

City and Suburban News.

By the latter end of June, the Q. M. O. & Co. extension will be so far advanced as to allow of trials being run down to the new depot at the Quebec Gate Barracks.

Mr. John E. Walsh, on the occasion of his marriage, was presented with a handsome pedestal clock and silver-plated cruet-stand, by his fellow clerks in the General Freight Agents' Office of the Grand Trunk Railway.

The contract for the construction of that part of the Missisquoi and Black River Railroad, which is between Stukely and Richmond, a distance of 65 miles, has been awarded to Messrs. Laberge and Roberge, contractors of this city.

The instruction of the electoral petition for the electoral district of the County of Vercheres under the Quebec Constructed Election Act of 1875 in re Joseph Dansereau, petitioner vs. A. Larose, respondent, and A. Larose intervening party, is continued till the 11th inst.

The new College for the St. Croix Brothers, at Cote des Neiges, is progressing, one-and-a-half stories being completed. There will be no public ceremony in connection with it till after the session of the Local Parliament, when Mr. Chapleau and other members will be able to attend.

The numerous friends of Mr. James Brady (formerly of Her Majesty's Customs) will be pleased to learn of his appointment as Station Agent of the G. T. R. at Belleville. Mr. Brady, with his many good qualities, will no doubt make many friends in the city in which he will now take up his residence.

A man named Lawrence Foran met with an accident at Huntingdon on Wednesday last while blasting in the iron mines. A blast struck him, destroying both his eyes, and inflicting a wound on the head. He was taken to the Montreal General Hospital yesterday, where his wounds were attended to.

The Montreal Amateur Athletic Association has presented a bill in the Quebec Legislature to incorporate the same. The applicants are Messrs. A. Whitty, Angus Grant, H. Hughes, Wm. B. Maltby, Arch. W. Stevenson, Robert D. McGibbon, Hugh Wylie Beckett, Robert McGill Stewart, Samuel L. Baylis, Thos. L. Patton, Jas. King Whyte and George R. Shanks.

It is the intention of the Directors of the Montreal Cotton Manufacturing Company to send to England for the engine which is to run the machinery in their works. This action is causing a great deal of dissatisfaction among the iron firms of the Province, who say that they can turn out as good a piece of work as ever came from England and at 30 per cent less cost.

SEVERAL wealthy farmers' sons of Cote des Neiges and of the environs are anxious to organize a troop of cavalry in that neighborhood. A number of them interviewed ex-Major Lapointe, late of the 65th, and offered him the command of the troop, and stated that each man could furnish his own horse. It is understood that Mr. Desjardins and Mr. Beaulieu, members for Hochelaga, approve of the idea.

The Orangemen built a monument to Thomas Lett Hackett, killed during a riot in this city, on the 12th July, 1878, in the Protestant Cemetery, and placed thereon a very objectionable inscription, to the effect that the murder was committed by Irish Catholics. This was all very well for the Scotch and English Orangemen who erected the monument, but it was this morning caused to be erased by the authorities of the churchyard.

JEAN B. BOUTCHER and Madame Dagenais are both inhabitants and neighbors in Cote St. Louis. The latter, it appears, was outrageously abusive in her language to the former and his wife. Boucher contended that Madame Dagenais had assailed him with the most vile epithets on the public road; the defence argued that she opened fire in the back yard and did not venture on to the highway to abuse him. The case was taken en dehors.

An association entitled the "Homeopathic Medical Society of the Quebec Province," was organized on Wednesday at a meeting held in this city, when the following gentlemen were elected officers:—President, Dr. J. Wanless; Vice-President, Dr. F. Muller; Secretary, Dr. G. G. Gale; Treasurer, Dr. D. O. McLellan. Arrangements are to be made for holding annual meetings alternately in Montreal and Quebec, and the President was appointed to deliver a lecture at the next.

The petition of the Hochelaga hotel-keepers, claiming that the resolutions of the 4th of April, passed by the Hochelaga Municipal Council, be set aside, was heard before Judge Rainville. His Honor rendered judgment this morning in the case and declared the Council's resolution to be illegal, and in consequence to be set aside, first, in as much as the two councillors had been excluded by the same resolution; and secondly, because Charrellet, a Councillor, had been illegally excluded, as he had no personal interest in the affair which was submitted.

