CURRENT COMMENT

The Holv Father's Encyclical on the Jubilee of the Immaculate Conception, which we publish this week, is, like everything that comes from . Pius X's. pen, eminently practical. It neatly condenses the best reasons for that great dogma and for devotion to the Blessed Virgin, and all this is made to converge admirably towards what the present Pope declared to be his chief purpose on assuming the Supreme Pontificate -the restoration of all things in Christ.

As will be seen from a perusal of the text, the Jubilee in the city of Rome ends on the feast of Corpus Christi, June 2; but outside of Rome, the bishop of each diocese is empowered to choose any period of three months, continuous or not, till December 8, 1904, the fiftieth anniversary of the promulgation of the dogma.

Incidentally the Sovereign Pontiff expresses the hope that we are nearing the dawn of better day. "We must not omit to say"-these are his own words-"that this desire of Ours is especially stimulated by a sort of secret instinct which leads Us to regard as not far distant the fulfilment of those great hopes to which, certainly not rashly, the solemn promulgation of the dogma of the Immacuthe Bishops of the universe."

Our venerable friend, Father Fox, event of war with Great Britain. O.M.I., continues his "Reminiscences of Missionary Life" in the cur-Cullen.

After relating one curious conversion brought about by the sight It is a pity he did not tell us 30th January. where that book or essay can be had; for this is precisely what we print, having heard from his own summoned scale a school for orphan ly at that part of the story. lips in this city some of those girls, in association with a teach- "He pointed out that here in print, having heard from his own miracles of grace.

Another point on which Father Fox whets our curiosity without satisfying it, is his recipe for making artificial snow for the Christmas crib, a snow that would not melt nor be eaten by mice. Perhaps some of his old friends here might worm the secret out of him.

Mavor of Pretoria is Mr. Bourke, Gretna, March 11, 1904. Rev. and Dear Father Drummond, whose name betravs his nationali-The recent letter from Mr. ty. Mr. O'Reilly, a Limerick man, MacDonell, which appeared in this who was recently on a visit to Northwest Review of March 5, this country, was Mayor of Cape-1904, in defence of our dearly town a few years ago. Mr. Moses Fresh and loved Archbishop Tache, and the Cornwall, the Mayor of Kimberly, Review's comments thereon, de- before the outbreak of the war, is served to be voiced all over Can- a Dublin man, and attended the ada, and will be received with Convention of the Irish Race in his the strongest sentiments of ap- native city a few years ago as a proval by all true patriots in Home Rule delegate from the Canada, no matter what may be Diamond Fields. their religious or political differ-

pens, enlisted in the vindication P., Aran Isles, occupied the pulpit of the beloved memory of our in the spacious Church of the venerable and saintly Archbishop, Jesuit Fathers, Gardiner street, whose faithful and arduous work Bublin, at last Mass on Sunday, for Canada in the dark days of Rebruary 21. His object was to 69 and 70 in the history of the appeal for help to complete the Northwest, was rewarded with a Church at St. Brigid which he is broken heart. Lord Wolseley's building in the village of Kilronan. attempt to smirch the name of His sermon which was delivered in the great and exalted Archbishop Irish, was a novelty to the conhas stirred up the hearts of gregation, which included people many of the General's former ad- from all parts of the city. Having mirer's with hitter resentment preached on the gospel of the day, against him, for his vain the Rev. gentleman expressed the and ignoble attempt to slander great satisfaction which he felt in one great as the other's, as now Church that day in the native lanexposed, proves to have been so guage-in the same tongue that infinitely small."

With kindest regards, Your sincere friend,

Persons and Facts

Fresh light is thrown on the

Fashoda incident by the publication in the Paris "Figaro" of cor- the right thing last Wednesday, respondence which passed between and set an example that ought to late Conception opened the minds Paris and St. Petersburg at that be followed by all the other papers: of Pius, Our predecessor, and of all time, and which culminated in it published the refutation of a Count Muravieff, by order of the lie immediately after the lie. Here Czar, promising France the Mili- was the lie:

tary co-operation of Russia in the' London, March 15-A pamphlet

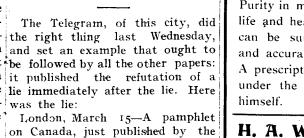
The Holy Father, on the 17th grants against going to the Northrent Donahoe's. They are as usual, ult., gave audience to three gentle- west territories, as the opporvery entertaining and edifying; this men who were recently converted tunity for farm work is only to be month they begin with an incident from Protestantism: John Muller, had in a limited quantity owing to of graver import which reveals of Unter Kulm in Switzerland; the machinery so generally in we. the moral courage of Cardinal William Fischer, of Memel in Prus- In winter no work can be had. It machinery. The old idea of inaking sia; and Richard Schellander, 'of also warns German Catholics from bread by hand is forever dying out. Stuttgart.

