonotary. His Holiness remarked at the same time that the title was due to him long ago.

A Strange Picture.

The N. Y. Freeman's Journal says:—In two ways, it is a significant fact that French Canadians living near the border are forming organizations to obtain possession of the abandoned New England farms. The Yankee is fast disappearing from his native heath. Nor is this decline owing to remove entirely. Darker causes are at work. Legalized vice has cut off the supply of children; while the Irish and French Canadians rejoice in their large families.

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