# THE TRUE WITNESS AND CATHOLIC CHRONICLE.

## AGRICULTURAL. and the second

Farm Buildings-Continued.

That it is much more convenient, easier, and cheaper to feed istock in the building in which all of the hay and other todder is stored, every farmer knows without being told. How much easier it is, is only known to those who have spent their lives in foddering cattle in sheds and yards from distant hay barns, from which every forkful of nay must be carried in bundles or on a cart.

furthermore, the more hay has to be carried.

with only such attachments as I propose hav-ing in regular usa. This is in no respect a "fancy" building. It is as plain as a pike-staff, as all farm barns should be, with not a dollar expeaded anywhere for Gramment, and, although it has many of the "modern conveulences," they are all such as I have seen in practical and profitable use else-where, except in the single item of the ruliway and car to carry the feed to the heads of the stalls, which, is a cheap arrangement that re-commends itself, especially where animals are to be" solled,"—that is, fed ou green fodder in their stalls all summer. The first problem that presented fiself was to so arrange the barn that there should be no pliching up of anything--that the hay should be hauld in waggons on to the top floor of the barn, and there stowed away by horse-power; thence thrown down to the feeding floor; and the manter from this to the cellar;-or, in summer, that the corn fodder or other green food should be dumped from a cart directly into the car, by which it will be taken to the cattle. In short, I wanted a side-bill barn, but had

summer, that the corn loader or other green food should be dumped from a cart directly into the car, by which it will be taken to the cattle. In short, I wanted a side-hill barn, but had no side-hill to build it on, the land sloping only iwo feet in a length of one bundred feet. The barn stands in the middle of an old apple-orchard, about two hundred and twenty feet wide and three hundred feet long, two rows of these being left all around the space occupied by the barn. The whole is surrounded, except at the entrance end, by a stone wall five feet high, and is to be divided, by walls of the same height, into four yards, communicating by gateways. Each yard contains about one third of an acre, and is to be used as an exercising ground for one fourith of the stock. The cellar was dug out soven feet deep at the east end and five feet deep at the west end, the east end and five feet deep at the west end, the east end and five feet deep at the west end, the dred feet easi of the barn. The descending drive-way, by which the cellar is entered from the west, isopes about four feet in a distance of thirty feet, the steepest grade about two burn. The entire basement on each side of the gang-way is for the storage of manure, except that portion which is taken off by the root cellar, 22x 25 feet. The walls are of stone, laid in line and cement mortar, and the wall above the root cel-lar is topped out which his also used foor shooting in the roots. The gaagway is left clear for wag-gons to be taken in the be loaded with manure. The arrangement of the feeding floor are a rail-way which extends from the west end, due entire length of the barn, on which runs a four-wheeled truck, holding in summer a rack large enough to contain a horse cart-load of green foddor, and in winter a large box for cut and stearmed foon : an open-slatted floor occupying a length of scalls to within five feet out of the outer wall. The floor is made of slats six inches wide, placed one and a half inch apart. This arrangement gives light to the b can judge from over a year's trial, this open floor is excellent, though, had the timbers been prepared for it, it would have been better to have had the slats run length wise of the barn, as in that case they would have given an equally good footing if only three inches wide, and the space for the passage of manure would have been doubled. had the slats run length wise of the barn, as in that case they would have given an equally good footing if only three inches wide, and the space for the passage of manure would have been doubled. It is intended that all of the horned cattle should feed from the level on which they stand. Green fodder, or long hay, being thrown direct-ly on the floor between the front of the stalls and the elevated border of the railway, the cut feed being given them in tubs, which n ay be fre-quently set out in the sum, or like the long fod-der, being placed on the floor, which, as it is frea from obstructions, can be sweept and washed out at pleasure. The caule are tied by the neck. Should stanchions be preferred, (and it is an open question which is best.) they could still be fed in the same way. The oxen are fed from runneers inside of their stalls, so that the gangway between them and the horses, where the food is received from the upper floor, may remain unobstructed. The two loose boxes on the south side of the barn are of equal size, with a space of about a foot and a half above the partitions for ventilation and for the lighting the funcer one, which has no win-dow. The entire floor of these boxes is slatted in the same maner with the floor under the hind quarters of the cattle A rail from the division of the stalls to the outer wall, at the center of each side of the barn, may be used to separate the cattle of each range of stable into two sections, each having its own door commu-nicating with its own exercising ground. The hay floor, which is reached by a very easy grade over the embankment and bridge, has no center posts. The space from the floor to the bottoms of the trusses (eighteen feet) is entirely unob-structed, save by the side braces of the three center frames, which were necessary to give stiftness to the building. The feed-room, hy an ele-vator similiar to that used for grain. The capa-city of the hay floor will be about one hundred and twenty tons, besides ample space for wagons. The trap-door opp One winter's experience with a Prindle steamer and a horse-power hay-cutter has poven both the advantage of this mode of preparing food and the necessity for better means for cutting a large supply, and more abundant steam for cooking. large supply, and more abundant steam for cooking. A self-regulating pumping windmill has been receted over a spring one thousand feet distant, forcing water through a pipe into a tank on the hay-floor, communicating with iron water-troughs, one in front of each pair of catile stalls, so arranged as to be always -upplied with water. This arrangement for supplying water has now been in operation for nine years, and it is in all respects perfectly satisfactory. The windmill is entirely self regulating, and works sizadily and well in all winds, having cassed uninjured through some of the most severe storms ever known on this coast. A windmill of larger size-sufficient for driving a small grain-mill? thrashing-machine, feed-cutter, etc.-may be erected on the top of a barn. The ventilation of the barn is by means of a single covered opening, in the centre of the peak for the hay-floor, and two more active venillators, one at each end. communicating through wonden funnels, following the slope of the roof on each side, and descending through the hay-floor and the cathe floor to use cellar. The manurecellar being entirely clowed from the outer air, ventilating pipe-can be supplied only by drawing down the foul air of the catile-room through the slatt d floor. I append herewith the specifications for the carpenter work, which includes the slzes of the timbers. (To be Continued).

