

General News.

ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO.

ST. MICHAEL'S HOSPITAL.

The Sisters of St. Joseph, in charge of St. Michael's Hospital, gratefully acknowledge the following Christmas gifts:

- Mr. Geo. Cornue, \$25.00. Mr. Wm. Fitzgerald, \$25.00. A Friend, 50c. Dr. Ross, \$10.00.

- Cosgrove Co., \$10.00. Messrs. Wm. Ryan Co., 15 pairs of stockings, 4 turkeys and 1 ham. Messrs. Christie Brown Co., one barrel of biscuits.

ST. MARY'S.

Literary and Athletic.

The St. Mary's Literary and Athletic Society held its usual meeting on Sunday last with President D. A. Carey in the chair. The attendance was somewhat larger than usual.

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OTTAWA PROFESSION.

Twenty-Two Young Ladies Take Final Vows.

At a religious profession in the Watford street convent twenty-two young women took their final vows as Sisters of the Order of Gray Nuns. About the same number took the religious habit. The Archbishop of Ottawa presided at the ceremony and was assisted by the Rev. Father Nillos, chaplain of the convent, and Rev. Father Groulx, of the Basilica.

These desirous of joining the Society are invited to apply to the Secretary Mr. H. Hall, or to the Director, Mrs. McPherson, 5 Sussex Ave.

The Board who have the care of the Mount Hope Cemetery met this week and the treasurer presented his report as follows:

Table with columns: RECEIPTS, For Plots, Sale of timber, For graves, Foundations, Total, Total expenditure.

This leaves a balance of \$13,337.50 against the cemetery, the money to meet which has been borrowed.

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The first time in the history of Toronto, the famous Irish airs will be sung harmonized by a trained chorus

RECEPTION AT HAMILTON.

Several Young Ladies Make Profession.

A ceremony of reception and profession took place at St. Joseph's Convent, Hamilton, last Friday. Mass was celebrated at nine o'clock by the Right Rev. Bishop Dowling, and at its conclusion his lordship formally received the following young ladies into the sisterhood: Miss O'Reilly, of Alliston, in religion Sister Ethel; Miss Hensperger, of Midway, in religion Sister Demetria; Miss St. Denis, of Pembroke, in religion Sister Sylvia; Miss Scario, of Elora, in religion Sister Mildred.

After the reception ceremony two novices, Sisters Ignatia and Ephraima who have completed the required two years' probation, advanced to the foot of the altar and pronounced the vows of perpetual poverty, chastity and obedience, by which they became life members of the Congregation of St. Joseph.

Besides the Bishop there were present in the sanctuary Rev. Fathers Holden, Brady and Mahoney, and the chapel was thronged with the friends and relatives of the new sisters. Appropriate music was furnished by the convent choir.

The sanctuary boys of St. Patrick's church, Hamilton, past and present, gathered in large numbers in St. Patrick's Club parlors for the purpose of expressing their good will towards, and making a presentation to, one from among their number, Rev. Father Crofton. Rev. Father Craven, of Galt made the presentation on behalf of the boys, and spoke feelingly of the good example the young priest had always given to the boys of St. Patrick's.

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The Board consists of Messrs. Goselin and Henry for the first ward; Messrs. McGrath and Murty for the second ward; Messrs. De Mohor and Killo for the third ward; and Messrs. Hickey and Clancy for the fourth ward.

The secretary took the chair and asked the members to elect a chairman of the Board for the year 1901. Mr. James Murty was elected chairman.

