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## POPE LEO'S REMARKABLE VIGOR.

Rome, January 28th.—At the period of the Pontifical Jubilee of His Holiness Leo XIII approaches, the health of the Pontiff seems to improve rather than diminish. Day by day audiences are recorded, and everyone admitted to the presence of the Pontiff, are, with few exceptions, quite impressed by his vigor and the remarkable force of his voice. The exceptions, who regard the thin figure and semi-transparent hands of Leo XIII as signs of imminent dissolution, and his manner of sinking back in his chair when he desires an audience shall terminate as the beginning of a fainting fit, spread occasionally exaggerated rumors regarding his condition. Many of these, too, have never seen him before, and have imagined him quite different in physical appearance. Monseigneur Mignot, Bishop of Albi, in France, has just published the account of an audience recently had of the Pontiff, and he concludes by relating the judgment of Dr. Lapponi on the health of Leo XIII: "With the exception of some unforeseen occurrence," said Dr. Lapponi, "I am firmly convinced that the Pope may live for several years to come."

It was at this same audience, as the Bishop of Albi tells, that the Pope asked him, "What do you think, Monseigneur, of certain rumors of schism?" "Holy Father," said Mgr. Mignot, "I do not think that under present conditions schism is probable." "But you know," continued the Pope, "that a schism in France at this moment, in imitation of those of Luther and of Henry VIII., would be a horrible thing."

"To admit the possibility of a schism, it would need be that the people would have continued profoundly religious and apt to interest themselves in such questions. In France to-day no one would take part in a schism."

"Do you really believe it, Monseigneur?" "I am thoroughly convinced of it, Your Holiness. A Bishop who would separate himself from the Pope, whose prestige is so great, would be regarded as one gone astray and would not find anyone to follow him."

Leo XIII., continues Mgr. Mignot, spoke afterwards of his Pontifical Jubilee. He loves France so much that he would be happy to see all the French Bishops assisting at the proximate celebration.

On Sunday last, His Holiness, after having received in private audience, several distinguished Italians and foreigners, and some religious of the Ladies of the "Cenacolo," whose house is at the Piazza de Tevi, passed into the Consistorial Hall, where three hundred persons were assembled, to whom he addressed a few words, and afterwards bestowed the Apostolic Benediction upon them.

On returning from the Consistorial Hall on his way to his private apartments he found in the Hall of Tapestry the superiors and students of the Pontifical Vatican Seminary, with Mgr. Felix de Necker, Titular Archbishop of Mediana and Prefect of this Seminary, at their head. Mgr. de

Necker expressed to His Holiness cordial thanks and gratitude for the many proofs of benevolence and the generous gifts he had bestowed on the Vatican Seminary, and especially for having given a generous sum to assist in paying the recent enlargement of the same. His Holiness then invited the students one by one, admitting them to kiss his foot, and then gave them the Apostolic Benediction.

## ST. MARY'S, MONTREAL, DESTROYED BY FIRE.

Montreal, Feb 11.—St. Mary's Church, corner of Panet and Craig streets, was destroyed by fire shortly after five o'clock this morning. The loss is estimated in the vicinity of \$50,000, fully covered by insurance.

When the flames died out all that remained of St. Mary's Church were the four walls, standing in solemn vigil over a mass of blackened timbers, and grimy church furnishings beneath all was buried the beautiful altar of which the parishioners were so proud. The construction of the church was such that the walls were self-supporting, and bore but little strain of the flooring and the roof. The latter being dependent upon pillars carried up from the ground upon their own foundations. This enabled the men to get right into the building and attack the fire at its base, but judging from the rapidity with which it spread, it must have been in between the floating long before the firemen arrived.

A view of the interior is a most depressing sight. All is chaos. The paintings which adorned the walls are gone, the stations of the cross are no more, the altars are hidden in the wreck from the roof. In the gallery and from the organ loft firemen are at work, and from the place where once came the strains of religious music, branched a pour steady streams of water.

The loss in many respects will be irretrievable, especially the large oil paintings, above the altar, "Our Lady of Good Counsel," which was so much prized by the parishioners and admitted by strangers, and which had been painted in Rome. The loss of a small painting of "Our Lady of Good Counsel," which had been exposed at our Ladies' Shrine at the church, is also the cause of great sorrow.

The usual Sunday evening service was held and as there had been considerable trouble with the gas flickering, the furnace men had been warned by the officials of the church to have a sharp lookout for alarm at the time. The cause of the fire is not known. The church is valued at \$40,000.