Purchase of Cattle for this Province We are very much pleased to learn that Mr. Ivan Wotherspoon has decided to introduce the breeding of Devons into this province. He has purchased for his farm at St. Ann's the follow-ing valaable animals from Mr. George Radd, of

"Ing valaable animals from air, George Radu, of Guelph, Ontario: "Tecamseb;" a magnificent Bull, eighteen months old-which was awarded first prize in his class at the Dominion Exhibition at Ottawa. "Meadow Flower," three years old, also win-ner of first prize at Ottawa. "Flora Nelson", winner of the 2nd prize at Ottawa.

 Jour Market of nay must be carried in bundles or on the secont of nay must be carried in burdles or on the concentration of he stork. The nors is wasted, and the more label is to be injured by had weather, while the convenience of the scentry had occasion to give much at tention to this concellate it is to be injured by had weather, while the most favourable circumstances. There excently had occasion to give much at tention to this concellate it is done to this guess. There excently had occasion to give much at tention to this concellate it is done to the scent of the stork. The constance of a worn-out and "nun-down " farm of sixty acres," on which, with sufficient capture it is a store at the same Exhibition. That the Devons are a valuable breed is well at command, I am endeavoring to prove that good farming may be made to pay, where 'bad farming has been starved out. My aim is to make a sixty acres of land which would not which with the food, which wasted are and the done of the size of the start to convente the sourd at the same the same the same to the same the same to the same the same the same to the same the out while the block is the hund the vesice at the root of each of them becomes engorged and the skin gets spotted. A fowl killed while digestion is going on will hardly keep for a week By attention to the above they may be preserved for a fortnight, in mild wet weather, and for three weeks or more when it is dry and cold

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cold. A few pieces of charcoal put inside will assist in preservation. To boil a pullet thus prepared: it should be put into cold gravy soup, made ready before hand, and cooked by a slow fre. Directly it is taken from the pot it should be powdered over with sult in coarse grains: and if eaten when hol, it is a dish for the severest epicure.

