INTERESTING ITEMS UPON VARIOUS TOPICS.

SUMMER OUTINGS-QUIET AROUND PARLIA-MENT HILL-VICE-REGAL VISITS TO THE INSTITUTIONS - ASCENSION DAY - MANI-TOBA SCHOOL MYSTERY - A SUDDEN DEATH-THE C. O. F. PROGRAMME.

(From Our Own (orrespondent.)

OTTAWA, May 27.—Engagements and weddings and the other prospects for June are all minor subjects in this city just now compared to the question of a summer outing. Among the smart set it forms a daily topic of conversation. Everybody who goes abroad during the dog days has been giving the matter more or less consideration. If appearances count for anything all that can be said is that summer outside travel looks squally. There is not so much money floating about in the first place; then the session of Parliament is on, and of course Ottawa must keep up the social gatherings which she is noted for while the country's legislators are here. While Parliament sits gaicty will reign. So that it can easily be inferred that those who lead in society will remain at home and entertain.

The past week has been an exceptionally quiet one. The legislative halls have been vacant since Wednesday, and an air of duliness has prevailed in the otherwise usually lively centres. All the hotels, which are usually crowded during the session, have been descried, as almost only the visiting members and senators moved away for the holidays. Ascension Day falling just before Her Majesty's birthday gave them an excellent and long desired opportunity to get away from the weary drag of things in general upo n Parliament hill. The Budget debate is still on, but will likely close on Wednesday, when the real business of the session will be introduced.

During the week Their Excellencies, Lord and Lady Aberdeen, were almost continually on the jump. Every day saw them visiting the various charitable institutions, among which were St. Patrick's Orphans home and St. Joseph's, both of which are under the supervision of the Grey Nuns of the Cross. At both worthy institutions the Vice Regal visitors were accorded gracious receptions by the patrons and patronesses. The leading Catholic residents were in attendance as well as others of the opposite faith. Mrs. White, wife of the Speaker of the Commons, was there with a large party of friends. So were the Hon. Mrs. Costigan, Mrs. John Henry. Mrs. Ward, Secretary of the Ladies' Executive, and about lifty others. At both institutions the Reception halls were appropriately decorated, and at each the little inmates presented an ad-

dress to Lord Aberdeen. Ascension Day was religiously observed, about 3,000 devout Catholics joined in a pilgrimage to Notre Dame de Lourdes Church, about two miles distant from the city, and attended Masses, which were chanted from five until ten o'clock

by the priests of the respective parishes. Just what has been done with the Manlitoba school question remains a mystery Greenway and General Sifton have come and gone without giving the slightest information as to the result of their mission. Theirs | Even more then a friend, in the ordinary was a policy of reticence. Both were frequent visitors at Government House, | Calvaire, the late Assistant-General of where, it is understood, the difficulty about the schools was fully considered. at the mother-house, on St. Jean Baptiste Whether a compromise was reached re- Street, on Tuesday, the 21st May inst. mains to be seen. In semi-official circles fit is said an amicable, and perhaps satisifactory arrangement to the minority, was reached. It is presumed nothing authenthe will be published until Greenway's Covernment re-assembles in June, and in some quarters it is hinted a commission | mourns her loss. will be appointed to consider the case in order that it may be freed from the in- tune to the service and glory of God, by

fluences of party politics.

The sudden death of a Gold cure patient caused a mild sensation this week. J. H. L. Slack, an Arnprior teacher, who was a physical wreck, when he entered the Institute, died after the first application of the cure. A stormy scene between doctors followed at the inquest. The physicians, as usual, differed about the direct cause of death, so that the jury's verdict was "Death from unknown causes." A noteworthy incident at the inquest was the statement that 500 Ottawa people had taken the cure. This Capital's hardest drinkers is amazingly noticeable in all parts of the city, thanks to the gold cure.

City papers and supporters of the public schools made a lot of fuss this week over the granting of a contract for a new public school to a non-supporter. The

tion of \$37,000 the Government has grantment, were \$25,000.

The Catholic Foresters met to-day and decided on a programme for the Provincial Convention, which commences on Friday. High Chief Ranger Cannon and High Secretary Thiell, of Chicago, will gation de Notre Dame can look hopeful be present on the first day of the Convention. The delegates will attend Mass in in the Fete Dieu procession.

Much regret is expressed here over the coming departure of Mrs. Herbert, wife of Major-General Herbert, for England noble undertaking She is going to England and will in all valley of strife. probability remain there. On Friday Mrs. Herbert presented an address to Lady

citizens in the Capital, has just entered on his 75th year. Mr. Heney received sider that the lamented religious held, many well deserved congratulations. He | was through the medium of our humble is hale and hearty yet, takes an active interest in church and temperance work in St. Bridget's Church, and is the same kind and generous friend to the poor. "Honest John" is vice-president of the Catholic Temperance Society, and is very active in connection with it.

