

THE BLIND MAN'S BRIDE.

BY THE HON. MRS. MORTON. When first, beloved, in vanished hours...

IRISH INTELLIGENCE.

Michael Francis Barry, Esq., of Firville, Macroom, has been appointed to the Commission of the Peace.

Thomas Fitzgibbon Sexton, Esq., of Coonagh, Limerick, has been appointed to the Commission of the Peace.

Richard S. Triphook, of Moylough Rectory, Ballinasloe, Esq., has been appointed to the Commission of the Peace.

Charles Bisset Fenwick, of Greenhill, Convoys, Raphoe, Esq., has been appointed to the Commission of the Peace.

Thomas Walpole, Esq., of Monahddir, Borris-in-Ossory, has been appointed to the Commission of the Peace for the Queen's County.

Mr. Kenny, of Tullamore, King's Co., has been sworn in an Attorney of the Superior Courts of Common Law in Ireland.

A man named Patrick Queeny, though believed to possess a large amount of property, died recently of starvation in Dublin.

The ceremonies in connection with the opening of the beautiful new church of Cloniffe Diocesan College have been postponed until the middle of September.

During the week ending the 10th ult., there were killed in Limerick 5,863 pigs; in Wexford, 4,700; in Cork, 700. The bacon and pork market continues to be in a very satisfactory condition.

The Dublin Corporation has elected Mr. Curteis, assistant in the Treasurer's office, to the place vacant by reason of Mr. Nugent Robinson's defalcations, which has first been discovered to be larger than was at first supposed.

Mr. Henry Boyd Fitzgerald, B.A., T.C.D., second son of the late John Fitzgerald, Esq., of 63 Eccles street, Dublin, and Desmond-villa, Kilkree, co. Clare, has been sworn in and admitted an attorney of the Superior Courts in Ireland.

On the 13th ult., Mr. Edward Arthur Baytagh, son of Edward J. F. Baytagh, Esq., Q.C., of No. 3 Denmark street, Dublin, was sworn in an attorney of the Superior Courts of Common Law; and James V. Dunn, son of Captain D. Dunn, of the British and Irish Steampacket Company, was sworn in an attorney of the Courts of Common Law.

On the 15th ult., Miss Prendergast, in religion Sister Josephine, and Miss Cleary, in religion sister Catherine, the former daughter of the late Robert Pendergast, Esq., of Landaff Cottage, Thurles, and the latter of the late John Cleary, of Rathduff, county Tipperary, were received in the Presentation Convent, Thurles, by Archbishop Croke.

The Most Rev. Dr. Conaty conferred the following holy orders on the undermentioned students of St. Patrick's College, Cavan:—Sub-Deaconship—Patrick Clarke, John Rogan, Peter Rogan, Peter Byrne, Charles Flynn, Hugh Brady, and Hugh Lee. Full Minor Orders—Edward MacDonnell, Thomas McCurran, and Francis Brady. Tonsure Patrick McGaurin and Patrick McGoughlin.

The prospects of the crops throughout Kildare promise favorably. In former years the prospect of early meadows at this season was well known by the number of sales advertised, but this year all are backward; and hay will be scarce. The wheat crop promises well. The oat crop looks healthy and well after the late showers, as also the potatoe; the latter received a check from frosts, but not sufficient to injure it.

The South of Ireland Waggon and Wheel Company, Cappoquin is at present engaged (says the Waterford News), in building a number of railway wagoons for the Cork and Dandon Line. The business at this extensive manufacturing establishment, under the superintendence of Mr. R. F. Keane, managing director, has so improved of late that the company are just now erecting several additional wagoons. One for large wagoons, being 100 feet in length by 66 feet in breadth, capable of containing 24 wagoons, is under process of construction.

The Prisons Bill for Ireland was introduced into the House of Commons on the 15th ult. It is modelled on the English measure. Sir Michael Beach proposes to put the prisons under the control of a Board in Dublin, consisting of the four officials who at present superintend the system. The bridewells are to be given up except in petty sessions districts; a lock-up for detention of prisoners will be added to the constabulary barracks. The bill was favorably received by Mr. A. M. Sullivan.