In all probability the congregation will meet in the basement of St. Beige's Church, which had been kindly offered by the pastor. The Oblate Fathers have also very kindly offered the use of the basement of their church until such time as St. Mary's has been reconstructed. A decision has not yet been arrived at.

The parish of "Our Lady of Good Counsel," or as it is better known, "St. Mary's," was instituted on December 30, 1879. The corner stone of the building which has been destroyed by fire was laid on June 12, 1879, by the late Archbishop Fabre, who was assisted by Bishop McInery, of Albany. On November 8, 1881, the church was consecrated by the Bishop of Montreal, and was dedicated to "Our Lady of Good Counsel," the title of a miraculous occurrence which had taken place at Genazzano, in Italy. The first parish priest was Rev. Father Simon Lobergan, who was installed on February 23, 1882. The Rev. Father Brady is now the parish priest.

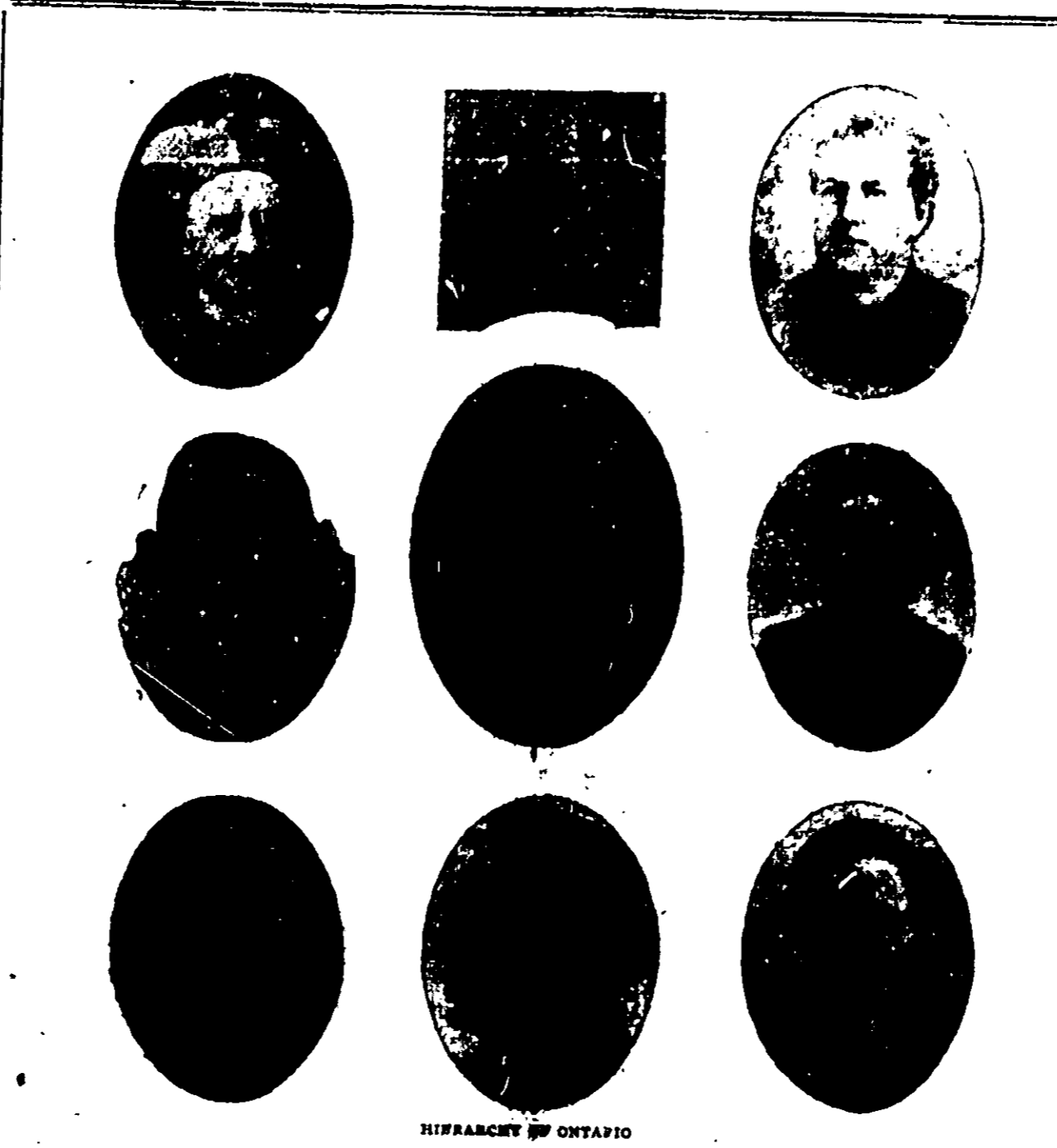
## \$600 For Charities.