THAT GREAT TOMBOLA.

A GREAT TIME EXPECTED AT ST. MARY'S PARISH.

The popular Tombola of the season, the most attractive and enticing one of the year, which, on account of the nu-merous additional presents given as prizes, has had to be adjourned from the originally fixed date, will take place on June 20th next, in the large hall under the St. Mary's Parish Church, corner of Craig and Panet Streets.

On that occasion the prizes—the most numerous and costly of any collection that has been offered for years in Montreal-will be drawn for and immediately distributed to the winners. Mrs. Durant, and the "World's Wonder, Little Tootsie" will perform during the intervals in the prize winning. A splendid concert has been organized, and just imagine, the small sum of twenty-five cents admission to hear the world renowned Mrs. Durant and the marvellous Tootsie. The Tombola tickets are sold at five for a dollar, and the very smallest prize is worth double the amount risked. We are mistaken in the word risked—there is never any risk in contributing to the works of

BLESSED THE BANK.

AN INTERESTING CEREMONY PERFORMED BY MGR. FABRE.

His Grace Archbishop Fabre, assisted by Canon Racicot and Fathers Lonergan and Jodoin, who acted as deacons, blessed the new East End Branch of the Hochelaga Bank on Monday morning. The ceremony consists of the assisting priest immersing the sprinkler in the vessel of holy water and presenting it to His Grace, who proceeds to sprinkle it throughout the building, followed by the deacons, who make the responses to the benediction.

The bank is located in a new building at No. 1393 St. Catherine street, and the manager of the new branch is Mr. J. Trepanier, who has been connected with the main office for several years, and who was for eight years manager of the branch at Three Rivers and also manager of the West End branch on Notre Dame street. Among others present were: The board of directors, Messrs. F. X. St. Charles, Robert Bickerdike, C. Chaput, J. D. Roland, J. A. Vallancourt and Inspector A. W. Blouin, Ald. Dupreand F. Martineau,

OBITUARY.

THE LATE SISTER ST. JEAN DU CALVAIRE.

One by one the members of the Church Militant disappear and the ranks of the Church Triumphant are increased. The members of the Congregation de Notre Dame, from the Mother-General down to the last professed sister, feel the sadness peculiar to all human, sensitive and noble natures, when the shadow of Death falls upon a beloved and cherished friend. sense of the word, was Sister St. Jean du at the mother-house, on St. Jean Baptiste

In the world the deceased was known as Marie Celinie Racine, a cousin of the late Bishop of Sherbrooke. At the time of her death she was forty-nine years of age, and had been thirty-two years a member of the religious community that

When a Catholic lady offers up her forentering the religious life, she becomes at once and for vermore, as it were, dead to the world, to its praise, to its censure, to its joys-but not always to its sorrows. Her fears of religious life are but a novitiate preparatory to the commencing of the real and unending life beyond the confines of time. To speak, then, of all the fine qualities of mind and heart that characterised the beautiful example of true womanhood that has disappeared, would be almost an intrusion upon that retirement which she so much desired and the sounding of a note that would have may seem superfluous, but it is quite grated upon the model humility of her correct. The reformation among the whole life. That these gifts and qualities were exceptional is evidenced in the fact that she occupied at different times the responsible positions of Mistress of Novices, Prefect of Studies, and Assistant-

General of the Order. That her loss will be keenly felt by all who knew her and enjoyed the privilege successful tenderer was Mr. John Lyons, who constructed that beautiful edifice of St. Bridget's. The trustees showed their sound common sense in awarding the she might have been styled, is unnecession. contract to Mr. Lyons and voting down | sary to say; but there is a consolation in an amendment offered by a bigoted the midst of bereavement, for in her case minority of the board, who objected to death has truly been the commencement Mr. Lyons because he did not worship it of a long coveted life. To the world Sisthe same shrine as themselves, and be- | ter St. Jean du Calvaire died on the day sides was a separate school supporter.

Papers brought down in Parliament future—thirty-two years ago; but in that this week show that Lady Thompson, long interval of preparation for the se-wife of the late premier, is well provided cond, and less difficult separation, she for. In addition to the public subscrip- performed works that will never receive any earthly recognition. The record of ed \$25,000 additional, which will give her life of duty, humility and labor has Lady Thompson an endowment of \$62,000. been kept by the angel that guarded her, The funeral expenses of the late Premier, and the souvenir of them will be ever all of which were borne by the Govern- fresh in the hearts of the Sisters whose days were spent in religious communion with her.