On the 9th ult., as the Rev. P. Morrissey, O.C.; Knockmore, was riding home from Mount Mellory Abbey his horse took fright near Cappoquin and threw him, inflicting severe injuries to his head. The Rev. gentleman was just able, with the greatest exertions, to get back to the town, where he became unconscious as soon as he was put in bed. Medical attendance was immediately procured and every effort made to restore him, but of no avail, and after a night of extreme agony, he died next morning. The deceased was a native of Abbeyside near Dungarvan.

On the 11th ult., the new Catholic chapel of St. Patrick, in Dunganon, was solemnly dedicated by the Most Rev. Dr. McGettigan, Primate of All Ireland. There was an immense assemblage from the surrounding parts. Amongst those who took part in the ceremony were the Most Rev. Dr. Dorrian, Bishop of Down and Connor; Most Rev. R. McDevitt, Bishop of Raphoe; and the Very Rev. Father Harrison, of Limerick. After the Gospel in the morning Dr. Dorrian preached, and in the evening the preacher was Father Harrison. The amount realized at the collections was over £1,400.

Seven years have elapsed since the first mission ever given to the people of the parish of Ballinacary was brought to a successful termination by the Fathers of the Franciscan Order. On Sunday, the 11th ult., the good people of the parish, assembled in large numbers to once again bid a hearty welcome to the Fathers of the same Order, and profit by the course of religious exercises that are to be performed during the next fortnight. The Fathers present

were—Hanrahan and Flore, Dublin; Boche, Wexford; Rossiter, Cork; and Murphy, Multyfarham. An individual named John O. Delmege who signs himself J.P. for the counties of Limerick, Clare and Cork, is busy writing letters in the Tory press recommending the formation of an Irish Landlords' Defence Association. A still better name for the body, he says, would be "The Irish Landed Interest Association." Its designs is to protect the rights of property from such confiscating enactments as Mr. Butt and his party are trying to force through Parliament. Fancy these people, with a Parliament composed almost exclusively of landlords, pretending to believe that they want protection for their special interests! The wolves wanting protection against the lambs, the hawks wanting protection against the sparrows!

Whilst two men (says the Cork Examiner) from the village of Lisacroll were employed digging in the courtyard of the castle, they came by what they at first considered to be a bar of iron, but what proved afterwards to be a bar of Virginia gold, weighing 13 pounds 2 ounces. Led on a spirit of enterprise at so valuable a discovery they got three men to help them in making a search, in the hope of finding some object of still greater curiosity. They had not dug more than five feet beneath the surface when they came to a broad flag. This they raised with some difficulty, and behold! what must have their astonishment on finding thirty-five immense pikes, half-consumed with rust together with a number of helmets and breast plates. The news spread at once. Wonderful excitement is entertained for many miles around. Hundreds of persons are daily flocking to the scene of the discovery, chiefly for the purpose of seeing and handling the mighty weapons which their ancestors wielded.

The presentation of an address and testimonial to the Most Rev. Dr. Conaty, Bishop of Kilmore, from the Catholic laity of the diocese, took place on the 24th ult., at the episcopal residence, Cullies. The address was beautifully designed and engraved, and was a masterpiece of skill—the workmanship of Mr. Hopkins, Bruzawick street, Dublin. The names of the following gentlemen representing the laity of the diocese were affixed to the address:—Edward Kennedy, Esq., Cavan; John Smith, Esq., Bellmont, Forand, Cotehill; Henry P. Fay, Esq., Artina; John F. O'Hanlon, Esq., Anglo-Celt; Philip Smith, Esq., Castlecosby; James McCann, Esq., Killeshandra; Hugh P. Kennedy, Esq., Cavan; Philip Smith, Esq., Derrygarr; and Peter Murphy Esq., Ballynasuff. The testimonial took the substantial shape of a splendid carriage and a handsome pair of horses, and a purse containing over one thousand sovereigns. The address having been read, the bishop replied in suitable terms.