Mr. Murty having taken the chair thanked the members for the honor conferred on him. The following officers and committees were then elected:

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RENPREW REJOICES. A Purse Presented to a Popular Young Priest. Previous to the arrival in Renfrew of Rev. Father Ryan and Quilty, committees of the members of the parish were formed to collect a sum sufficient to make a suitable presentation to Father Ryan on his arrival in that town. After Benediction on Sunday evening in St. Francis Xavier church Mr. Arthur Gravelle read an address on behalf of the congregation, and presented the young priest with a purse of \$36.50. The Rev. gentleman was completely overcome by what he termed his surprise and utter unworthiness to receive such a gift at the hands of the parishioners of Renfrew. He thanked them for their kind remembrance of him and of the endearing terms of which they had spoken in their admirable address of his career through his literary and theological course in the halls of learning of which he had the honor and happiness to have passed through till at last he had reached the goal of his ambition in the priesthood. He asked the prayers of the congregation to assist him in his sacred calling. It might be added that Rev. Father John Ryan deserves much praise and appreciation and well deserved the purse with which he was presented, and even a much greater reward, for his has by his own unaided exertions, but himself through his classical and theological course till he has finally triumphed and reached the goal of his ambition in the priesthood. He will remain to assist his brother in his parochial work for a time at least. Rev. J. J. Quilty is a son of Mr. Nicholas Quilty, of Ashdod. He is a very young man, and one who has had a brilliant career both in his classical and theological course. He holds many medals as evidences of his ability and scholastic attainments. In the athletic sports of the University he always took a leading part and was one of the stalwarts of the Rugby football team of the University that won so many brilliant victories in past years and held the championship of Canada for several years. He most favorably impressed the congregation in St. Francis Xavier's church on Sunday by his demeanor and bids fair to be an ornament to his church and an honor to his parents who strove strenuously and difficulties to put him through his course till their fondest wishes were at length realized in seeing their son a priest. Rev. Father Quilty celebrated midnight Mass at Mount St. Patrick on Christmas night, whose vocation he received a handsome testimonial from the members of his native parish. He will be sent to Eganville as curate to Rev. P. S. Dowling.—Eganville Star.