While her presence will be missed by all who had grown accustomed to her smile and kindly words, still the Congreupward in the confidence that she has gone to join the spirits of the Venerable a body, and on the following Sunday it is thought 4,000 Foresters will participate foundresses and assistants, in their home of unending reward—thence to smile down encouragement upon her recent coworkers who are left to carry on the noble undertakings of the order in the

Individually we may be permitted to express the sincere sympathy of THE Aberdeen at the Art Decorative Rooms, Where a reception was held. Mrs. Herhart was reception was held. Mrs. Herhart was reception was held. Mrs. Herhart was reception was held. Wrs. Herhart was reception was held. bert was very popular and will be missed. It may not be an intrusion upon the endeavors and his success be as continued Ex-Ald John Heney, than whom there sacredness of sorrow to say that, since as it has been since the commencement are few better known or more respected one of the last communions of spirit of his professional career.

productions, we should be the first to unite in the solemn prayer of the Church. May her soul rest in peace!

Continued from first page. AN ELOQUENT ADDRESS.

Turning, then, to the political position of the country, Mr. Curran recalled the fact that at the time of Victoria's ascent to the throne Canada was in the throes of a rebellion. They sent out a states-man who had seized the position at a glance, and found the remedy. It had been said that Lord Durham had made a nation and lost a reputation. Yes, he did lose it for a little time. He went back under a cloud, but his name shone bright to-day. (Applause.) The system he had instituted might be yet further extended, bringing closer together the mighty colonies of this mighty Empire, and they might hope that the time would not be long before that whole Empire would form one grand confederation to which he would be proud to belong. (Continued applause.) An imperial federation towards which the recent intercolonial conference at Ottawa, presided over by Sir Mackenzie Bowell, was per-haps a very important step. (Cheers) But if there was hope for the future, might they not also look back on the past, and on the great men who had appeared upon the scene and been foremost in bringing about the changes of which he had spoken.

HELD IN REVERENCE. Five men especially had passed across the stage whom Canada must forever hold in reverent admiration and faithful memory-four Premiers who had brought glory to the Dominion and to the Empire at large. He spoke first of Sir John A. Macdonald, that wonderful man whom they delighted to honor, and to whom monuments had been erected, both as a Canadian and an Imperial statesman, which would not endure longer than his fame. Sir George E. Cartier, his greatest colleague, had been his right arm in the consolidation of our Canadian confederation. Then they had had that grand old Alexander Mackenzie, than whose name there was none more honored in Canada. Sir John Abbott, in his old age, had answered the call of duty, and had literally laid down his life as a sacrifice to his country; and last, but not least, was there a name of which they could be prouder than that of the man who was honored both by the people and by his sovereign, who had carried the standard of Canada to victory so often at Paris, London, or Washington, and who had died at the very foot of the throne, serving his country to the last? He referred to the late Sir John Thompson. (Loud applause.) These men belonged to no political party now. Their deeds were the glory of the whole Canadian people, and their names would live for ever in the history of the nation. (Cheers.)

PATRIOTIC PERORATION.

In conclusion there was this to be said, which he hoped would be engraved on the hearts of every man and woman within the sound of his voice. If they were to go ahead as they should, and occupy in the future a high and honorable position in the eyes of men, they must remain true to those great cardinal principles upon which their system of government was based, and must maintain that system in its highest form. Their motto must be, "Stand last by our Queen, our country and our constitution" -their Queen, whose name they held in honor, and whose high character they revered; their country, which was their own, to make of it what they would from ocean to ocean, which belonged to them, and which they intended always to hold and their constitution, the charter of their liberties and upon which they would ever stand, the guarantee of the rights of all, the protection of the weak, the guide of the strong (Cheers). Thus would they foster and encourage the sentiment that should always characterize the Canadian people. A spirit of justice and British fair play insisting upon respect for covenants, frowning down attempts at invasion of the rights of citizenship, seeing that the sacred guarantees of none, even the weakest, were ruthlessly trampled upon. (Prolonged cheers).

HONORED BY THE POPE.

COL. BLISS MADE A COUNT OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE.