The Trustees of the toll gates have sent in a protest to the municipality of Hochelaga, claiming that the corporation does not fulfil its agreement with them. The latter allege that the Trustees are charging the town twice as much as they are other municipalities, some only paying \$100, while Hochelaga has to pay \$700 a year. If the dispute is not shortly settled to the satisfaction of the Trustees, they intend to put up the toll gate on St. Mary street, which was taken down some 10 years ago. The result of the action will be that every car of the City Passenger Railway on that division will have to pay toll.

YOUNG INSMITH'S L. & B. ASSOCIATION.—At the semi-annual meeting of the above association held in their hall last Tuesday evening, the following gentlemen were elected officers: President, C. McDonald; 1st Vice-President, D. O'Shaughnessy; 2nd Vice-President, H. Brady; Treasurer, W. E. Durack; Recording Secretary, J. J. Kavanagh; Corresponding Secretary, J. Maher; Collecting Treasurer, T. F. F. Maher; Asst. Collecting Treasurer, C. Curran; Librarian, L. Mooney; Asst. Librarian, J. F. Kelly; Marshal, Kd. Kennedy; Hall Committee—B. Hale, M. Quigley, W. Young, E. Boyne, C. McDonald, M. Ferguson.

MONTREAL ABROAD.—The Chicago Sun says:—"On Easter, St. Gabriel's choir, after months of rehearsing, sang 'Haydn's Third Mass,' except the Gloria, which was Mozart's 12th. The choir, on this occasion, was assisted by a chorus of twenty-five picked voices, who did justice to the music. The congregation was so carried away with the singing that the choir was repeatedly complimented during the services. Mr. Ed. Oummine, of Montreal, who on this occasion sang the Easter Hymn, was considered by one and all the king of the bass singers in Chicago. We wish the choir success, and hope they will continue in future, as at present, the pride of the town."

IRISH CATHOLIC BENEFIT SOCIETY.—At the monthly meeting of the Society, held in the Hall, 222 McGill street, on Thursday evening, the 5th inst., the following gentlemen were elected officers:—President, Mr. John Power, re-elected; 1st Vice-President, Prof. Wm. McKay; 2nd Vice-President, Mr. Martin Newell; Secretary, Mr. Joseph McCann, re-elected; Asst. Secretary, Mr. Martin Curran; Treasurer, Mr. Michael O'Brien, re-elected; Collecting Treasurer, Mr. Loughlin Coghlin, re-elected; Asst. Collecting Treasurer, Mr. Edward Wheeler, re-elected; Grand Marshal, Mr. William Burns; Assistant Marshals, Messrs John Cuggy and James Toland. The Auditor's Report showed the financial condition of the Society to be advancing in prosperity, having to its credit in bank the sum of \$1,975.75.

THE LADIES' LAND LEAGUE.

A meeting to complete the organization of the Montreal branch of the Irish Ladies' Land League, was held Friday night, in St. Patrick's Hall. There was a very large attendance of ladies and gentlemen, and the Association was inaugurated under most favorable circumstances. Miss Annie O. Davis the lady to whom all credit is due for the success which has attended her efforts in this direction, opened the proceedings by an address, in which she explained the reasons why a branch of the Ladies' Land League should be organized in Montreal. Alluding to the condition of Ireland she said that the English Government represented the despot, and the Irish landlord the oppressor. From the days of Henry, the Norman invader down to the present period, Ireland had been the victim of robbery, spoliation, falsehood, deceit and treachery. By the Act of Settlement passed in the reign of James I. four-fifths of the lands of Ireland had passed into the possession of unscrupulous partisans of the Government. These partizan grants had been confirmed by Dutch William who made further confiscations to satisfy the avarice of his followers. Miss Davis then traced the history of Ireland's wrongs down to the present day, and concluded by expressing the hope that the dawn of the long-looked for day of freedom had opened, and that the spirit of Irish independence would assert itself, though confronted by the armed military power of despotic England. She also introduced, as an epilogue, a portrait of a landlord in Ireland. In 1776 Young had written that the landlord of an Irish estate is a sort of despot who yields obedience in whatever concerned the poor to no law but that of his will. A long series of oppressions, aided by very many ill-judged laws, had brought landlords into a habit of exerting a very lofty superiority, and their vassals into that of an almost unlimited submission—speaking a language that is despised, and professing a religion that is abhorred.

