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## **OTTAWA NOTES**

(By our own Correspondent.)

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pilgrimage proved a decided success in every way.

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A service was held last Saturday evening in St. Joseph's church, at which the prayers of the congregation were offered for the blessing of God on the deliberations of the Oblate Order, at its chapter in Rome. The pastor of the church, Rev. Father Wm. Murphy, is one of the Canadian delegates in attendance.

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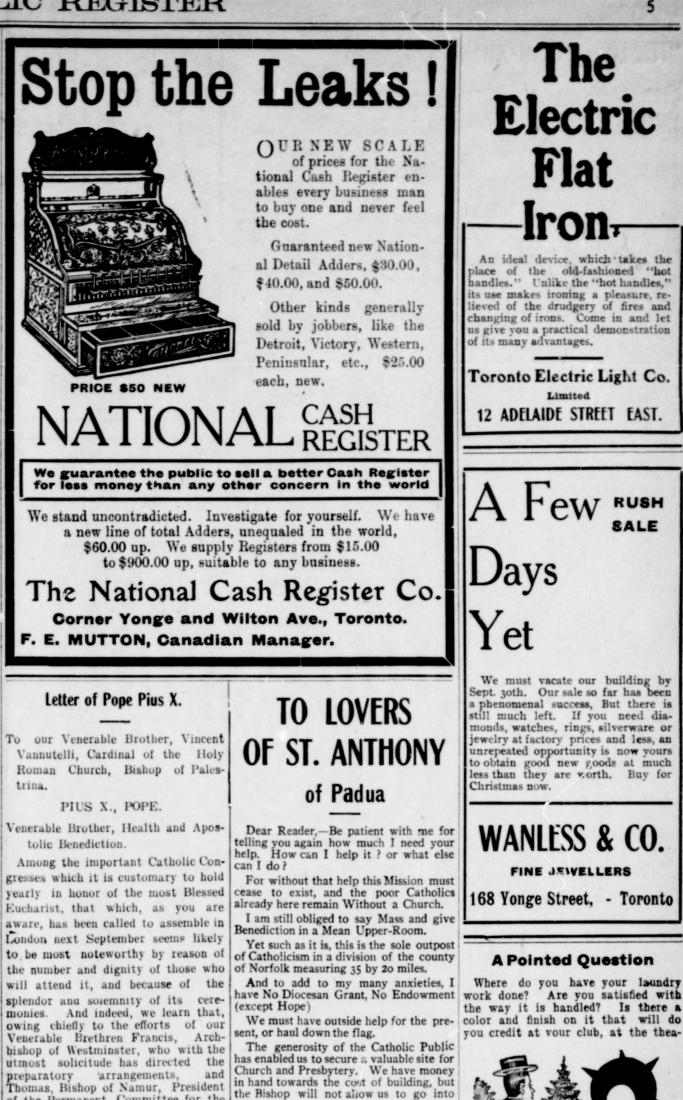
A biennial convention of the County Board, Ancient Order of Hi-A.O.H., will also hold a convention on October 21st in St. Patrick's Hall.

In all the Catholic churches of the anniversary of Pope Pius X's ordina-The circular also requested tion. the prayers of the faithful for the Holy Father who was ordained a priest, fifty years ago.

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making an islet of shadow in the splendid sweep of sunlit slopes. fresh breeze raised tiny waves which glistened in the light. At the upper end of the lake were set in the shin-ing waters three beautiful islands which were masses of shrubbery. In places the mountains, whose highest peaks are nearly 3,500 feet above sea level, towered precipitously, then stretched away more gradually. Now a dense growth of oak, holly, arbutus and other shrubs, extended down to the water's edge, and crept far up the mountain sides; then save for the mosses, ferns, and ever present heather in all the purple splendor of its blossoms, which literally covered it, the mountain slopes were bare. But the word "bare" can be applied to nothing in Killarney (except indeed to the legs of the tourist-chasing youths). Ferns sprout out of the sides of stone walls. The trunks and branches of trees are festooned with ivy, and decorated with the ubiquitous fern. And such ferns! For variety, richness and delicacy the ferns and mosses of Killarney cannot, I believe, be matched in the world. And where even the fern cannot get a foothold the heather comes to the rescue. When thesefore the "bare" party was presently to enjoy. Every- mountain sides are spoken of, the thing, however, in this world has its word is used to denote the absence drawbacks, and the gap of Donloe had of forest or shrubbery. Where the very unpleasant feature of a these are absent grass and moss and succession of beggars who lay in wait fern and heather weave their exquisite Rev. Father Vital, curate of La- for the tourist at every turn. Your robes around rock and height until moureux parish, near Quebec, is spending a month's vacation at the Capuchin Monastery, of which Order "mountain dew" numerous enough be is a monther to fill a large pail in return for which into beauty by nature's loving touch. A pilgrimage to Oka was recently a silver coin of the realm of respect-able size was expected. To run the finest and loftiest of the mountains held under the direction of Rev. Fa- gauntlet of importunities of this kind overlooking the Killarney lakes is ther Kalen of Notre Dame de Lourdes four or five times in the course of the rounded peak known as Purple parish, and Rev. Father Carriere of seven miles would be tolerable, but Mountain. Away above the heather Holy Redeemer parish, Hull. The when the number of trials was ten the naked rock assumes an exquisite times that number, it became a posi- purple tinge, hence the name. tive scourge. The most unpleasant The Upper Lake of Killarney is not phase of these continuous encounters perhaps more than 21 miles in length with vendors of "mountain dew" and with a breadth of 11 miles or so, of