We are really very much gratified (says the Dundalk Democrat) to learn that Tubber Ronan, or St. Ronan's Well, Castletown, has been saved from utter decay, by the generous intervention of Mr. Murphy, J.P. Some 40 years ago a gala day was held here on the festival of its titular patron, St. John the Baptist, at which time wanderers from afar would make a pilgrimage to the well. But abuses were soon introduced into the festivities of the occasion, and what had been a scene of innocent amusement and recreation, became a revelry of drunkenness, frequently of bloodshed, until at length the parochial clergy interfered, and suppressed the carnival altogether. Since then the once famous well of St. Ronan receded from much of its traditional importance, its limpid waters seem to have lost their curative properties, the masonry was fast crumbling away, and must very soon have degenerated into a watering place for horses but for the generous and well-timed intervention of Mr. Murphy, to whom the lasting gratitude of that locality, at least, is certainly due for having thus restored it to what it had been.

The following sales took place in the Landed Estates Court, on the 13th ult.: Lot 1—Fee farm of £90 8s., payable out of the lands of Carrickcastle, called Ballinacash, 142a 0r 15p. Sold at £1,850 to Mr. Pierce Kelly, in trust for Mr. John Shanahan. Lot 2—Sold for £1,300 to same purchaser. Lot 3—Part of the lands of Carrick Island, held in fee-simple, containing 86a 0r 35p; net profit rent, £72 18s. 11d.; tenement valuation, £63. Sold at £1,450 to same purchaser.

Estate of Robert Blaney Irwin, owner; ex parte Thomas Lavallin Darcy, petitioner. Part of the glebe lands of Rathcore, containing 45a 2r 33p situated in the barony of Moyferath, held under lease dated 5th August, 1870, for thirty-one years from 1st of May, 1870; estimate profit rent, £35; tenement valuation, £40 10s. Sold at £600 to Mr. J. T. Hinds, solicitor.

Estate of Wm. McClintock and others, owners and petitioners; and in the matter of the estate of Eliza Browne and others, owners, John Augustus McClintock, petitioner; and in the matter of the estate of Eliza Martha Browne and other, owners and petitioners. Lot 1—Part of the same lands, containing 136a. 0r. 30p., held in fee simple; gross yearly rent, £67 18s. Sold at £1,400 to Mr. McCrann. Lot 2—Part of the same lands, containing 112a. 2r. 12p., held in fee simple; yearly rent, £43 3s. Sold at £850 to Mr. McKeon. Lot 3—Part of the lands of Killameen, containing 168a. 3r. 30p., held in fee-simple; yearly rent, £53 10s. Sold at £1,055 to Mr. Edward McCrann. Lot 4—Part of the same lands, containing 104a. 1r. 20p., held in fee simple; yearly rent, £37 15s. Sold at £740 to Mr. James Spotten.

The Court of Queen's Bench on the 14th ult. extended the time for showing cause against making absolute the conditional order for criminal informations against Mr. J. S. Casey (the "Galtee Boy") at the instance of Mr. Bridge, of Mitchelstown. Mr. Butt made the application. The hon. gentleman stated twelve days had elapsed before copies of the plaintiffs' affidavits were furnished to Mr. Casey; and the latter had to obtain affidavits from forty tenants for the purpose of his defence. Chief Justice Whiteide expressed his readiness to accommodate Mr. Butt himself on account of his Parliamentary duties; and as regarded Mr. Casey he thought when he had made charges he ought to have the information to sustain them ready to hand. He did not wish Mr. Butt to be under the delusion that he was there to try whether these persons got their lands for £2 an acre or £3. Mr. Butt said that was not the question. Before giving Mr. Bridge the extraordinary interposition of that Court, they were bound to see if he came into Court with clean hands, and if he was guilty of acts of oppression their lordships would not grant it. The Chief Justice said he would decide that when he heard the case.