## Sessonable Hints.

To keep your fowls free from disease give them good, clean. sound grain, and green food, chang-irg their diet often, and plenty of clean water. While moulting add to the water Tincture of Murlate of Irou (Tinctura Ferri Chloridl) in proportion of one drachim or teaspoonful of tinc-ture to one half gallow of water. It is an excel-lent tonic. See to it that they have plenty of light, and that your fowlhou-e be kept clean and dry. A good washing of the roost and nest boxeswith kerosene in the morning about once in two weeks will keep them free from vermin. Use powdered charcoal twice a week : a large table-spoonful to every ten birds, in their soft food, which would be given warm, the first thing in the morning during cold weather: ventilate well, without subjecting your birds to a draught. To keep your fowls free from disease give them

### Caution.

It is becoming an acknowledged fact that most domestic poultry disenses arise from ne-gligence of care in keeping the young stock free from filth. We call attention to one little error many make with mount ability of the transfrom filth. We call attention to one little error many make with young chickens, not only when being brooded by their mother, but even after she has left them and before they learn to roost. With a coop without bottom which is moved daily this is easily avoided, but after the hen leaves the chicks, they usually follow her to the hen house, and not being able to get on to the perch alongside, crouch down in some cor-ner, and during night emit their excrement in large quantities, and if this is not cleared away daily and the ground dusted on that spot with dry soll or ashes, the consequence is a certain growth of vermin and inpure vapor, caused by the regular warmth of the chicks' bodies upon the ground, which in a few days will become perfectly fetid ammonia, dc., causing ronp, gapes, canker and skin diseases, as well as caus-ing the chickens to lose their feathers. dr.

## SCOTCH NEWS.

The Aberdeen Free Press announces the death of Mr. Thomas Knox, the well known banker, of Peterhead, at the age of rixty six years.

Returned, at the age of flar all years Returns of the Scotch harvest, which are pub-lished by the Scotsman, give a very unsatisfac-tory account of the prospecies of farmers. On 15th November a chark was caught be-tween Leith and Inchkeith in the fishermen's

herring nets. It measured over 7 feet in length. Mr. A'ex. F. M!Bean, head-master of the Glas-gow City Public Schools for boys, has been ap-pointed Principal of the Central Schools, ther-field.

Preparations are being made to commemorate the Covenanting struggle, the commemoration to take place in the months of June and July next.

A meeting of Edinburgh volunteers has passed a resolution, by 25 votes to 11, in favor of the pro-nosal to discontinue the use of the Snider at Wimbledon.

Engineers are employed in the work of select-ing a foundation for the new railway bridge which it is proposed to construct across the Forth near Allos.

In the presence of a large assemblage, the bust in connection with the memorial of the late Mr. Murray, of Geanles, was unvolled at Tain by Mrs. Vass, wife of Provost Vass.

Viss, whe of Flovest vass. KiteCalny First Association.—The an-nual exhibition has just been brought to a close, and has been in every respect a great success. The sum realised from the sales of paintings is 2162 is, being £200 in advance of any provious vear.

year. A GINNY PRINCE IN TROUBLE.—At a Burgh Police Court at Kelso, on 15th November, Robert Rutherford, beiter known as "Prince Robert," a mugger, belonging to Yetholm, was sentenced to twenty days' imprisonment, with hard labour, for stealing a quantity of apples from a shop in town. town.