Miss Davis further entertained the audience with a number of recitations in which she fully sustained her enviable reputation as an elocutionist. Miss E. Hayes also recited several pieces in admirable style, and frequently drew forth the applause of those present. Piano solos by Miss Foley contributed greatly to the pleasure derived from the entertainment and displayed considerable skill and taste on the part of the young lady executante. Mr. P. Carroll, President of the Montreal Branch of the Land League, also delivered an address, after which the election of officers was proceeded with, the following result being obtained:—Miss Fanny Farrell, Hon. President; Miss A. O. Davis, President; Mrs. Lane, Sec. Treasurer; Mrs. H. Sheehan, Asst. Secretary; Committee: Mrs. Farrell, Miss McCann, Miss Hayes, Miss Foley and Miss Walsh. About thirty ladies were admitted as members.

THE ADVANCE AGENT.

THE END MEN OF THE PROFESSION.

He left his card at the office of a contemporary a few days ago, for the talented young gentleman who "did" the theatres was absent. It was inscribed—the card was— with the name of "J. Plausibell, avant courier," and then followed an announcement of the special great attraction which it was the agent's duty and pleasure to herald. He called again the following day, and then the critic, who had just returned from a dog fight which he had been called upon to report in his capacity as amusement editor, was pleased to receive him in the apartment. He occupied the other one himself. The agent advanced with great emphasis, and as he announced himself, shook hands with the scribe, with the air of a man who considered the familiarity as a privilege beyond price.

"Mr. Blank," said he, and there is nothing personal intended by the fictitious name chosen, "allow me to assure you of the pleasure I experience in meeting you. I have heard of you frequently before, and more for the purpose of forming your acquaintance than for any other object, I decided to bring our party to Montreal."

It is unnecessary to say that he wore a silk hat. His moustache ran on either side at right angles to his nose, and he had a heavy gold ring on his finger, and a slight tremulous one in his voice.

The reporter, with characteristic modesty, blushed, but recognized the presence of an article which children expend all their wealth for, and which is popularly believed to be bad for the teeth. The advance man, having thus gone through the preliminaries, proceeded to expatiate upon the merits of the "show" with which he was connected.

"I tell you, sir, that we bring the finest show at present on the road. Crowded houses everywhere, and the highest encomiums from the press. There is Miss So-and-So. She's great, and Mr. Heavyman. He's fine. You must not fail to see him in his favorite character. In the second act he is—he is—well, he's fine. There is also Miss Utitile. I assure you she's great."

"Are there any pretty girls in the company?" ventures the reporter.

"I should smile," answers the agent. "See our business man when the party arrives. He'll show you around. I'll just leave a few notices from the papers, which you might please put in, so that your readers may get an idea of what our entertainment is like. Come and take something?"

And they took a walk.

On the 2nd of May Mr. Samuel Sheard left his home, Almonte, Ontario, rather suddenly. He was last seen on a Canadian Central train bound for Brockville. No trace of him has yet been discovered. He was below the middle height, bow-legged, florid complexion, dark red hair, whiskers and no moustache, wore a dark brown shooting jacket, tweed pants, flannel shirt, and felt black hat. The sum of \$100 will be paid for information as to his whereabouts.

The brightest flowers must fade, but young lives endangered by severe coughs and colds may be preserved by Dr. Thomas' Eucalyptic Oil. Croup, whooping cough, bronchitis, in short all affections of the throat and lungs, are relieved by this sterling preparation, which also remedies rheumatic pains, sores, bruises, piles, kidney difficulty, and is most economical.

GRAND CONCERT

IN THE SEPARATE SCHOOL BUILDING AT ALEXANDRIA, GLENHARRY, UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE WORTHY PASTOR, REV. FATHER McDONNELL, IN AID OF THE BUILDING FUND OF HIS CHURCH.