A vacancy has been created in the representation of the county of Leitrim. Lord Harlech one of Mr. Disraeli's recently created peers, having died, and the succession passing to his brother, Major W. Ormsby Gore, becomes a peer, and thus one of the seats for Leitrim is vacated. Already there are two Home Ruler candidates in the field, Mr. John MacMahon (a nephew of the other representative of Leitrim, Dr. Brady, M.P.), and Captain O'Beirne, who contested the seat at the general election and was beaten by only a few votes. MacMahon, I think, has no chance. If I mistake not he is a Q.C.; and as for his uncle, to whom he makes affectionate reference in his address, I do not know that his constituents are at all in love with him. He is a good-for-nothing sort of a member, very much more of a Whig than of a Home Ruler; and, beyond the mere matter of his vote, of no account in any cause. Captain O'Beirne, I believe, a cousin of Captain Nolan, M.P., and if he were likely to be nearly as useful a man in Parliament a great effort ought to be made for his election. The Home

Rulers can win the seat if only one of their candidates goes to the poll, but if two go, as in Cork, the Tory walks in easily.—Cork, Irish American.

The Rev. Robert Kelly, S. J., of Dublin, died at the residence of his father, Dr. Dillon Kelly, J.P., Mullingar, on the 15th ult., of malignant typhoid fever, in the 48th year of his age, and the 23rd of his sacred ministry. He was one of the greatest champions of temperance the Irish priesthood has produced since the death of Father Mathew. Amongst the weapons with which he assailed the national vice was the foundation of the "Association of Prayer," which counts its members by thousands, and has done such yeoman work in promoting temperance. He also introduced into the country the "Truce of the Sacred Thirst," which imposes on those who accept it the duty of total abstinence on the vigils of St. Patrick's Day and Christmas Day, the days themselves, and the days following. He was founder and conductor of The Monitor and was also at the head of several sodalities and religious associations in connection with Gardiner street church, Dublin.

On the 16th ult. a turret clock and tower, erected by the tenantry of the Inchiquin estates in respect to the memory of the late Hon. Robert O'Brien, of Oldchurch, agent over the Inchiquin and Cahirmoyle property, was unveiled at Corofin, in presence of a large assembly. The proceedings were of a very interesting character, and several members of the O'Brien family, including Mr. Edward Wm. O'Brien, D.L., Cahirmoyle; Mr. de Vere O'Brien; Miss O'Brien, attended the ceremony. Dr. McNamara presided, alluding in happy terms to the friendly terms which had ever animated Lord Inchiquin, the late Mr. Wm. Smith O'Brien, and Mr. Edward William O'Brien towards their numerous tenantry. These kindly feelings had been more than fostered by their late lamented agent, whose memory would be long cherished by the tenants on the properties. Mr. John Kerin also addressed the meeting in a similar strain. Mr. de Vere O'Brien, and Mr. Edward W. O'Brien thanked the assemblage in feeling terms for their well-wishes—the latter gentleman referred to the respect and esteem in which his father, Mr. William Smith O'Brien's memory was held by the people. A vote of thanks to the chairman brought the proceedings to a most harmonious close.

SMITH O'BRIEN'S GRAVE.—That Ireland honors the memory of her dead patriots, was sufficiently proved by the enthusiastic gathering at the grave of William Smith O'Brien, on Sunday, 18th ult. Though the notice of the intended pilgrimage was of the briefest, though the procession of the Limerick Trades did not take place as arranged, and though neither Mr. Butt, Mr. O'Shaughnessy, nor Mr. A. M. Sullivan was present to deliver the oration over the tomb, the pilgrimage was a complete success. The one element necessary on such occasions—the people—were present in crowds. They came from Limerick, Ennis, Killesnoe, Clonmel, Waterford, Adare, Rathkeale, Foynes, etc. From Rathrosan to the graveyard at Cahirmoyle, the immense multitude marched on foot, and the roads were so densely packed that many had to enter the field on either side. Round the O'Brien mausoleum are panels inscribed with the names of the family who are interred within. On one of the shields is the inscription: "William Smith O'Brien, born Oct. 17th, 1805 died 18th of June, 1864," and a neighboring shield is inscribed with the name of the patriot's wife, who died on the 13th June, 1861. Over the entrance to the mausoleum was hung a green banner, trimmed with black, on which appeared the expressive numerals '48. Mr. Donat O'Brien, T.C., in an eloquent address reminded his hearers of the sacrifices William Smith O'Brien made for his country. He referred in touching language to the heroic death made among the band who stood round Smith O'Brien in '48. Davis was gone, Doherty gone, Meagher gone, McManus gone, John Dillon gone, Mitchell, Martin and Ronayne all were gone.