HEALTH OF EDINIURGII.—Last week the deaths were 75 in number, and the rate of mor-tality 19 per 1000. Chest diseases proved fatal in 88 onese, and zymotte in 12, which were thus distributed :—1 in the New Town, 10 in the Old, and 1 in the southern suburbs. Of the 133 births, 10 were illegitimate: 10 were illegitimate:

10 were inegitimate: ST. ANDREWS.-Suicide.-Archibald Wilson, worker at the Saw-Mill, St. Andrews, has com-mitted suicide by hanging himself. Wilson had, it appears, got behind in money matters, and it is thought this had preyed upon his mind and led him to commit the sad act. The unfortunate man leaves a family of seven.

unan leaves a family of seven. THE FORTH RAILWAY BRIDGE.—A civil en-gineer and assistants were engaged on 15th Nov. in "boring" for a foundation for the Forth Bridge at longearse and Rhind Point, about one mile and a haif above Alioa Ferry. It is reported that schedules for the undertaking will be issued in a few days, and that the whole line, which is calculated to cost ±84,000, will be completed within 18 months.

within 18 months, THE UNEMPLOYED.—The following is the re-turn for the week to the committee having charge of the relief of the uenmployed:—Applica-tions during the week, 43. These were disposed of as under;—Orders given for work, 20; refused, 5; referred back to work department as men who had been previously working, but had left for various reasens, 11; made no appearance after application and being visited, 5; referred to parish, 1; continued, 1—total, 43. Applica-tions last week, 70. Total apprications to date, 1472. Of the \$50 men who have got orders for work there are at present only 232 working.— Glasgow Herald. LONGEVITY IN SKYE.—A correspondent writes

Glasgow Herald. LONGEVITY IN SKYE.—A correspondent writes that Ubristy Macpherson, the Skye centenarian, whose case was taken notice of in our columns last summer, and who is now in her 107th year, has had her case fully reported to Her Majesty the Queen by Dr. Jefferiss, the parish doctor of Sleat, and his interest has just met with a re-sponse. Her Majesty having sent the aged woman f3. Dr. Jefferiss has also brought Christy's case before the notice of Mr. Wm. Thoms, F.S.A., the author of "The Longevity of Man." Our correspondent adds that Christy is able to move casler than a few years ago. She is not bedridden, but can with assistance get out of bed for a short time each day.—Scotch Paper.

IRISH-NEWS.

MORE THAN & CENTENABIAN .- At the Mallow Petty, Sessions, held recently, a man named

Timothy M'Carthy said that his father, Connor M'Carthy, was 112 or 113 years of age, and another witness proved that the old man sheared sheep last May. THE REDUCTION OF RENTS .- Miss Pigot has

given a reduction of 15 per cent. on the half year's rent, due last March, to her tenants on the late Chief Baron Pigot's property in the neighborhood of Kilworth and Michelstown, county Cork. This reduction was unsolicited.

LANDLORD LIBERALITY .- Captain N. Mansergh, 6th Regiment, has through his agent, St. George D. Mansergh, Esq., Rock Lodge, Ballyhooly, allowed the tenants on his property at Ballyhours, near Buttevant, an abatement of 50 per cent., on the half-year's rent now due, and has further promised that should the present depression continue he will give a similar reduction in next half-year's rent. This noble and generous act of sympathy for tenants is worthy of imitation, as calculated to meet the present emergency .- Correspondent.

SERIOUS ASSAULT NEAR TIMOLEAGUE .--- An assault of a very serious nature was committed near Timoleague under the following circumtances :- Two farmers, named Cowhig and Deasy, residing at a place called Kilavarig, had some dispute about some old timber at Inchy Bridge, and it is alleged that Cowhig struck Deasy a blow of a large stone on the head. Cowhig was brought up at a special petty sessions held in Timoleague, and was remanded and lodged in Clonakilty gaol. He was admitted to bail, the doctor having certified that the injured man's life was out of

danger. THE LEGALITY OF THE SLIGO PROSECUTION .-It is asserted in London that the Attorney-General having been consulted by the Cabinet respecting the legal aspect of the Sligo prosecution, gives his opinion that the arrests have been fatally mismanaged, as the language alleged against two of the traversers is not likely to sustain a criminal charge. particularly in the evidence adduced; while Mr. Killen's case, which alone Sir John Holker considers tangible, is prejudiced as regards the position of the Crown by the weakness of the prosecution re Davitt and Daly. The Attorney-General left London last night for Hughenden Menor, for a further interview on the subject with the Prime Minister. The belief in legal circles here is that the proceedings are a farce and a failure .-- Cork