goats' milk, who were as agile as an irregular oval outline. But it goats themselves, and with relays of would be hard to find in the whole barefooted urchins of both sexes, earth such a combination of granwhose leg and lung power were de- deur and tender, pensive, haunting veloped to an extraordinary degree loveliness as is gathered into that by the congenial exercise of running narrow compass. Your corresponafter tourist cars and talking vigor- dent makes this assertion, after havously at the same time, was its de-moralizing character. There was no loveliness of the Riviera and under evidence of physical infirmity in the the shadow of the towering Alps. He majority of these professional beg- has walked in the shade of palm Venerable Brother, Health and Aposgars. They were well able to work. trees, seen the golden orange shinberians, will be held in this city And around them was a beautifully ing on the trees, beheld the olive and on October 4th, at which officers for fertile country going wild in many the coming term will be elected and places for lack of cultivation. To been seated under lines of blooming hand out money at every turn to oleanders beneath the palace crowned ty Board of the Ladies' Auxiliaries, these clamorous mendicants would cliffs of Monaco. He acknowledges quickly empty a full purse. It was that these scenes present a grandeur more than evident that such costly and richness to which Killarney cangenerosity would do far more harm not aspire. History and art and London next September seems likely than good in most cases. Yet the nature there unite to impart a royal to be most noteworthy by reason of cit, on Sunday, the Te Deum was sung in accordance with a circular recently issued by Archbishop Du-treated more than once to remarks hamel in connection with the fiftieth of a far from pious nature, and had Cleopatra. Killarney has the natur- splendor and solemnity of its cerethe enjoyment of some of the most al charm of Irish maidenhood. There monies. And indeed, we learn that, exquisite scenery in the world poison- are landscapes whose bold, rugged owing chiefly to the efforts of our ed for him by this disgusting exhi-bition of human meanness in the fore-ture in her Titanic aspect, and re-bishop of Westminster, who with the front of nature's nobility. Your cor- mind us of one of the astonishing utmost solicitude has directed the The annual opening ceremony of it. And he had a proof of the more it. An other t cently in the Rideau Street Convent, than doubtful wisdom of such a ty and exquisite finish bears more Organization of Eucharistic Councils, course. A tourist car passed a num- resemblance to the work of Raphael. devout minds are displaying a re-Special music was ren- ber of half-naked children who pur- Not even in the warm, luxuriant at- markable interest in this meeting; dered by the pupils, who also sang sued with the swiftness of antelopes. mosphere of the Mediterranean did that men of learning of every class the hymns throughout the ceremony. The driver, tired of their importun- your correspondent see anything that will assemble from all parts; and that ity, made a stroke of his whip at the in beauty of color could rival the ef- impressive religious Celebrations will comed by the Sisters and students in foremost, a mere mite of a boy, who fect of the light shining through the take place publicly in the heart of the replied with one of the vilest curses. oak forests, which are quite abun- great Metropolis. This incident shows only too plain- dant in Killarney, on the undergrowth were read. Archbishop Duhamel ex- ly the effect on character of the prac- of holly, briar, fern, arbutus. Under tice of road-begging, which is the the trees of the great forests of Canber of pupils in attendance and out- curse of Killarney and other cele- ada, the ground is strewn with fallen the Divine Eucharist should brated tourist resorts in Ireland. trunks and withered leaves, with ioved, worshipped and partaken The scourge is not confined to Ire- hardly a vestige of undergrowth. In land, or at its worst there, as your the woods of Killarney, however, bepeople. It is indeed from the Eu correspondent learned in his travels. neath the trees there is such a procharist, as from its source, that the But it prevails to an extent which fusion of holly, laurel, ivy, and other spirit of the supernatural Life is difdemands in the interests of national shrubs that it is difficult to penehonor and decency that vigorous trate there, as your correspondent Church. means be taken to purge the beauty knows from experience. And the efspots of Ireland from the curse of fect of the sunlight falling through Body are closely brought together. professional mendicancy. No objec- the trees on the glossy leaves of the In this august sacrament our Sweet tion will be made by a visitor to holly especially is most charming. Saviour is really present; and truly give a respectable contribution to the These leaves, because of their smooth, living, although mystically hidden support of the deserving poor, but to glossy surface, reflect the sunbeams from us, will dwell in our midst un-"held up" at every turn is an ex- almost like