"Yes, all were gone; but still lives on the fame of those who died, And true men, like you men, will think of them with pride."

An ode composed for the occasion by Mr. T. D. Sullivan was then read, after which Mr. Kelly of New York, addressed the meeting, and concluded by moving a vote of thanks to Mr. Donat O'Brien, when the crowd quietly separated.

GREAT BRITAIN.

A single letter written by Robert Burns sold at a late London auction for twenty-nine pounds.

The Midland Railway of England has cost about £50,000,000, and brings in a revenue of £5,000,000 a year.

All naval pensioners under 55 years of age, received orders to hold themselves in readiness for active service. This looks suspicious.

It is stated that the greater number of the miners in North Staffordshire have accepted the masters' terms of a 10 per cent reduction.

In the recent London fire 1,500,000 pounds of tea were destroyed; but the amount was that of only three days' consumption, and the market was not affected.

One clergyman, who has a living in a midland town, England, not far from the hardware capital, has made as much as \$1,200 in a single season from a single rose tree.

The London correspondent of the New York Graphic says that the Duke and Duchess of Manchester disapprove of the match between their son, Lord Mandeville, and Miss Yznaga, of New York, "The Duke and Duchess," adds the correspondent, "can make themselves very disagreeable, if they choose."

The etiquette of the kitchen daily grows more complicated. The London World tells us that a well-known nobleman recently engaged a cook, who gave him warning at the end of two or three days, because she found that he dealt at co-operative stores. He accepted her notice, and informed her that she could go at the end of her month. She insisted on leaving at once, as she "could not remain in the house with people who did such things." Upon this his lordship asserted his legal claim, and made her pay him a month's wages, which he sent to St. George's Hospital.

The following prophecy, which went the rounds at the time of the Crimean war, has re-appeared. For its antiquity we do not vouch, but on the contrary, greatly suspect: In 1455, more than four hundred years ago, the following prophecy was made:—

"In twice two hundred years the Bear The Crescent shall assail; But if the Cock and Bull unite The Bear shall not prevail."

"But look! In twice ten years again— Let Islam know and fear— The Cross shall wax, the Crescent wane, Grow pale, and disappear."

The Mark Lane Express says that British farmers are keeping down expenses by every possible method of economy, and that the number of farm labourers out of employ exceeds that of any former season, at least for several years past. Many are preparing to give up their leases, and an unusual number of farms to let are advertised. The landowners still contend for rates of rental out of all proportion to the profits of cultivation. The general opinion among British farmers is that land is worth far less for purposes of cultivation than it

was twenty years ago. Judging from the past, the Express comes to the uncomfortable conclusion that nothing but a panic will bring down British farm rents. "They have generally come down with a run when they have been reduced at all, and the run has invariably been preceded by a stampede of tenants."

A remarkable event recently occurred at the Chapel of the Carmelite Monks in Kensington, England—the singing by Lord Archibald Douglas (the only brother of the present Duke of Hamilton) who recently became a Catholic priest, of his first High Mass. The nobleman who has thus given up the world for the Church, was born in 1847. His father was the eleventh Duke of Hamilton; his mother was the Princess Mary, daughter of the Grand Duke of Baden, and cousin to Napoleon III. He was educated at Eton; was appointed a cornet in the 11th Hussars in 1866, and was one of the aides-de-camp of Lord Napier of Magdala in the Abyssinian war.