New York, May 21.-The news from Rome that Colonel George Bliss has been ennobled by Pope Leo XIII. gives that New York lawyer and politician a notable distinction. He has been made a commendatore of the Order of St. Gregory the Great, the number of which is limited to seventy. Colonel Bliss is a convert to the Roman Catholic faith. A number of years ago, when William Waldorf Astor represented the United States at Rome, the bankrupt Italian Government seized the American College, and even threatened to loot the Vatican wi h its priceless works of art and literature, American Catholics were aroused, and none more so than Colonel Bliss. The Republican Secretary of State, a friend of Colonel Bliss, as was the then President. was appealed to, with the result that Italy was warned through Mr. Astor to keep its hands off the American College. which it did. It is for this that Colonel Bliss has been rewarded with a title.

PERSONAL.

It is always with pleasure that we notice the success of our rising young men, especially those who are courageously climbing the heights of professional prosperity. Amongst the many in Montreal to be congratulated is Mr. William H. Cox, B.A., B.C.L., the popular Notary and Commissioner. Mr. Cox has now his offices on the first floor of the Temple Building, and at any hour that Telephone number 2868 is rung up, he is certain to be on hand to answer, and particularly to attend, in his universally acknowledged and careful and clever style, to whatever business may be intrusted to him. We trust that fortune may smile upon his

IRISH NEWS ITEMS.

Sergeant R. Boyd, of Batterstown, has retired on pension after a service of twenty-five years. Thomas Jordan, aged fifteen years, son of Thomas Jordan, of Dublin, was

drowned in the Grand Canal recently. The outgoing chairmen of Belmullet

Board of Guardians, James Mills, William J. Shaw, and Thomas Swift, were unanimously re-elected. It is stated that Mr. Downing, Head Inspector of National Schools in London-

tion, with an office in Dublin. The quarter sessions for the northern division of Roscommon were opened last week. County Court Judge O'Connor Morris was presented with white gloves. Addressing the grand jury he said it was

derry, has been made Chief of Inspec-

a very satisfactory state of things. Rev. J. Corbett has been appointed service never fails to visit his native town during the summer.

John Barry died at Ballybawn, near Ballydehob, at the age of 103 years on April 20. He could speak with a perfect recollection of remarkable Irish events almost from the year of the Union. He preserved his faculties unimpaired to

District-Inspector John Concannon of he Crime Department, South Western Division, Cork, has been appointed Crime Officer at Constabulary Headquarters, Dublin Castle, rendered vacant by the transfer of County-Inspector W. Reeves to Carlow County.

Manorhamilton April fair which was held recently, was largely attended by cattle buyers. The Sligo, Leitrim and Northern Counties Railway ran two special trains for Enniskillen, so great was the amount of business done.

The death occurred on April 17, at the Convent of St. Louis, Middletown, Armagh, of Sister Margaret Mary Fennell. in the 23d year of her age and fifth of her religious life. She was the youngest daughter of J. Fennell, of Inchacholy. Monastereven.

Sister Nano Phelan died at the Presentation Convent, Castlecomer, in her forty seventh year, and the twenty-second year of her religious life as lay Sister. About one year ago a cancer made its appearance, and she succumbed to the disease with the greatest fortitude and

A bazaar was opened in the convent schools. Ballymahon, on April 15, to assist the nuns in paying of the debt contracted by the extension of their convent. The ladies who superintended at the stalls were: Mrs. James Nally, Miss. Ryan, Mrs. Skelly, Miss Dardis, Miss Lambe, Miss Wheelan, and Miss Hanley. Miss Elizabeth Whelan and Mrs. B.

Recently a meeting was held in the Ballinagore mills, in furtherance of the project for co-operation among the armers of the district. The moving pirit in the matter is Mr. George de Belle Ball of Ballinagore House, but from the meeting it is apparent that the idea has seized upon the people of the district and that they are determined to support it.

The profession of two young nuns took place in the parochial church, Clane, recently. They were Miss Margaret Edwards, in religion Sister Mary Berchmans Joseph, daughter of Patrick Edwards, of Skerries, County Dublin, and Miss Elizabeth Slattery, in religion Sister Mary Aloysius Joseph, daughter of John Slattery, of Wolfstown, County Kildare.

The Lord Chancellor has intimated to Mr. McGilligan, M.P., the appointment of the following gentlemen, whom he re-Peace for County Fermanagh: Lawrence Gilmartin, of Treevagh, Garrison; Hugh Maguire, of Tully, Clones; James Tierney, of Drumane, Newtownbutler, and John Crudden, of Carrigraves, Newtown-

Cardinal Logue has made these changes in the diocese of Armagh Rev. John Markey, pastor of Mulla-bawn, has been transferred to Knockbridge, in the place of the late lamented Rev. George Weir. Rev. Peter McCartney, of Louth, has been appointed parish priest of Mullabawn, in place of Rev. John Markey; and Rev. Patrick Gogarty, of Knockbridge, has been transferred to Louth, in place of the Rev. Peter McCartney.