The concert looked forward to with anxiety and curiosity—curiosity because the young men of Alexandria constituted the troupe—was held in the separate school building, Alexandria, on Monday evening, April 18th, and as I had the special honor of being present, I purpose placing before the public some idea of how the young men of Alexandria carried out their intentions. Being a Montrealer, before going further, I desire to suppress the hope that no one will accept my critique as implying any particularity to any of the young gentlemen interested, with whom I have not had the honor of being acquainted.

The concert may be truly said to have been the greatest success in its line ever held in Alexandria. Even as early as 6.30 the crowd began to force its way into the hall and by 7 o'clock the hall was crowded to excess, and it is estimated that at least 150 persons were turned away unable to gain admittance. The stage was beautifully illuminated with Chinese lanterns and the whole presented an appearance which excelled any that the most fertile genius could conceive of. Notwithstanding the influence of the opinions set forth by millers, milliners, fops and others, to the effect that the boys of Alexandria were not capable of presenting an entertainment worth going to, to their (the millers, &c.) disgust and disappointment, as well as to the entire satisfaction of the immense audience, they succeeded in placing before them one of the best amateur or even professional entertainments ever held in Alexandria. This could not be more clearly demonstrated than by the fact that during the whole evening the audience kept up a continuous uproar, thus testifying their appreciation of the efforts of their young friends. Among those who received special invitations to be present were, Rev. Father Gauthier, Rev. Father Masterson, of St. Raphael, Rev. Father Graham, of Lochiel, and Rev. Mr. McLennan, all of whom were present. The music for the evening was contributed by Miss McMillan, Mr. A. P. McDonald and Mr. McDonald, the first two of whom entertained the audience during the intermissions with selections from Scotch music. The chairman's address was not characterized by any great length, but the choice language used, and the curt manner in which the sentiments were expressed were appreciated by the audience fully as well as though Demosthenes had risen from the dead and had come to address them. The prompter deserves to be congratulated on his success in keeping the Chairman on his feet until his speech was concluded.

"Brannigan's Band" being the first on the programme, this renowned company was introduced to the audience with a few opening remarks by their Captain, Mr. Auburn. It is needless to eulogize the efforts of the young men to make this particular part of the programme a success, as the soldierly appearance they presented, and Mr. Auburn's rendition of this famous song, assisted by the company in chorus, was, without doubt, executed to perfection. In response to the tremendous shouts of the audience, the young soldiers again made their appearance, when Mr. Auburn sang that well-known song "The Regular Army O!" and was assisted in the chorus, as before, by the full company, which was also received with equal enthusiasm.

"Bad whiskey" which is a comic Irish sketch was next introduced by the appearance of Mr. Auburn in the personation of Mary Ann, E. Connelly, a low Irish washer-woman, struggling under the disadvantage of being the slave of a husband who is addicted to the somewhat uncommon habit of being on very good terms with "Mr. John Barleycorn." Mary Ann's apparent experience with the wash-tub almost induced some of the young swells of the village to send in their linen to her, but her very sudden departure from the village to live with her brother Tim caused them with very deep regrets to retract the execution of this intention. Mr. Samuel McDonald's personation of Owen Connelly, was, in short, perfection itself, and the closing up by the appearance of a policeman, Mr. Dan Donovan, on the scene, the struggle between the policeman and Owen, eventually Mary Ann's taking up of her husband's cause, although a few moments previous she requested his arrest, elicited tremendous applause from the audience. When the curtain was again drawn, Mr. Auburn sang, in character, that most inspiring song, "Those cruel slavery days," which elicited much applause. Mr. Dan Donovan was next introduced, and his tripping of the clog dance requires no eulogism from me, as I hear it said that he is well-known in this vicinity as a master of his art. Mr. Macdougall was next introduced to the audience in his character of "Old Steve," and entertained them for upwards of ten minutes with a most amusing stump oration, prepared by himself, and contributing several witty local hits. If we are to judge of the applause Mr. Macdougall received from his audience, his stump speech was one of the greatest successes of the evening.