LOCAL LIVD STOCK. Report Cattle—Choice lots of export cattle are worth from \$1.50 to \$5 per cwt., while lights are worth \$1.25 to \$4.50. Bulls—Heavy export bulls sold at \$3.85 to \$4.35 per cwt., while light export bulls sold at \$3.40 to \$3.60. Loads of good butchers' and exporters, mixed, sold at \$3.40 to \$4.40. Butchers' Cattle—Choice picked lots of butchers' cattle, equal in quality to the best exporters, weighing 1000 to 1100 lbs., each, sold at \$4.25 to \$4.50. Loads of good butchers' cattle are worth \$3.85 to \$4.10, and medium butchers', mixed, cows, heifers and steers, \$3.20 to \$3.50 per cwt. Common butchers' cows \$2.75 to \$3.10, while inferior rough cows and bulls sold at \$2.50 to \$2.75 per cwt. Heavy Feeders—Heavy steers, weighing from 1600 to 1750 lbs. each, of good breeding qualities, sold at \$2.90 to \$3.00 per cwt., while those of poorer quality, but same weights, sold at \$3.40 to \$3.60 per cwt. Short Keep Feeders—Steers, 1100 to 1200 lbs. each, that are in good condition and require finishing, for export, sold at \$4.15 to \$4.25 per cwt. Light Feeders—Steers, weighing from 900 to 1000 lbs. each, sold at \$3 to \$3.20 per cwt. Feeding Bulls—Bulls for the byres, 1100 to 1200 lbs. each, sold at \$2.75 to \$3.25 per cwt. Buffalo Stockers—Yearling steers, 500 to 600 lbs. each, sold at \$2.25 to \$3.00 per cwt., and those of inferior quality at \$1.75 to \$2 per cwt. Stock Bulls—Yearling bulls, 600 to 1000 lbs. each, sold at \$2 to \$2.25 per cwt. Milch Cows—Twenty milch cows and springers were sold at \$30 to \$45. Calves—A few calves sold at from \$3 to \$10. Sheep—Deliveries, 75; prices easy, at \$2.25 to \$2.35 for ewes and \$2.50 to \$3 per cwt. for wethers. Spring Lambs—Spring lambs sold from \$1 to \$1.50 each, and \$1.50 to \$1.75 per cwt. Hogs—Deliveries, 618, best select bacon hogs, not less than 160 nor more than 200 lbs. each, unfed and unwatered, of cars, sold at \$6 per cwt., lights \$9 and fats at \$8 per cwt. Good lots of hogs sold at \$6.25 to \$6.37 1/2 per cwt. Crawford and Hunslett bought a few lots of export bulls and cows at \$3 to \$4 per cwt. Dunn Bros. bought 8 export bulls at \$4.35 per cwt.; 4 bulls and 2 cows for export at \$1.35 per cwt. B. J. Collins bought 10 butcher cattle, 1010 lbs. each, at \$2.50 per cwt. on the lot; 21 cattle, 1100 lbs. each, at \$3.00 per head. Halligan & Rountree bought 1 load mixed butchers' and exporters, 1125 lbs. each, at \$3.00 per cwt. for export; 10 common butchers' cows at \$2.80 per cwt. John Henderson bought 1 load feeders, 1000 lbs. each, at \$4.25 per cwt. James Harris bought 25 sheep at \$4.50 per cwt.; 76 sheep at \$3.25 per cwt., and 10 calves at \$8 each. F. Marton bought 11 butcher cattle, 1000 lbs. each, at \$4.25 per cwt. Alex. Gerack bought 25 good to choice butcher cattle at \$4 to \$4.50 per cwt. H. Marbee & Co. bought 27 butchers' cattle, 820 lbs. each, at \$3.75 per cwt. W. B. Leveck bought 25 sheep at \$3.25 to \$3.35 per cwt.; 50 lambs at \$1.50 to \$1.75 per cwt. James Ryan bought 4 milch cows at \$30 to \$40 each. James Armstrong bought 12 milch cows at \$37 to \$41 per head. W. E. Molloy sold 22 cattle, 1120 lbs. each, at \$4 per cwt.; less \$10 on the lot; 28 lambs at \$1.50 per cwt. William McLeod bought 1 load butcher cattle at \$3.50 per cwt.; 1 load at \$3.50; 1 load at \$1.25, and 1 load at \$1.25 per cwt. J. Stone sold 2 bulls, 1415 lbs. each, at \$12.25 per cwt.; 2 cows, 1300 lbs. each, at \$23 per head; and 1 milch cow at \$37. W. G. Wood, cattle dealer of Bedford Park, had a fat cow killed by the Metropolitan Railway at York Mills this morning. E. Kewick, cattle dealer of Calgary, Alberta, was on the Cattle Market today, renewing old acquaintances. Thomas Bryden, also of Calgary, after an absence of 15 years, is at home, 1511 Parley Avenue, for a 3-months visit, was a visitor at the market today. Joseph Wilson, cattle dealer of Yorkville, left for home to-day, after spending the Christmas holidays with relatives and friends in this city. Dunn Bros. shipped 10 loads of export cattle via G.T.R. to Portland on Sunday last.

FARMER'S MARKETS. TORONTO. We quote: FARM PRODUCE WHOLESALE. Hay, mixed, car lots, per ton, \$9.50 to \$10.00. Straw, baled, car lots, per ton, 4.75 to 5.00. Butter, dairy, lb. rolls, 0.21 to 0.22. Butter, large rolls, 0.19 to 0.20. Butter, creamery, lb. rolls, 0.22 to 0.23. Butter, tubs, per lb., 0.19 to 0.20. Butter, bakers' tub, 0.17 to 0.18. Eggs, per lb., 0.17 to 0.18. Turkey, per lb., 0.09 to 0.10. Geese, per lb., 0.06 to 0.07. Ducks, per pair, 0.45 to 0.45. Chickens, per pair, 0.20 to 0.25. Honey, per lb., 0.15 to 0.16. Dressed hogs, car lots, per cwt., 0.75 to 0.77.

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