The Clifden Board of Guardians are about introducing waterworks into the town. The estimated cost is about £1,600, and the Government has given £500 of this sum as a free grant out of the Relief of Distress Fund, with the stipulation that no unskilled laborers be employed upon the works except those whose names have been submitted to the Local Government Board as fit subjects for relief.

Rev. P. McDonnell, Adm., of Monaghan, has sent £154 16s. 11d., to the Irish Parliamentary Committee Fund. It was subscribed by the priests and people of the following parishes: Aghabog, £10; Donagh, £7; Clones, £20; Currin, £19 10s. Sd.; Drumsnat and Kilmore, £12; Ematris, £6; Killevan, £15; Monaghan, £17 10s.; Rosslea, £8 11s. 3d.; Tully-corbet, £18 5s.; Tyholiand, £10; Tydav-At the Ennistymon Petty Sessions last

month, Sergeant M. Hourihan and Constables J. Moynihan, J. Young, and D. O Connor were presented with testimonials inscribed on vellum from the Royal Humane Society. Mr. Ellis, B. L., said he was informed the Constabulary authorities had conterred the highest Contabulary honors on these men by granting them second-class records. Mr. Ellis addressing the bench said: "I need scarcely inform my brother magistrates that these are the four members of the R. I. C., who risked their lives and gallantly rescued the crew of the wrecked Brig Elizabeth M'Lea in December last."

At Clonmel recently, A. Power, subsheriff, attended in the court-house and put up for sale the farm of the Widow Woodlock, at Rathaum, near Fethard, to satisfy the landlord's writ of fi fa for £182 rent and about £20 costs. The landlord is the Rev. A. Donny. It appears that the tenant and her son, P. Woodlock, a sterling Nationalist, have been paying rent regularly for the last six or seven years, but some arrears had accrued pre-

the half-year's rent last year the agent refused to accept it without the old arrears. The total claim was £182, and the tenant offered half of this, but the agent refused it and then proceeded to the presen extreme measures. The landlord's representative bid £100 for the farm, and the tenant declining to bid higher, the place was knocked down to the landlord.

SOME CANADIAN SONGS.

The Catholic Columbian, of Columbus, Ohio, has, in its last issue, the following generous appreciation:

"A new volume of poetry has made its appearance under the title, "Poems and Lyrics." It is from the pen of Dr. J. K. Foran, L.L.B., the author of "The Spirit of the Age," "Irish Canadian Representatives," and other well known works, and is published by D. & J. Sadlier & Co., Montreal. The tasteful dress senior Catholic chaplain to the troops of of the book is fully warranted by the ex-Aldershot camp. Father Corbett is a cellence of its contents. The poet has native of Birr and when on the home touched a wide variety of topics and seems equally at home with them all. The style is smooth throughout and the figures are never forced. The following lines from "Sunrise at Chelsea" describes in true poetry a familiar picture:

In fine, the skies, in a grand surprise, Blazed forth in the flush of morn, And the fiery flood on the hill and wood Proclaimed that a day was born.

The "Irish Peasant's Home" is as musical as its theme demands, and yet through it runs the little thread of pathos that we expect to find there too. Its closing stanza is a good specimen of its general tone:

Ours is an island home, Happy and fair; Ours is a highland home, None to compare:
Hid though the scene may be,
Humble the lot,
Yet we are fond and free:
Peace to our cot!

While Dr. Foran's harp has many strings, and there is music in them all vet he seems at his best in his memorial and descriptive verses. The following stanzas would seem to witness that, the first of which is taken from his tribute to Denis Florence McCarthy and is worthy of the Irish bard it commem-

Not ones nor twice, but a thousand times,
Did his song my soul inspire.
And Erin's sons, in the distant climes.
Have loved the notes and the rhythmic rhymes
Of McCarthy's silver lyre.

The second, an extract from an Alum-

ni poem, is equally good: With the myrtle and vine, the cypress we twine, And the wreath that we weave is approved; In the songs that we sing, there's a tribute we bring To the name of the one whom we loved.

His descriptions are especially good and mark the writer not only as a man of broad travel, but one also of keen observation and appreciation. The following is from the opening stanza of "A Ramble in the Wood" and is dedicated to Brother Alick A. Gagnieur, S.J.: Recollect you the night that we went for a ramble, Over pasture and meadow, by hillock and wood. By the rough stony fence, where the raspberry bramble, Invites us to scratches, the 'the fruit is so good?'

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viously, and when the tenant went to pay | ST. GABRIEL'S T. A. & B. S. PICNIC.

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