The audience clapped hands most enthusiastically on his exit, and on his appearance as "Father Prout" he was again enthusiastically received. Then followed "Stripped Servant," a farce, there being two characters, "Mr. Fige," an old time bachelor, personated by Donald Alex. McDonald, and "Gauthrain," a negro applicant for hire, personated by Mr. Henry Leclair. Both these gentlemen performed their parts well, and in particular I noticed Mr. Leclair's success. He seemed to entertain a vivid idea of the requirements of a successful negro performer. No member of the troupe elicited more applause from the audience than did Mr. Leclair; and, if I am a judge, this is about the best recommendation he can receive. "Happy Uncle Tommy," a negro burlesque, then followed, in which Mr. Mr. Auburn and Mr. Leclair personated "Uncle Tommy" and "Uncle Jeff" respectively. This burlesque was one of the greatest successes of the evening, and calls for no eulogism from me, as the two gentlemen who figured in it speak for themselves. This ended the first part of the programme, and fifteen minutes' intermission intervened, during which time Miss McMillan and Mr. A. P. McDonald applied their well known talents as musicians to the entertainment of the audience.

After intermission the chairman introduced Mr. Duncan L. McMillan, who sang very effectively that well known song, "Poor but a gentleman still." Then followed "The Highland Fling," by Mr. R. McDonald in kilts, to pipe music by Mr. McDonald, of Lochiel. He was exceedingly well received by the audience, as his accomplishments in his department deserved. After a few strains on the violin, with organ accompani-

ment by Miss McMillan, the chairman introduced Mr. Macdougall, who sang "McSorley's Twins," which was received with uproarious laughter. "Darkies' Strategem" was then brought to the fore: "Cupid," "Cruncher," "Jenkins" and "Lucy" being personated respectively by Messrs. S. McDonald, J. McDonald, Donald Alex. McDonald, and Duncan L. McMillan. It is difficult for me to say anything respecting this play in the direction of distinguishing it from any other part of the programme as a success, because it was received like everything else, with tremendous uproar. It is, perhaps, unnecessary to particularize, but if I were to express an opinion respecting the characters in this play I would say that "Cupid" carried off all the honors.

Mr. Auburn was then introduced, and sang very inspiringly "Trabbling back to Georgia."

"Slippery Day," a comedy, was then brought to the fore, and the various characters represented all contributed to make it one of the best plays exhibited.

The programme was then wound up by the full complement rendering "You will get a Church bye-and-bye." The performance on the second evening, it is said, even excelled that of the first, and the sum realized from both evening's entertainments nets \$140, exclusive of expenses.

ST. DENIS SSKRET.

[The above was mislaid for a few days or it would have appeared in last week's issue.—Ed. T. W.]

DAVITT FUND.

THE POST	\$50 00
A few friends of the cause, Ottawa	 3 00
Henry J. Stafford	 5 00
W. C.	 1 00
John Curran	 5 00
Father Graham	 5 00
James Kelly	 1 00
Francis Curran, Teacher, Charlottetown, P.E.I.	 1 00
A Friend	 3 00
J. C. Hanley, Read, Ont.	 1 00
James Farrell	 1 00
Archie Stewart	 1 00
Daniel Byrn	 1 00

CATHOLIC NEWS.

It is rumored that Ottawa will be created an Archdiocese, and His Grace Bishop Duhamel appointed Archbishop.

David Bernard O'Leary was received into the priesthood at Toronto on Sunday morning by Archbishop Lynch.

Part of the head of St. John the Baptist is said to be kept in the Church of St. Sylvester at Rome, and another part at Amiens, in France.

The citizens of Cork have enriched the shrine of Knock with a beautiful altar. It has been erected beneath the southern window in the eastern transept.

The Rev. Jules Perrin (in religion Pere Camille) and the Rev. Joseph Serbier (in religion Pere Joachim), both Capuchins, have been ordered by the authorities to quit the Canton of Geneva, where they had been staying temporarily.

Bishop Borgess, of Detroit, Roman Catholic, has issued a pastoral, forbidding the Catholics of his diocese to originate or participate in picnics and excursions, or holding fairs for the benefit of churches, schools and other charitable institutions without his approval.

In July, on the occasion of the feast of the Slav Apostles SS. Cyril and Methodius, there will be a great pilgrimage to Rome. It will be composed of Poles, Bulgarians, Roumelians, Bosnians, and Herzegovinians, and it is said that those who have already signified their intention of joining it are for the most part men of letters and wealthy proprietors.