THE RELIGIOUS DIFFICULTY AT WIDNES.—A few days since there was a meeting of the Widnes School Board, over which Mr. Henry Deacon presided. The Chairman in pursuance of notice, moved a resolution, embracing a number of regulations respecting Biblical instruction and religious observances in board schools. One clause, and perhaps the most important was—"That the arrangement for such religious observances be left to the teacher and managers of each school, with the right of appeal to the board by the teachers, managers, parents, or ratepayers of the district." He said it was desirable that the present irregularity—occasioned by the adoption of Mr. Taylor's resolution objecting to Biblical instruction—should no longer continue; and for that reason he proposed that the old system be resumed, as it had been found to work well there and also in London. Major Cross seconded the motion. Mr. Shaw and Mr. Taylor opposed it, but ultimately it was carried, the only Catholic present, Mr. Bradshaw, remaining neutral.

The thirty-first anniversary of the election to the Supreme Pontificate of his Holiness Pius IX., was celebrated on the 16th ult., by a reception at the mansion of the Earl of Denbigh, where there assembled all the elite of the Catholic Church in England with very few exceptions. His Eminence the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster arrived early, and among the other notabilities of the Church in England present were the Duke of Norfolk, the Marquis of Bute, the Earl of Gainsboro', the Earl of Granard, Lord Petre, Mgr. Capel, and about five hundred noblemen, clergymen, and gentlemen whose names are prominent in English Catholic circles. A large number of Irish members of parliament were present, including Lord Robert Montagu, Chevalier O'Clery, Sir George Bowyer, The O'Connor Don, Mr. A. Moore, and Mr. Owen Lewis. A grand mass in honour of the anniversary was celebrated yesterday morning at the church of the Holy Family, Saffron-hill, where the remnant of the famous Papal Zouave Regiment who reside in London were among the congregation.—Dublin Irishman.

UNITED STATES.

PACIFIC MAIL INVESTIGATION.—The House Committee on Judiciary, Washington, have decided that the House did have the right to examine into the Pacific Mail transaction, in order to determine whether Schumaker and Kinsball be allowed to retain their seats.

We learn from the Owensboro' (Louisville, Ky.) Monitor of the 7th, that about thirty-five converts, more or less grown persons, were publicly baptized into membership with the Catholic Church on Sunday, June 25, at the church of St. Alphonsus, Davies county.—Boston Pilot.

Forty years ago, the entire Catholic population of St. Louis heard mass in one small church, the old cathedral. At present, there are probably 166,000 Catholics in St. Louis, and about sixty splendid churches and chapels. The Irish population of St. Louis is a large element of the grand city. Our people are enterprising and thrifty, and are making their mark high up on the tablet of Western energy and success.—Ib.

The Fort Smith, Ark. Era says:—There died, on the 22d of last month, in the Illinois District, near the mouth of Salinas River, 25 miles west of here, a Cherokee woman, named Chawanga, at the astonishing, but well-ascertained age of one hundred and thirty years. She lived with her son-in-law, James Boling, who frequently visits this town on horseback with his wife. Mr. Boling is a youth of 95 years of age, his wife being a few years his junior. He served in the late unpleasantness on the Union side, and was a member of Col. Phillips' regiment of 1st Cavalry, acting chiefly as interpreter.

DIFFICULTIES OF EXTRADITION.—The New York Times of Monday says:—"It is a little odd that in the midst of other extradition difficulties we should have a complication of this sort with Minnesota. But the account given by some of the United States officials for this judicial district, while in pursuit of a Belgian fugitive in Minnesota, shows that we may have such troubles even at home. The St. Paul officers are said to have hindered, instead of helped, the New York officers, and when the fugitive was fairly in the hands of the Marshal a rescue was attempted, and the Marshal was threatened with a suit for kidnapping. The case still drags its slow length along, and Minnesota may eventually consent to the extradition of the forger without exacting the guarantees lately demanded in similar cases by the British Government. It is said that the fact that the fugitive has a deposit of \$6,500 in a St. Paul Bank probably has something to do with the reluctance of the local authorities to part with him.

