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## COUNTY OF ANTIGONISH. NO. XXXIX. The Egg Mountain and Pleasant Valley.

The first settlers in the mountain were emigrants from the Isle of Egg, on the West coast of the Highlands. Ranald Fraser, born in Egg, came out and settled in the mountain in 1823. He was married to a daughter of old John McIsaac, an emigrant from Egg, who came out and lived for a few years at the rear of John McLeod's farm, Koojdyrt. This John McIsaac was the first settler on the farm now occupied by the McMillans. After some years he and his family removed to the Hallowell Grant. He was married to a sister of Father Anthony McDonald, of Egg. Lauchy Mor McIsaac, son of Rory McIsaac, came out to Croilish, Cape Breton, in the year 1818. He was married in Egg to a sister of the late George McDonald, Arisaig. On the occasion of his marriage Allan Laig of the MacDonnells of Dalelea was his best man. Allan was considered the strongest man in the Western Highlands. Lauchy Mor himself, a quiet simple Christian man, was noted for his strength. On a spring day through slush and snow, and up three miles of a steep mountain he carried a barrel of mackerel in a sack on his back from John McIsaac's in Dunmaglass to his own shanty on the top of the mountain. When he got home he lay down and with the sack of fish as a cool pillow under his head he had a refreshing sleep. He resided at first for a few years near the end of the Arisaig road, and then removed farther on the other side of the mountain near Pleasant Valley where he made a fine farm, on which his son-in-law, Mr. Edward Connors lives at present. His son Angus was born in Egg, and a daughter was born to him on the passage out. Archibald McLellan came from Egg and settled on the mountain about 1825. Young John McIsaac, brother of Lauchy Mor, and married to Mary, daughter of Donald McGillivray, Lisimore, settled in the mountain a few years subsequently. His sons Rory and Donald live on the old homestead. The other early settlers were John Smith from Moldart, Scotland, Donald McDonald from Scotland, Donald McMillan from Egg, William Dalton from Killybeg, Ireland, Arch. Mor McLellan from Greenisland, and Lauchy Mor McLellan from Broad Cove, Cape Breton. On the brow of the mountain there are a few later settlers, namely John Gillis, red, son of John Gillis, Arisaig, Coll McDonald, son of Eddy McDonald, Arisaig, Ewan Mor Gillis from Georgetown, P. E. Island, and John and Angus, sons of Rodrick McDonald, Arisaig, Piquet County. They are all dead except Angus Rory.

The early settlers on the mountain were once in good circumstances. The virgin soil was good, and they were tireless workers. One can see on the farms the great remains of stonew which their industrious hands piled up. I am not without sympathy for the present inhabitants; their lines are cast in hard places. The soil is light, dry, and stony. Early frost damages the crops. For several years now there has been a partial failure of the crops. The season is much later on the mountain. In the month of April last, when the roads at the shore were dry and solid as in June, I have seen the mountain roads covered with three feet of snow. All this is said with no intent to discourage our farmers. With all my heart I would wish to cheer and encourage so worthy a class of people as our farmers. There is much more in the soil than we coax out of it. Intelligent labor can overcome many unfavorable conditions of soil and seasons. Be kind to the soil and give it food and cultivation for the benefits it yields you. Clear away off your farm those unsightly piles of stones into some invisible holes, or make fences with them. Take a pride in having a nice, clean farm. The honest, tireless hand, will always have enough for its own needs and a little surplus for the claims of charity and hospitality too.

## ACADEMY ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS, NOVA SCOTIA.

1892, APRIL 28TH (THURSDAY), 10.45 A. M.—12 M.  
Useful Knowledge.  
(Only ten questions to be answered. Value of each 10.)  
1. Why should the school room be well ventilated?  
2. What is the use of physical exercise?  
3. What, do you think, are the most common mistakes made in the character of our clothing?  
4. Why do young people sometimes learn to smoke? What effect has the habit as a rule?  
5. Why are alcoholic drinks more dangerous than other common drinks?  
6. Is rock made from gravel or is gravel made from rock? Explain.  
7. What is a fossil?  
8. Write a note on coal?  
9. What is the air made of?  
10. How do clouds come into existence and what becomes of them?  
11. How can you prove (a) that water is thrown off from the lungs in the act of breathing, (b) carbonic acid gas also, and (c) matter which can become putrid?  
12. Give the life history of a moth or of the Potato Beetle?  
13. Write what you know about the native mammals of Nova Scotia.  
14. Make a drawing showing all the parts of some flower with names.  
15. Where are lichens found.—fungi, —mosses?  
16. What kind of nature studies do you like most? Give an account of some observations you have made yourself.

## Queen of the World.

Rev. A. B. O'SULL, C. S. C. in Ave Maria.  
Sunbeams o'er woodland and dell are dancing,  
Starry-eyed blossoms from meads are glancing,  
Full-throated songsters their notes entrancing,  
Carol the living day:  
Whisper the breezes of new-born pleasures,  
Murmur the streamlets in blithest measures,  
Nature hath lavished her choicest treasures,  
Greeting the Queen of the May;  
Fairest of sovereigns sung in story,  
Peerless in mercy and power and glory,  
Promised to earth from the ages ago,  
Destined to reign for aye;  
Mary, our Mother, from Heaven's splendor  
Beams on us all with a love-gleance tender,—  
Who but shall hail and at need defend her,  
Queen of the world and of May.