The Protestants of Barnesville, Virginia, have invited Bishop Ruess to preach to them a series of sermons explanatory of Catholic doctrines and practices. The Bishop complied with their request on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 3rd and 4th instants, when he delivered four discourses in the chapel of the Catholic colony located at that place. It is thought conversions are numerous.

The affecting burial service of the Catholic Church was recently performed in Philadelphia over the widow of the late Lewis C. Levin, who thirty-seven years ago was the leader of the Know-Nothing anti-Catholic party in Philadelphia, and who was sent by it to Congress for two terms. The late Mrs. Levin was received upon her deathbed into the Church which her husband had so bitterly and conspicuously attacked, and soon after his death, twenty-one years ago, all of his daughters embraced the same faith.

Miss Edmonia Lewis is of mixed Indian and African blood, her father being a negro and her mother being an Indian squaw, of the Chippewa tribe, in New York. She was born near Albany. William Lloyd Garrison discovered her bent toward imitation, and took her to the studio of Mr. Becker, in Boston. Her first stroke of success was with a bust of Colonel Shaw, of Fort Wagner fame, whose friend ordered one hundred copies and paid for them at the rate of \$15 each. The Marquis of Bute has her "Madonna and Child," and Lady Ashburton "The Old Arrowmaker and his Daughter." She became a Catholic, and is said to have received a visit from Pius IX. at her studio in Rome.—New York Times.

It will rejoice our Catholic readers to know that Hon. H. B. Wells, formerly known as a barrister of large practice, and more recently as judge of the County of Kent, in the perfect use of all his faculties, and at his own request, was received into the Church by Rev. Father Brennan, at Toronto, on Friday, 8th instant, and died fortified by all its sacred rites. The cause of his death was general paralysis. Up to within a few days past he was in his usual excellent health, and when at Chatham only three weeks ago he was complimented by old acquaintances on his appearance. On Monday last he was struck by the fatal disease, and gradually sank. Mr. Wells was a native of Maitland, in the county of Grenville, where he was born on the third of October, 1809. He studied law in the office of Marshall Spring Bidwell, in the city of Kingston, and commenced the practice of his profession in Prescott in 1832. In 1852 he was appointed Judge of Kent, a position which he filled with ability and honor for twenty-seven years. Two years ago he resigned it and went to live in Toronto. Catholic Record.

The Pilgrimage under the auspices of St. Bridget's Rosary and Benevolent Society will take place to St. Ann's of Varennes on Thursday, June 2nd. Notice hereafter.

We are also informed that a Bazaar in aid of St. Mary's Church will open in the basement of the new church, corner of Craig and Janet streets, on or about the 20th June next. Articles and contributions will be most gratefully received by the Rev. Father Lonergan, at St. Bridget's Presbytery, No. 34 Champlain street.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE SHAMROCK LACROSSE CLUB.

To the Editor of this Post.

DEAR SIR,—I noticed in your valuable journal of Monday last a letter from a correspondent signing himself "Suggestion," in which he deprecates the fact that there is no gymnasium or institution in Montreal in which young men of moderate means may develop their muscles. I would beg to call his attention to the fact of the existence of a club called the Shamrock Lacrosse Club, on whose grounds may be found almost all the requisites for said development, viz, Indian clubs, bars, dumb-bells, foot-ball, weights, running-track, shower-baths, archery, etc., etc.

The above Club may be said to be the most democratic in America, its membership being composed of merchants, mechanics, lawyers, doctors, journalists, laborers, of every trade and occupation in fact.

I believe the members intend to arrange for during the next winter—in the centre of the city—a club-room and gymnasium, with a reading-room and library combined, which is the very want your correspondent complains of. I have been informed that since their annual meeting in April this year (one month) the Club has added to its roll 64 new members, which is not strange, considering the very small subscription—\$2 per annum, only.

Not alone in athletics are the benefits of membership in the Shamrock Club to be found. I consider that the Club by drawing young men to their grounds, in the summer evenings, and thereby, probably, keeping them from saloons, etc., has a moral as well as physical influence on the youth of our city. This is a fact which, I think, can not be denied.