CUTTING OFF THE PIGTAILS.—The San Francisco papers describe an interesting scene in the State Prison there lately, where five Chinese prisoners had their pigtails cut off. As it is popularly believed that the culture of the queue is part of a Chinaman's religion, it was thought that some of the prisoners would resist the attempt to deprive them of their pigtails. The first victim was Ah Foo, who appeared much astonished when directed to uncover his head. He tremblingly took his seat, evidently inspired with the belief that he was being prepared for execution, and his eyes filled with tears as he unlocked his queue and allowed it to fall on the floor. The operation was quickly performed, and the denuded heathen retired after casting a long, sad look at his shorn locks, and a fiercely indignant one at the barber. Chung Tung came next, but he manifested the utmost stoicism, and never winced under the terrible indignity. Ah Chu, a boy, and Chung Lung, a vicious-looking old sinner, were next led up. Ah Chu was first shorn, while the other prisoners watched the proceeding with intense interest. Ah Loy was next placed on the bench, and then the oldest culprit was invited to take the vacant seat. He was the first to decline, but the officers shoved him down, and the barber nimbly ran the bright shears through his cherished back hair. It was a very elaborate and gaudy queue, spliced with blue silk, and touched the floor when the owner stood erect. He evidently thought more about his hair's decoration than all the other prisoners combined. The villainous look which he cast at the barber when he was allowed to stand up and examine the locks he had cherished for over forty years was 'hatefully eloquent.' The triflers then marched back to their cells, with their hair cut too large for shorn pate, pressed down despairingly over their sullen brows.

CANADA.

A boulevard is being laid out on Wellington street Brantford.

Complaints are made that the police cells in Brantford are in a horribly filthy condition.

Mackerel fishing at Magdalen Islands is almost a total failure.

The Icelandic Settlement at Musquodoboit is progressing finely; their crops promise well, and their farms are in good condition.

Three hundred and eleven boxes of cheese have been shipped to the great World's Fair from the counties of Oxford and Perth.

A committee has been ordered to effectually destroy all Canada thistles growing in the streets of Brantford.

The Navigation Committee of Brantford Council has to report a plan for deepening the river above the iron bridge, and the protecting of its banks.

A young man aged 21 years, named Wm. Thomas James, has been arrested for setting fire to the premises of Mr. Malcolmson, St. Catharines. James is idiotic, and acknowledged the offence.

The Quebec Chronicle understands that the Harbour Commissioners have received a cablegram from Messrs Kinnip and Morris, informing them that the specifications and other data required for the harbour improvements according to their plans, are being completed as rapidly as possible, and will be forwarded to Quebec by the next steamer.

GOVERNORS OF CANADA.—It is said that when the Quebec procession on the St. Jean Baptiste Day was passing him, Lord Dufferin, pointing to one of the principal figures, attired as "Champlain," said "There is the representative of the first Government of Canada, and here," he said, indicating himself, "is the last."

Dufferin Agricultural Society has awarded the contract for the erection of an agricultural hall and drill-shed to Messrs. D. & A. McDonald for \$24. The building will be 83 x 36 feet, with wings extending 40 feet on each side. The directors, in order to keep within their means, intend erecting only the main part of the building this summer, leaving to their successors the completion of the work.

The St. Catharines by-law, in reference to impounding stray animals, is said by sufferers to impose burdens grievous to be borne on the owners of the captured cattle. For every animal arrested the Chief of Police gets two dollars for the town treasury, and the pound-keeper another dollar, half of which he retains, and hands the other to the town. Three dollars a head soon figures up when a drove is driven in, or when the solitary cow or horse repeatedly offends; but the amount will tend to cause the owners of animals to find a way to keep them off the streets.