The 18th annual meeting of the Toronto Savings Bank Charitable Trust was held at "St. John's Grove," Sherbourne street, His Grace the Archbishop presiding, with Hugh T. Kelly, John Ryan, Thos. Flynn and M. O'Connor also present.

After the usual business of the meeting was disposed of, it was ordered that the sum of \$600 be taken from the earnings of the trust for distribution among the charities, and the treasurer, Mr. M. O'Connor, was requested to divide as follows:

House of Providence	\$100
St. Nicholas Institute	100
Good Shepherds	100
St. Michael's Hospital	100
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## OPENING OF PARLIAMENT.

(Special to The Register.)  
There is not much to tell of special interest concerning the ceremonial and the various events in connection with the opening of Parliament. A new Usher of the Black Rod, who makes very acceptable bows, and the introduction of a number of new members were the principal events that created any comment. The absence of many familiar faces was suggested by the presence of so many new ones. Foremost amongst those who are conspicuously absent is the late N. Clarke Wallace, but after all, one or a few more or less makes little difference as far as the great public goes; and the littleness of man can be fully appreciated when we contemplate the rapidity with which oblivion falls on the names and memories of those who were once so conspicuous in the House.

Amongst those who were introduced are not a few are young men, and all of them men who have yet to make their mark in the Federal House—they have the opportunity but it lies with themselves to make use of it.

It is a matter of no ordinary satisfaction for the Irish Catholic element that the important portfolio of Minister of Finance has been given to Hon. Mr. Fitzpatrick—one of the brightest lights of the Quebec Bar, and one of the most able Irish-Catholic representatives in public life to-day. It was, of course, in the natural order that the Solicitor-General should succeed the retiring Minister of Justice; but, apart from the ordinary rules of promotion, Hon. Mr. Fitzpatrick had claims of merit and ability that made it a foregone conclusion that he would be the successor of Hon. Justice Mills. Besides, by the course taken, the Government has accorded an additional portfolio to the Catholics of the Dominion, and has given the Irish element that Cabinet representation so long desired and so seriously but vainly advocated by their press. In appreciating the precedent that this change, or rather promotion, creates, it must not be forgotten that Mr. Carroll, member for Kamouraska, who succeeds Hon. Mr. Fitzpatrick as Solicitor-General, is a Catholic of Irish and Scotch parentage. His education has been principally French, being born and brought up in the Province of Quebec; but his nationality remains all the same Irish, with a mixture of Scotch. Hence the Irish-Catholic element gains in a two-fold manner by the considerate action of the Government.

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both in the service and in the discipline of the House and the Department, and all point to something more and more effective as the years go past. On Thursday, as soon as the Speech from the Throne was read, and the new members were presented in the Commons, the adjournment was moved by the Premier, leaving the debate on the address to be commenced on Friday. This means a short delay in the opening of the regular proceedings, which delay will be filled in with the customary entertainments and festivities that accompany the opening of Parliament.

The flag that floated at half mast, from the central tower, in respect for the memory of the late Lord Dufferin, was run up to the mast-head for the opening of Parliament, and again lowered in memory of Canada's former and great Governor.

## ROME AND GOETHE.

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## AN IRISH-CANADIAN PROTEST.

The following letter appeared in The St. Thomas Daily Times on Feb. 15. It is a temperate but pointed protest against the article in the Register of the 10th inst. in which the gross and brutal fall that passed for Irish wit in dialect in the columns of the Canadian press.