Therefore, Mr. Editor, I argue that the above Club is a public benefactor, and as such should be encouraged by all having the welfare of our young men at heart; and the best encouragement is to become members of it and to help in the good work by voice and example.

FRIEND.

VIGILANCE COMMITTEES.

To the Editor of this Post and True Witness.

Never was there a time when intemperance was so closely hemmed in as at present, and why? Because never was there a time when its woeeful consequences were so fully conceived by people in general as at present. Old and young alike concede that intemperance is a great evil which should be carefully watched, for once contracted it leads inevitably to demoralization and death. So true is this that the very word intemperance conveys to the most superficial mind, the ideas of discontent, misery and wickedness. It is not, then, surprising that fierce warfare is everywhere raging against this vice, and that it is accused by all. Cursed drink! says the mother, and the wife and the child. Would that this curse were realized and that drink would have the same disastrous fate as the three infamous opponents of God's law-giver, Moses.

In the means adopted to combat the progress of intemperance there has been perhaps, lately, more earnestness displayed than judgment and wisdom, for what have been the practical results of that grand and sublime scheme of total abolition of intoxicating liquor? This grand and sublime scheme has had no practical result. There is as much liquor traffic now as before the conception of this superior project. There has been perhaps even a greater consumption of liquor where this project was put in force, for as every one well knows, many who never tolerated liquor in their houses, thought it prudent to make provisions for emergencies, and having it now at hand through curiosity they drew the bung or the cork, as the case was, and tasted the contents, and tasted them again and so often, that they soon became confirmed tipplers. If the members of society were all inclined to be perfect and self-denying like the advocates of abolition, abolition would be the most efficacious remedy for intemperance, but anyone who knows night about the state of society is aware that its members are not so well inclined, consequently we must have recourse to some other means. Those who are addicted to drink will satisfy their appetites by fair or foul means, by honest or dishonest means. So as to allow their drink to pass through the Customs they will change the names, if necessary, substituting less objectionable ones than brandy, gin, rye, whiskey. Abolition in this age of ingenuity will not then save society.

The authorities upon whose shoulders we all charitably lay the maintenance of order and peace, are aware of the incompetency of prohibitory measures. They have, therefore, directed their efforts against "the two prevailing evils" into another channel. They are now sincerely co-operating, as may be seen by the decreased number of licenses, with the Vigilance Committees, who are on the trail of those "shobens" where the "cup that inebriates" is so cheerfully passed round to the detriment of public morality and domestic happiness. These Committees, which are due to the zeal and energy of our French Canadian fellow-citizens, are working to undermine intemperance by regulating the sale of intoxicating liquors, and for this purpose they employ all legal means. They intend, first, to prevent as much as lies in their power, the sale of spirits by unlicensed persons; secondly, to diminish the number of licensed houses by shutting off all that are badly-conducted; and, thirdly, to forward all changes that may be deemed expedient in the liquor laws. By working for their triple end, these Vigilance Committees strike effectually and practically at the very root of intemperance, for it is not precisely respectable and principled inn-keepers that occasion the misfortunes among us, but it is these low den in back streets, which certainly cannot contain the number of apartments required by law; these grocery stores with a back counter and a hidden entrance, where women even, who have still a tinge of respectability, a feeling of decorum which keeps them out of public saloons, can procure a glass in blissful quiet and seclusion; these persons who are so dead to all sense of responsibility that they care not who the purchaser is, what he is, or how old he is; yes, it is, in places of this cast, it is persons of this character that are demoralizing Montreal, offering, as they do, the bait of temptation to men, women and children who are otherwise well disposed, contributing thus to make them unmisgiving of their duties towards their God and their fellow-creatures. Grateful should we then be to the generous members of these Vigilance Committees, who spontaneously, in the interests of society at large, burden themselves with these onerous and unpleasant obligations. Success to the civil authorities who act on the information received from Vigilance Committees, whose members are every day on the increase, and living in all parts of the city. May we soon see the welcome decline of the days of intemperance—for it would cheer up many a sorrowing witness of the unhappy effects of its passage.

TEMPERANCE.

ROUND THE WORLD.