Examiner. RELIGIOUS CEREMONY AT BATHURST, N.S.W. -An interesting ceremony took place at the

Convent of Mercy, Bathurst, on the 24th September last. Two young ladies from Cork received the white veil at the hands of the Very Rev. Dr. McAuliffe, P.P., of Forbes, N.S.W., in the absence of the Bisbop. The

ladies received were Miss Mary O'Driscoll (in religion, Sister Mary Josephine), daughter of Mr D. O'Driscoll, of Clogheen, Blarney Road, and Miss Anne McAuliffe (in religion Sister Mary Baptist), of Blarney, sister to Very Rev. Dr. McAuliffe. Both those ladies left Cork within the past twelve months,

with the intention of devoting their lives to

FETE AT VILLE MABIE. Celebration of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

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We had "the pleasure of witnessing a fete given by the ladies of the Ville Marie Convent, on Sunday the 7th December last, in honor of the 25th anniversary of the proclamation of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception. A large number of the parents and friends of the pupils had assembled at the Convent, and after a lew minutes spent in conversation, they were requested to pass into the spacious recreation room, where the sight that greeted our view simply defies descrip-tion, and the reputation of the good Sisters for imagining these pleasant surprises, al-ready so well established, was once more fully maintained. Around the hall, placed in tiers, stood over two hundred of the lady pupils, dressed in pure white, each holding a lighted taper in her hand. The hall itself was decopure rated with wreaths and flowers and richly illuminated. Had it not been for the swelling and harmonious sounds of a beautiful hymn, sung in honor of the Immaculate Virgin, one could have imagined as many statues, so perfectly motionless did they stand. An occasional smile of recognition flitting across the face of the younger pupils, plainly told us that although there were no outward signs of emotion, inwardly hearts were beating, in gleeful anticipation of a pleasant meeting in which a rapid recital of be poured into the attentive ear of a loving. mother by her devoted daughter. We then wended our way towards the beautiful chapel, where a solemn Benediction of the Holy Sacrament was given by the Rev. Mr. Marechal.

Two graduates read an act of consecration to the Blessed Virgin, in which the blessing of the Most High was asked for the donators of the magnificent marble altar that decorates

the chapel. The following programme of music was performed in a masterly manner by the pupils of the convent, under the direction of one of the Ladies, who presid\_I at the organ :--Grand overture-Harps, the Misses G. Cusson, F. Friel and E. Huguenin; pianos, the Misses M. A. Royal, L. Mullarky, G. Trudel, A. Le-moine, J. Dunn and L. Valois; Rossini's prayer of "Mose in Egitto," to which had be adapted words appropriate to the occasion, and in which the following young ladies sang the principal solos : The Misses E. Fitzpatrick, N. Cochlan, N. Cook, G. Fitzpatrick and M. O'Brien.

But, as everything comes to an end, and best friends must part, we bade good-bye to the good Sisters and to our little ones, loth to part, but hoping shortly to be fortunate enough to meet in such pleasant intercourse.

## The Catholic School Commissioners heard from.

THEY PASS RESOLUTIONS COURTING ENQUIRY.

To the Editor of the EVENING POST :

Sir,-I am instructed by the Board of Roman Catholic School Commissioners of this city to request the publication in your paper of the following resolution, passed unanimously at their first monthly meeting, after the publication in your columns of cer tain strictures upon its administration.

A. D. DECELLES,

Sec. C.S.C. Montreal, December 10, 1879.

At a meeting of the Roman Catholic School Commissioners, held on the 9th day of De-cember instant, Reverend V. Rousselot, Pre-sident of the Commission, in the chair, the following resolution was placed before the Board and unanimously carried :---

"Inasmuch as certain unfounded accusations have been brought against the administration



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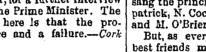
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and repairs the difficulty. Left until to-morrow, the little hole may be widened, until a rude tide forces its way through the embankments, and endangers his homestead and family. This prudence is natural, and one would suppose that equal precautions should be taken to prevent the access of diseases to the human system. But every man thinks. "every other one is mortal but himself," and so neglects the plainest rules for self preservation. A box of DR. HEBRICK'S SUGAR COATED PILLS kept in the house. and their application upon the first appearance of sickness, will prevent the inroads of disease. They cleanse the system from malaria of disease, stop the gaps, as does the Dutchman in his dikes, and renders all safe again.