a mirror, and glisten as til the end of time. Here, then, esperience which cannot fail to make though dripping with recent rain. pecially, is the flame of Divine Charhe loveliest scenes of Ireland less fre- From this one can imagine what a ity enkindled within us; here lies the quented and thus to hurt the coun- delightful experience it is to ramble foundation of our hope. And wheretry financially and still more in char- or drive along the finely wooded as we regard this sacrament as a acter. Your correspondent heaved portions of Killarney on a fine day. centre of our Faith, one and the same Your correspondent hopes that his for all, so likewise the order of its attempt to convey some idea of the Consecration one and the same for mingled grandeur and beauty of the the whole Catholic Priesthood, though scenery of the Upper Lake of Kil- so many different rites denotes our larney has enkindled in your readers unity of discipline and of Governsome of the enthusiasm felt by his ment. party as they passed through it. Had been left to themselves they thev not only as the greatest of the would have found considerable diffisacraments, but as that which is truculty in finding an exit. The experily the chief act of Divine worship enced boatman, however, steered toand essential to religion: namely, a wards a spot which to our eyes sacrifice. For it is indeed the sacpresented no opening whatever. Just rifice of the New Testament, proper as it seemed to us that we were to the Church of Christ, foreshadowabout to hit the rocky shore, howed by the offerings of the Fathers of ever, a tiny outlet revealed itself, the old Law, notably by that of the affording not much more than room High Priest Malchisedech, and clearfor the boats to pass. On each side ly promised in the prophecy of Malaof this outlet was what seemed to be chias. In the Eucharist that self a print of a huge foot which we were same sacrifice offered once upon the told was left by a giant of olden Cross is renewed, in a bloodless mantimes, who stepped across the stream ner and uninterruptedly, throughout to greet his lady love. Many tracks the world. Wherever members of of the same kind are to be found in the Fold of Christ stand before the various parts of Ireland. Evidently altar, and, after the manner of their Irish giants, like some others of forefathers in the New Dispensation their countrymen, had the habit of as in the Old, tender to God Alputting their feet into things. Cermighty the homage which is His due, tainly the aforesaid giant could not there this sacrifice is offered; a triselect a more romantic meeting place. bute of Thanksgiving and Praise, of For miles from that spot, the Range Atonement and Propitiation. (for so the river running out of the cannot imagine anything better cal-Upper Lake is called) winds between culated than this to inflame devout two ranges of such mountains as souls with the desire that it may be have been described. In some places held in ever greater honor throughthese mountains approached quite out Christendom closely, leaving the river only a It was properly decided to hold narrow bed; again they recede and this Congress in the Capital of that the waters widen out into little Killarney boatmen, our skiffs skim lakes. Now and again a winding in Empire rightly famed for the liberty rapidly along the deep and winding the stream reveals a far-stretching it whose authority and laws so many vista of mountains beyond mounmillions of Catholics render faithful tains extending away in the afternoon glow to the distant horizon; and dutiful obedience. occasions, we not only give our apthen the waters are split into chanproval to this design, but we nels by tiny islets. gladly take part in it. The journey through this river con- for, in order necting the Upper and Lower Lakes, present us at the Eucharistic Con-A specialty made and smallest, but the most beautiful is almost as delightful as the sail gress of Westminster, by these letfrom a scienic point of view, of the through the lakes themselves. Just ters we name you our Legate. Killarney lakes. The Upper Lake of as the lower lake is neared, another divine Author of the Church, Whose Killarney is a cup rimmed round by river joins the Range at a point glory alone is sought, will be in your the highest mountains in Ireland. Its known as the Meeting of the Waters, midst in the abundance of His grace. waters are dark because of their and just as picturesquely beautiful as Meanwhile, as a pledge of His gifts, depth, but they are cool and limpid that in the Vale of Avoca immortal- as a token of our special goodwill, we and refreshingly pleasant to the taste. ized by Thomas Moore. After their lovingly impart to you, Venerable It was at its best on the day on union the combined waters form a Brother, and to all and each one of which our party were fortunate en-ough to see it. The day was ne of bridge. After shooting this rapid gress, the Apostolic Benediction. a those who will be present at the Conof the sky was glorious. Here and there a fragment of snowy cloud moved across the mountain peaks, sue. L. MIMEHAN. In the vear 1908, of our Pon-tificate the sixth. tificate the sixth.