It is rumored that Ottawa will be created an Arch-diocese, and Bishop Duhamel appointed Archbishop.

L. S. Adam, notary, has been appointed Sheriff of the District of St. Hyacinthe, vacant by the death of Mr. Tache.

The body of Mr. John Harris, of London, Ont., has been found in the river Thames, under Blackfriars Bridge.

Highly encouraging reports are received at Chicago from all the spring wheat growing counties of the North-West.

Dick Torka was crazed by the honor of being elected Grand Master of Odd Fellows, at Navasota, Texas and had to be sent to an asylum.

James Daly, editor of the Castlebar Telegraph, was arrested under the Corcoran Act and lodged in Kilmalnam gaol. has been released.

The death is announced in France of Comte Leon, who was always reputed to be a natural son of Napoleon I., and whom he resembled in a remarkable manner.

The Marquis of Salisbury was formally elected leader of the Conservatives in the House of Lords at the meeting of Conservative Peers held yesterday.

Lord Lansdale, who has been lately in America with his yacht, the Northumbria, has purchased a steamer of 1,000 tons to attempt to reach the North Pole.

Capt. G. V. Hamilton, aged 82, an old resident of St. Catharines, died in that city yesterday. Deceased was an Irishman, and held his title from the British army.

Rev. Mr. Brookman publicly seceded from the Baptist Church at Toronto yesterday, declaring his disbelief in the doctrines of eternal punishment and close communion.

Bricklayers' assistants in Toronto are on strike for \$1.50 per day. The Grand Trunk conductors in the same city are asking for more pay, and the freight shod men are agitating for an increase to \$1.37 1/2 per day.

The Pope has ratified the erection of the diocese of Des Moines, Iowa, out from the diocese of Dubuque, which comprises the whole State. Rev. John McMillan, Vicar-General of Chicago will be Bishop of Des Moines, and Rev. K. C. Flash will be Bishop of Lacrosse.

La Liberte, a French journal, announces the arrival in Paris of Mr. Marwood, the English hangman, accompanied by his wife and three children. "Business being slack," says our transatlantic contemporary, "Monseigneur, the executor of public works, is able to take a little recreation."

At the launch of the new Cunarder Servia, built by Messrs. Thomson, Clydebank, Mr. J. R. Thomson said that the first vessel they built for the Cunard Company measured 123 feet long, 50 feet beam, and 10 feet deep, with a gross tonnage of 175 tons. "That vessel was still working, and likely to work for a long time."

The black man is good on election days. So think the Republican party when they put the man and brother on the back and sentimentally orate on the blessings and benefits of emancipation. But how is it on other days? At Springfield, Ill.—the home of the Emancipator—Republican hotel-keepers refuse to receive and accommodate the colored jubilee singers from the Fisk University of Tennessee. And yet they are not happy.

Hindman Barney, who has become a Baptist exhorter, says that he was an actor until he lost an arm, and then he reformed. A one-armed actor could not be of use on the stage. It is a fact, by the way, that few actors are convinced of the wickedness of their profession until they fail in it. Drunkenness is usually what causes the manager to receive and accommodate the colored jubilee singers from the Fisk University of Tennessee. And yet they are not happy.

Last Saturday a Will of the late Wm. Ford, colored, was filed in the Probate Court, Washington City, dated January 12, 1865, in which year he died. He bequeathed three houses and personal property to his widow as long as she remained unmarried; but if she married, it was to go to the authorities of the Catholic Church. Shortly after Ford's death, it appears, a Will dated 1864 was filed and probated, leaving this property to the widow for her natural life, whereupon she remarried and has since settled down to the enjoyment of the property. This latter Will though has just turned up among the papers of the late Justice Plant, and of course will be the basis of a legal contest, as according to its provisions the property rightly belongs to the Church.—Baltimore Mirror.

DROWNED.

On Thursday morning while two men were working on the edge of the canal, at Chambly, they were surprised to observe a buggy-top standing on a little above the water. Looking more intently they were horrified to see a human hand raised beside it as if in mute appeal for help. The alarm was given and men set to work to rescue the body. After a little trouble it was taken out of the canal and laid on the bank. The corpse was immediately recognized as being that of one Jacques