Sir—Personally the writer of this letter to you is one that allows much latitude to writers retarding stories illustrative of eccentricities and humors of certain nationalities. In fact as an Irishman, do not dislike these humorous relations as a whole, but in your issue of last Saturday your contributor, "Onlooker," gives a story about what he calls Pat, and a dialect sketch said to be recited of the Irishman, which is as low and brutal a picture as it has been my lot to peruse, and I am painfully surprised how it happens that a writer who would wish to be regarded as intellectual would attempt to detail such an offensive yarn and pair it off upon an intelligent public. The dialect hybridism might claim a paternity from the Yorkshire or Cornish patois, but there is certainly no approach, nor the shadow of it, to the patois of the unlettered Irish peasant, so faithfully portrayed by William Carleton in his tales of Irish life and in his "Traits and Stories of the Irish Peasantry," with either of which "Onlooker" is evidently ignorant. There are, however, certain relations and matters distinctively Irish, which persons like myself would like that "Onlooker" or some other writer would place before our Canadian youth, telling them of events particularly interesting to the Canadian people, where the Irishman, and without a peer, played a part that history cannot obscure. As for instance, he could tell young Canada that on that memorable day in September, 1759, at the battle of the Plains of Abraham, at a perilous moment of life or death for English supremacy, it was at the head of a regiment mainly Irish Catholics that Wolfe charged, because they were a fighting regiment, and met his death. Locky, in his "Ireland in the Eighteenth Century," vol. II, page 180, tells us this event as related in the British Parliament in 1771. He writes: "It was then stated that a great part of the foot regiments in Ireland consisted of Catholics; that they were good soldiers, had always in the late war behaved well, particularly at Quebec, where one of the regiments (Lord Townshend's) was almost entirely Catholic. They were such good men in service that General Wolfe charged at the head of them." It was at the head then of Irishmen, not English or Scotchmen—there were two Scotch regiments there—that the brave Wolfe met his death. Where were Canadians then? It would also be well for the young Canadian to know that two-thirds of the sailors in the British navy in the time of Nelson, Lords St. Vincent and Camperdown, were Irishmen, and but for their valor and daring over one hundred years ago it can be safely inferred without a fear of contradiction that an acre of land with a British title deed could not be had today in Canada.

After the concession to the demands of the Irish volunteers in 1783 of a free Parliament to Ireland such was Irish gratitude to England that the Irish Parliament voted a grant of £100,000 to furnish twenty thousand seamen for the English navy just 11 years before the great French war. Circumstances is noted by Locky on page 310 of the work previously referred to a solemnly acknowledged by Lord Shelburne, the then secretary for the Home Department, in the British House of Commons. He expressed in self thus: "Words could scarcely do justice to the grateful sense of Ireland on the occasion. He believed he might assure the House that Ireland had resolved on a very extraordinary proof of its gratitude, no less than giving 20,000 seamen to the British navy. Such a gift as that was a solid, substantial and real advantage. It would tell abroad, and could not fail to prove of most essential service to Great Britain." Thirteen years after this the Irish Parliament again voted £200,000 for the navy. An incident as showing the preponderance of Irishmen in the navy is related of a sailor before the battle of Trafalgar, found praying beside his gun on one of Nelson's battleships. An officer approached him and asked him was he afraid. "Me afeard!" replied the Irish tar, stung by the imputation. "No, but I have been praying that the French shot be distributed, as the prize money is, the lion's share going to the officers."

(Grattan, in a speech delivered in the Irish Parliament in 1793 said: "In the last war of 80,000 seamen, 30,000 were Irish names; in Chelsea Hospital one-third of the pensioners were Irish names; in some of the most of war, almost the whole complement of our

## DEATH OF A CANADIAN POET.

Mr. Andrew J. Ramsay, the poet-painter, passed away, after a short and painful illness at the General Hospital, Hamilton, on Sunday, Feb. 9.

The late A. J. Ramsay was born in the vicinity of Dundas about sixty-five years ago, and almost all his life has been a devotee of literature and art. For many years his poems have appeared in the leading Canadian magazines and papers. In 1886 he published a book "Murel and Other Poems," which attracted creditable notice for its purity of thought and expression. He was also the author of "One Quiet Day," "Chronicles of a Canadian Family," "The Lyre," etc., and was about to publish a biography upon which he was engaged at the time of his death. As an artist he showed marked ability. Personally he was a man of kind and generous disposition and refined and artistic temperament. His courtesy and gentlemanly bearing won him many friends and his liberality and broad views made him beloved among rich and poor.

The funeral took place on Wednesday, 12th inst., from Knowles' Undertaking Establishment to the Hamilton Cemetery Deceased leaves four sisters: Mrs. Smith, Bradford; Mrs. Irwin, Toronto; Mrs. Cowley and Mrs. Johnston, New York.

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