when Archbishop Duhamel officiated at Mass. At its conclusion His Grace was welthe Convocation Hall, where addresses, embodying professions of faith, pressed his pleasure at the large numlined the golden opportunities which were in store for all. The ceremony was concluded with the pastoral blessing, pronounced by His Grace.

The Good Shepherd Community this city has sent five Sisters to Little Rock, Arkansas, for the purpose of establishing a branch of the community, and a home, similar to the one here, in that city. The local institution has won much commendation for its charitable work of reform and the new enterprise of the community in Little Rock should prove successful. Rev. Sister Mary of St. Bernard was in charge of the party of Sisters, the other members of , which are Sister Mary of the Blessed Sacrament; Sr. St. Pachone, Sr. St. Clair, and Sr. St. Charles.

### COMMUNICATION

#### To the Catholic Register:

"Ever fair Killarney" claims once more the attention of your correspondent. His last bit of description dealt with the famous Gap of Dunloe as it appears on an ideal summer day such as was that on which he passed through it. Indeed the days progress of aerial navigation may spent by the "Angelus" party in soon enable them to buzz round like Killarney were all as beautiful as they could be. Rarely indeed were weather conditions so favorable as seen in that region, the skies of which are as capricious as the scenery is exquisite. Tom Moore, in his well-known "Innisfallen," acknowledges that the "sunny smile" is rare there, but "it is heaven's own glance when it appears. Judge, then, how fortunwere the individuals who saw Killarney smiling the sweetest smile which ever broke over her enchanting features!

The delighted climb and descent between towering mountains, with the music and gleam of a torrent as an accompaniment, was a fitting preparation for the glorious panorama of mountain stream, and lake, which our



a sigh of relief when the journey through the Gap of Dunloe was ended, though the panorama of views unfolded was something to revel in. If such were his feelings, attached as he is to Ireland by birth and education, what impressions of Ireland

will strangers carry away from incidents such as described? Having run the gauntlet of beggars, the "Angelus" party at last reached the spot where boats are waiting to convey its members through the Lakes of Killarney. The begging fraternity are not yet able to take to the water, though the mosquitoes. Thus does science create new troubles in its progress. However, let these things be left to the future. Your correspondent and is friends are seated on the grassy margin of the river whose waters are the main fountain of supply for the Killarney lakes. Lunch baskets are the boats which procured from have just arrived; and with softest and greenest of grass for a couch and table-cloth, and a profusion of heather in all the fragrance and purple glory of its first bloom, for table decoration, the contents of the aforesaid baskets quickly disappear. The 'Angelus" party are evidently not lyspeptics.

The shout of "All aboard" is quicky responded to, and propelled by the strong and practised arms of the river whic, will presently widen into lakes. At first there is not much more than room for the play of the But soon the river grows broader; the grassy meadow through which we have been gliding gives place to rock and heather, and we ind ourselves entering the upper

in that district. The soft rich blue om of the Lower Lake. Our experi-of the sky was glorious. Here and ence here and at Muchener the 28th day of August, the Feast

I am most grateful to those who have

helped us and trust they will continue their charity. To those who have not helped I would say:-For the sake of the Cause give something, if only a "little." It is easier

and more pleasant to give than to beg. Speed the glad hour when I need no longer plead for a permanent Home for the That this is most pleasing to us will readily be understood by all Blessed Sacrament. who realise how necessary it is that Address-

Again we venerate the Eucharist,

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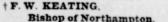
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