CONVENT SCHOOL EXAMINATION AT FORMOSA, ONT.—On Thursday of this week, the scholastic year of the "Institute of the Immaculate Conception" at Formosa, closed with a display of those interesting exercises which the managers of the Convent schools seem to understand so much better than other people. Amongst the visitors present we noticed Mrs. Kingsmill, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Sutton, Mrs. Weeks, Mrs. Johnston, Mrs. Sinclair, Miss Robertson, Miss Sutton, Miss Shaw, Miss Sinclair, and other young ladies whose pleasing appearance makes us regret that we cannot remember their names. The clergy were well represented by the Rev. Fathers Ellener and Forrester of Formosa, Le Veré of Riversdale and Keough of Walkerton. There were also present Judge Kingsmill, Messrs. Shaw, Dr. Weeks, O'Gorman, McNamara, Klein, Rittinger, and Fox of Walkerton, Dr. Murphy and Mr. Murray of Mildmay, and other gentlemen from the neighbouring towns and villages. The exercises consisted of vocal and instrumental music, dramas, and recitations in the French, English and German languages; and wound up with the distribution of prizes. The clean, happy and healthy appearance of the pupils, their modest and graceful deportment, and the clever and natural manner in which they rendered the pieces presented, leave an impression on the mind that this system of education for young girls is superior to any other. No doubt that for the stern duties of life, and the acquisition of the special technical knowledge required by women who desire to make their own way through the world, the education of a public school is the best. But as the bulk of women are ordained by nature to manage a house instead of a workshop so the training that qualifies them for the discharge of those duties that make home happy, is the most desirable. In this respect there is no system of education that can compare favorably with the sweet, modest and womanly training imparted to young girls in a Convent.—Bruce Herald, July 30th.

THE CROPS.—The Globe publishes reports of the state of the crops in Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. With regard to the two former provinces, it summarizes information as follows:—"Winter wheat is in a large number of cases reported as having been winter-killed, but where this has not been the case, the plant is generally healthy and promising fair yield. On the whole, it may be expected that the crop of winter wheat will be below the average, although, under the influence of favorable weather, not so much so as was at one time anticipated. Of spring wheat, with few exceptions the prospects appear to be excellent. The area of barley planted is probably not so large as it has been in some recent years, but the crop will apparently be an exceedingly fine one. Oats give promise of a magnificent crop, recent rains having greatly assisted this cereal in its growth. Corn has been in certain districts affected by the lateness of the season, but on the whole, may be regarded as likely to give a good return to growers. Rye is generally spoken of as giving indications of a very fair crop. Peas are almost invariably stated to be in first rate condition, and to be likely to yield a splendid crop. They have also been greatly assisted by timely rain. Haying has already commenced in many places. With the exception of a very few localities, the universal testimony is that no crop of hay, at all equal to the one now about to be gathered, has been known for many years. It is too early to make any precise estimate of prospects of root crops, but in hardly a single instance is the opinion, so far as it can be formed, of an unfavorable character. Potatoes are likely to be plentiful, although severely attacked by the Colorado bug; but the pest does not appear to cause the alarm it formerly excited. From the districts where flax is cultivated reports are satisfactory, as they are also with regard to buckwheat, which is the staple of consumption with the French population of Quebec. Hops appear to be doing well, and grape vines, although backward, are likely, it would seem, to yield a good crop. Of the fruit, prospects are not encouraging. Apples, in many instances, are described as suffering from blight and the effect of frosts during the month of May. The crop of apples will be below, rather than above, the average. Peaches seem likely to be nearly a failure this year, and plums also have been injuriously affected. Small fruits are doing better. Accounts from Nova Scotia and New Brunswick are equally cheering with those of Ontario. The area under cultivation has been extended, an increased disposition being evinced to engage in agricultural pursuits. An extraordinary visitation of caterpillars is spoken of as having occurred in New Brunswick, but, as no account is given of the ravages of the unwelcome invaders, it may be hoped they were limited in extent.