

In and Around Toronto

THE NEW YEAR

A glad New Year to see and a... And money may be seen... And through a' the years to come... Happy may ye be.

Another old friend is gone, a link of the past has fallen never to rise again except in memory, or on the shores of Eternity. And a new comer is at the door and we welcome him with outstretched hand.

THE CATHOLIC PRESS

The monthly intention of the League of the Sacred Heart for January is the Catholic Press. In a very timely and able article the Editor of the Canadian Messenger points out the duty of Catholics towards their own papers and magazines.

"Oh, I can't take a Catholic paper because I have scarcely time to read the daily papers." "No, you see we have no children in our house; a Catholic paper is only to teach children their religion."

stead of going hither and thither looking for "prices," to remember that courtesy if nothing else, asks that we send our official notices of home happenings, such as society notices, wedding and obituary notices, to our own paper as well as to the secular press.

FEAST OF THE CIRCUMCISION

New Year's Day, which is also the Feast of the Circumcision, was celebrated in all the churches of the city with all the solemnity and ceremony befitting the occasion.

SCHOOLS REOPENED

The Catholic schools of the city reopened on Tuesday after the Christmas holidays. At the masses on the Sunday previous the congregations were all urged to see that the children were ready and in their places on the first day of the session.

PRESBYTERY OCCUPIED

The handsome new presbytery of St. Paul's parish, is now completed and occupied. It has been furnished, it is reported, in harmony with its handsome exterior, and is now a credit to the people of the pioneer parish of the city, and altogether in keeping with the fine parish church to which it is adjacent.

THE PRONUNCIATION OF "IMMACULATE"

One does not like to place himself or herself as the case may be in the way of being called hypercritical, censorious, pedantic, or any other of the nasty words similar in meaning, yet despite this we are sometimes almost impelled to take chances when a principle is at stake.

I think of thee and what thou art, Thy Majesty, Thy state, And I keep singing in my heart, Immaculate! Immaculate!

Not Immaculate! Immaculate! This last, unless proof is offered which I find it impossible to find, is altogether wrong; it has nothing whatever to commend it in beauty of sound and is altogether wanting in sense.

THANKS FROM SUNNYSIDE ORPHANAGE

The Superior and Sisters of the Sacred Heart Orphanage, Sunnyside, ask that their thanks be conveyed to the public who so generously remembered them during the passing Christmas tide. Never were they so well remembered as now.

THANKS FOR REMEMBRANCES

To any subject there are generally more sides than one, and to the subject of the Catholic Press, mentioned elsewhere, there is the constant recognition of hundreds of our readers, during the past days, when the Christmas spirit filled the air.

The universe was made for every one of us, and for each one the world will be fair and pleasant in the degree in which he strives to make it so for others.

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ST. MARY'S YOUNG MEN'S SOCIETY OF MONTREAL

(For The Register.)

A few weeks ago Rev. Father McDonald, the popular, energetic and painstaking curate of St. Mary's church, called a meeting of the young men of the parish for the purpose of re-organizing the society. This met with a hearty response, and a large room at 985 Notre Dame street was rented in which the members could enjoy a little amusement in the shape of a game of billiards and cards.

At nine o'clock the chairman, Rev. Father McDonald, called the meeting to order, and explained the object of the Society, which is to elevate the moral, social and religious tone of its members. He thought there was nothing better for intellectual development than debates. He allowed five minutes for each speaker and the leaders five minutes for rebuttal. He had much pleasure in opening the first debate for St. Mary's Society. The subject of the debate was: "Resolved that winter is more congenial to the sportsman than summer."

The affirmative was taken by Messrs. T. J. Norton, G. J. Fox, B. McIlhonne, the negative being sustained by Messrs. J. C. McLaughlin, P. Doyle, T. O'Rourke, J. P. Purcell. The debate was opened by Mr. Norton for the affirmative, who gave a glowing account of the many winter sports of this Canada of ours, and their healthful action upon the body.

The speech of Mr. T. O'Rourke greatly pleased as well as amused the audience, as he pictured in fancy a beautiful sail down the St. Lawrence at moonlight, a yachting expedition, and an exciting game of lacrosse. Mr. B. McIlhonne spoke next and at the end recited a poem about the Shamrock, but there was no need for that dreaded weapon that evening.

Mr. J. P. Purcell favored the summer time on account of fishing, golf, baseball, yachting, football and lacrosse. He roused the enthusiasm of the audience when he mentioned the name of the famous Shamrock team. Mr. Doyle added a few words in favor of summer sports. Messrs. Norton and McLaughlin summed up the situation, and then the chairman called for the vote as to which had the better speakers. There was no doubt but that the affirmative had the better, but the majority were carried away with enthusiasm over Canada's national game, and the mention of the world beaters, the Shamrocks, and the vote went accordingly.

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HOMESTEAD DUTIES A settler who has been granted an entry for a homestead is required by the provisions of the Dominion Lands Act and the amendments thereto to perform the conditions connected therewith, under one of the following plans: (1) At least six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each year during the term of three years.

APPLICATION FOR PATENT Should be made at the end of the three years, before the Local Agent, Sub-Agent or the Homestead Inspector. Before making application for patent the settler must give six months' notice in writing to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands at Ottawa of his intention to do so.

INFORMATION Newly arrived immigrants will receive at the Immigration Office in Winnipeg, or at any Dominion Lands Office in Manitoba or the North-west Territories information as to the lands that are open for entry, and from the officers in charge, free of expense, advice and assistance in securing lands to suit them. Full information respecting the land, timber, coal and mineral laws, as well as respecting Dominion Lands in the Railway Belt in British Columbia, may be obtained upon application to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa; the Commissioner of Immigration, Winnipeg, Manitoba; or to any of the Dominion Lands Agents in Manitoba or the North-west Territories.

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