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A WORD OF WARNING .- To protect the public and prevent them being imposed upon by the worthless counterfeits and imitations of our Murray & Lanman's Florida Water, we have prepared paper in which the words "LANMAN & KEMP, New York," appear in pale letters when a leaf of the little pamphlet is held up to the light; and whenever Florida Water is offered for sale wrapped in a pamphlet that does not have this water-mark or phiet that does not have this water-mark or ing be particular and secure "Rowntree's." fathers, Miss Annie O'Neil, known in reli-stamp in it, then it is counterfeit, and should Other kinds are often substituted for the sake gion as Sister Marion, having taken the veil be rejected.

### THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION. Celebration in Rome.

Rome, December 10 .- Ever since the proclamation of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception by Pins IX, in 1354, the 8th of December has remained one of the most popular Roman festivals, and an effort was made on Monday among the clergy to celebrate the 25th anniversary with unusual solemnity. The day was cold, but clear and sunny. The Pope has not officiated in public since the Italian occupation, but Pope Leo received about a thousand persons, including 500 pilgrims. He gave audience in the hall of surrounded by twenty Cardi-Šaiss, with many other prelates, nonals, and Palatine Guards in full uni. bles, form. He addressed a fervid but short speech concerning the dogma, admiring the sanctity of his predecessor. Mass was held in the Basilica of St. Peter's by Cardinal San Stefano. Constant prayers were offered before the tomb of Pius IX., which is studded with priceless stones, lapis lazuli and malachites. Crowded pilgrimages were made to his future tomb at San Lorenzo. Without the walls, many wreaths inscribed with offerings were placed on vacant niches. Grand High Mass was held in all the Churches dedicated to the Virgin, which were decorated with hanging tapestry and lights. In the Basilica of St. Agostino in the Via Ripetta, the miraculous statue of the Virgin was resplendent with jewels to the value of millions.

Probably no one article of diet is so gener ally adulterated as is cocoa. This article in its pure state, scientifically treated, is recommended by the highest medical authority as the most nourishing and strengthening beve-rage, and is strongly recommended to all as an article that will tone and stimulate the most delicate stomach. Rowntree's prize medal Rock Cocoa is the only article in our markets that has parsed the ordeal to which these articles are all submitted by the Government analyist, and is certified by him to be pure, and to contain no starch, farnia, arrowroot, or any of the deliterious ingreidents com. monly used to adulterate Cocoa. When buyof larger profits. 11-G

x from filth. We call attendion to one little error with yours data the prove data the first state of the construction of descilable the provide attending with the state of the construction of descilable the provide t attended with hardship, he could not admit that the circumstances of the present time, taken in connection with the manner in which his tenants had been hitherto treated, afforded any just ground for a general abatement of

rent on his property. THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD AND THE STATE OF THE COUNTRY .- The usual weekly meeting of the Millstreet Board of Guardians was held on Nov. 20. In the chair J. McCar. thy O'Leary, Esq., D. L. Other guardians present-Messrs. J. Hegarty, J. Creedon, T. Carroll, C. Murphy, and J. D. Murphy, D.V.C. Remaining on previous Saturday, 403; ad-mitted during the week, 94; discharged, 57; died, 0; remaining on the 15th November, 1879, 410; 106 more than corresponding per-iod of 1878; the number of cases on out-door relief was 85; comprising 282 individuals; cost £10 5s. 6d; lodged during the week, nil paid, £42 103. 9d.; dr. balance, £164 48. rates uncollected outstanding, £5,044 28. 8d. The following resolution drawn up by the Chairman was unanimously adopted : " Resolved-In answer to the circular from the Local Government Board respecting distress in the coming winter, the Board have never shrunk from discharging their duties to the poor, and are alive to the necessity of making due provision for a large addition to their numbers; but the want of employment and destitution of the laboring classes is such

that, without creating general ruin, the Poor Law is insufficient to deal with the present state of the country, and the call upon the Government to discharge their undoubted duty to promote without delay the prose-

oution of reproductive works."