Mrs. E. T. Marchant, of Tan y Now here is the refutation: of a kneeling camel in effigy, Father bryn, Beaumaris, was received into "The absurdity of the German Fox refers the reader to his "His-the Church at the Father Davies government's pamphlet as to the ferior grades. More customers can tory of Conversions in General." Chapel, Beaumaris, on Sunday the lack of farm work in the Canadian be added to our routes.

The Duchesse d'Uzes, one of the have more than once in these col- greatest ladies and richest pro- terviewed as to the lack of churchumns expressed a wish to see in prietors in France, has just been es and religious advantages for summoned before a court of justice German Catholics, laughed hearti-

ing even now laicised. The school Winnipeg there was one large Gerwas under the direction of the man church already, and another laity, nevertheless the Duchess had going up in the north end shortly. to appear in the accused's place, In the Saskatchewan valley, scientious efforts to educate the a German settlement of about

ences. More power to the able The Rev. Murtagh Farragher, P. whose nature was as being able to address them in that was used years ago by St. Laur- 500 Main St. 137 Albert St. ence, the same tongue in which St. Kevin prayed in his little cell on J. F. TENNANT. the shores of Glendalough, the same tongue in which Brian Boru addressed his soldiers at the bat-"tle of Clontarf, when he pointed to the sacred signs of their redemption.



German government warns emiare no churches.

Northwest, is too evident to require refutation.

"Father Drummond who was in-

marble group of St. Hubert and priests who speak the language. One hour and 35.

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are also three or four priests, and

"At Kaposvar, in Assiniboia,



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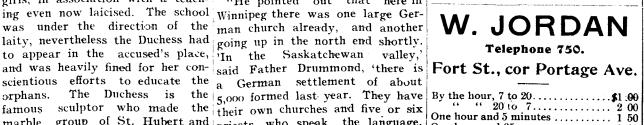
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GRASSIE

Last week we printed the Bran- This is, we need hardly say, the don Sun's sympathetic sketch of very finest piece of sculpture in the there are German settlers, there the late Father Godts; this week Canadian Northwest. we reproduce a voice from the fishness, his cordiality, and they where. Passed over his wretched English, which at first was altogether uninhim.

Joseph Francis Tennant, who South Africa, says the "Daily wing to the St. Boniface College. The following letter from Mr. served in the Red River expedition News," is well blessed with Irish-Welcome.

his Dogs in the grounds of the As they need them they Archbishop's Palace, St. Boniface. able to get more.

also at Brandon. opposite political camp, that of Dealing in his Lenten Pastoral the Brandon Saturday Times, vy- with the drink evil, the Most Rev. Father Woodcutter, a German ing with its rival in praise of the Dr. Conmy, Bishop of Killala, and priest, ministers to his countrymen. lamented Rector of St. Augustine's. brother of Judge Conmy, of Pem- In fact, throughout Manitoba and This shows how universal was the bina, North Dakota, says: In the the Northwest the religious intergrief evoked by the sudden death case of grown people we are conests of German Catholics are well of the great Redemptorist. We vinced that a most effective means attended to. may add that during His Grave's of checking the spread of intemper- "Only last week Father Kujener sermon at the funeral many strong ance would be faithful membership arrived here from Luxemburg. He men in the Church, even Protest- of the Anti-Treating League, of St. speaks both German and French. ants, were seen to weep, and the Patrick. The league is an associa-and in fact German speaking Archbishop himself was more than tion formed for suppressing this priests are always available for once visibly moved. Father Godts' prolific source of waste and demorany district where immigrants success in a city where Protestant- alisation. No great sacrifice is de- from Germany may arrive.' ¹sm is overwhelmingly predomin- manded from its members; the sole ant, affords a valuable lesson as to obligation contracted is neither to the inevitable ultimate ascendency take nor to give a "treat" in a of true worth. People saw his sin- public house. Splendid results have Boniface has fixed the time of the cerity, his zeal, his utter unsel- followed its establishment every- jubilee for this diocese as follows:

Councillor Joseph Hutchinson

cap.

telligible, for he spoke both French has succeeded Mr. Harrington, M. As there is likely to be a great A Picture of Health and English with equal fluency and P., as Lord Mayor of Dublin. Al- rush for mission preachers at the faultiness of articulation. It was derman Cole, who was returned to end of the julfilee time it may be easy to surpass him in grace and the Corporation at the recent elec- as well to say that the Jesuit eloquence of speech, but in genuine tions by the influence of the Gaelic Fathers of St. Boniface College and solid virtue few could approach League, appeared in the Council will be free to give missions from Chamber wearing a Gaelic kilt and June 20 to July 20.

Tenders are invited for the new

and who was in daily contact with men. Mr. W. St. John Carr, the The continuation of Father Lathe then Colonel Wolseley, is most first Mayor of Johannesburg, is an combe's lecture is again crowded Irishman and a Catholic. The out, but will surely appear later.

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