RECEIVED THE VEIL .- At the convent of the Congregation de Notre Dame in this city, on Thursday morning the 20th of November, Miss Elizabeth O'Neil (Sister Dominica, in religion), third daughter of Thomas O'Neil. Esq., and the late Margaret Murphy, of Fitzroy. It was an imposing and impressive ceremony, and was witnessed by several of their Montreal friends. The Rev. Father Lavin, of Packenham, was down to participate in the ceremony. This is the second daughter that Mr. O'Neil has had the pleasure of seeing espoused to the Church of his foresix years ago.

tinguished guests, enjoyed the evening's of the Board of Roman Catholic School Com-amusement for a considerable time, and seem- missioners, by individuals whose motives the missioners, by individuals whose motives the Commission is not now called upon to appreciate :

"Inarmuch as these accusations were embodied under twelve different heads in a petition presented by certain citizens to the

City Council a year or so ago; "Inasmuch as upon the presentation of this petition the Board of Roman, Catholic Subscribe Now, and Get Your Neigh-School Commissioners, through the medium of the press, expressed to the public generally its willingness to court an enquiry from the only authority to which it is responsible, viz. the Department of Public Instruction.

"Inasmuch as such offer has never been act ed upon by the petitioners to the City Council and

"Inasmuch as similar charges have recently been reiterated in one of the evening newspapers of this city ;" be it

Resolved-" That this Board having even been willing and desirous that those interested in the upright and judicious administration of its trust should have every opportunity given them to formulate any charges of mismanagement alleged against this commission, publicity be once more given of its willingness and desire that an enquete into its administration be demanded by those who, for motives of public or private interest, are prepared to substantiate their accusations."

### THE BANK OF OTTAWA.

OTTAWA, December 10.-At a meeting of the Bank of Ottawa shareholders to-day it was shown that through the management of the late cashier, P. Robertson, the Bank had lost \$52,000. The financial statements showed the following: Net profits of the year, \$51,613.94; rest account transferred, 21,000; balance at credit of profit and loss account, 30th November, 1878, \$3,024.59; total \$75,-638.53 Appropriated as follows: Divi-dend No. 8, paid June 1st, 1878, \$19,769 89; for losses by bad and doubtful debts, \$52,152.92. Total, \$71,922.81. Leaving a balance to be carried forward of \$3.715.72. A general statement of liabilities and assets as on 29th Novem-Dress Cord. ber was submitted. The statement of liabilities and assets shows the liabilities to the public to be \$527,733.12, and total liabilities, \$1,109, 123 38. The assets immediately available are \$152,974.97. The total assets are \$1,112, 839.10. Mr. Magee, acting cashier, explained how the fraud was committed by the late cashier. He said, when the report first reached the Directors that Mr. Robertson had. taken possession of the cause, it naturally oc. curred to us that there was something wrong at the Bank. After making an investigation into the affairs of the Bank we were not long in finding evidence that the Directors had been deceived. 

MINING IN FRONTENAC.-Mr. W. H. Wil-liama, of the Globe, who has recently been writing up the Hastings Mining District, came here a few days ago to write up "Mining in Frontenae". He was too late, however, as the weather was not invorable for observing min-ing operations in phosphate or lead. He gives an account of the Frontenae Lead Mining Com-pauy, based on statements made by Mr. Stock-well, this being nearly similar to what ap-peared in the News at the time of the formal opening of the Smelting Works. It is unfortu-nate that the min-rai wealth of the County of Frontenae could n the seen, because it is un-doubtedly one of the richest tricks in the Pro-vin e, both as regards lead and iron.-Kingston-Neus.

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