## Russian Catholics in Canada.

In detailing, in the current *Nineteenth Century*, his "Impressions of Northwest Canada," Mr. Michael Davitt, who lately visited that region, writes as follows of a small Catholic colony which came across in his journeyings: "At Regina, the seat of government for the territories of Assiniboia, Saskatchewan and Alberta," says Mr. Davitt, "I had an interesting interview with a settler who was one of a community of seventy families who had left Southern Russia seven years ago. 'Not,' said my informant, 'an account of the arger farms which we now possess, but in order to enjoy greater liberty and pay less taxes.' Those interesting people went to Southern Russia during the wars of the Crimean and the Russo-Turkish. They settled in Assiniboia, a few years ago, built their cabins and outhouses in Russian style, and are now free from debt and doing remarkably well. They are at present engaged in bringing over all their friends." The place here mentioned, Regina, is in the archdiocese of St. Boniface; and Mr. Davitt also writes in praise of New Westminster, upon which city episcopal honors were conferred a couple of years ago. In alluding to the condition of the Canadian Indians, which, he maintains, is far better than that of our own aborigines, Mr. Davitt declares that the better treatment accorded to the former is due to the long and arduous labors in their behalf of the French Catholic priests who have charge of the Canadian Indian mission.—*Sacred Heart Review, Cambridge, Mass.*

## The Calendar.

MAY.	
DATE.	FEAST.
20 Fri.	S. Barnabas of Sicily, C.
21 Sat.	S. Felix of Cantabria, C.
22 Sun.	S. Paschal Baylon, C. (An. of his Lordship's Convent)
23 Mon.	S. John De Rossi, C. (Veneration)
24 Tues.	Mary Help of Christians, (Bogotian)
25 Wed.	S. Gregory VII, P. C. (Bogotian)
26 Thurs.	Ascension Thursday.

## S. Antonius, Bishop.

Antonius, or little Antony, as he is called from his small stature, was born in Florence in 1389. After a childhood singular holiness, he begged to be admitted into the Dominican house at Fiesole; but the Superior, to test his sincerity and perseverance, told him that he must first learn by heart the book of the Decretals, containing several hundred pages. The apparently impossible task was accomplished within twelve months; and Antonius received the coveted habit in his sixteenth year. While still very young he filled several important posts of his Order, and was consulted on questions of difficulty by the most learned men of his day; being known for his wonderful prudence as "the Counsellor." He wrote several works on theology and history, and sat as Papal Theologian at the Council of Florence. In 1446 he was compelled to accept the archbishopric of that city; and in this dignity earned for himself the title of "the Father of the Poor," for all he had was at his disposal. His household consisted of only six persons; his palace contained no plate or costly furniture, and was often nearly destitute of the necessities of life. His one mule was frequently sold for the relief of the poor, when it would be bought back for him by some wealthy citizen. He died embracing the crucifix, May 2nd, 1459, often repeating the words, "To serve God is to reign."

## Almsdeeds.

"Almsdeeds," says S. Augustine, "comprise every kind of service rendered to our neighbour who needs such assistance. He who supports a lame man bestows an alms on him with his feet; he who guides a blind man does him a charity with his eyes; he who carries an invalid or an old man upon his shoulders imparts to him an alms of his strength. Hence none are so poor but they may bestow an alms on the wealthiest man in the world."

## Machine-Made Nutmegs.

The Yankee wooden nutmegs are a common joke, but few people know that in Marseilles, France, nutmegs are actually manufactured for the foreign trade. When kept very long nutmegs become wormy, and so lose their commercial value, but the thrifty Frenchmen do not feel able to throw away a case of nutmegs only because the spice happens to be full of worms, so they put the nutmegs in a mill something like a coffee mill, and grind them up, and with clay, bran, a preparation of glue and a set of suitable moulds, produce a very fair article of nutmeg. They can scarcely be detected by the eye or hand, being very hard and about the weight of the genuine article; but a soaking in warm water will make them drop to pieces, while the genuine article successfully bears any test of this kind.—*Globe-Democrat.*

A terrible explosion occurred in the slope of a coal mine at Roslyn, Washington State, on Tuesday, 10th inst. All the men on the slope—forty-eight in all, most of whom were married—are believed to have been killed.

## Victoria Mines Notes.

(Crowded out last issue.)  
Mr. Cyril Gonthro, who was injured by a fall of coal in the mine some weeks ago, is now able to move around again.

Mr. John Weir, who was underground Manager for a number of years, resigned his position here to take a similar one at Caledonia Mines. With his departure, Victoria Mines lost a very valuable citizen. His place has been filled by Mr. Edward Wilkinson, of Joggins Mines, N. S.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Charles McKenzie, whose death occurred (after a short illness) on Wednesday, 27th ult., took place on Friday morning, 29th ult., and was largely attended. The deceased was quite young and highly respected, much sympathy is felt for Mr. McKenzie in his sad loss.

The marriage of Mr. Finton Mahon and Miss Ettie Murphy took place on Tuesday, 19th ult., at the residence of the latter's brother, Miss Mahon, sister of the groom, acted as bridesmaid and Mr. M. Ryan supported the groom. Only immediate friends of the contracting parties were present.

The school examinations took place the last week of the term and were largely attended by parents and friends, who were highly pleased with the progress shown. Quite a number of prizes were awarded to the successful pupils.

A rumor was in circulation some weeks ago to the effect that the Fox whistle on Cranberry Head was to be removed to this side and placed on Low Point (Flat Point). A visit was paid us by an official from the marine department, Ottawa, in that connection, it is said.

Shipping has begun in earnest, the past week has seen several steamers leave for the St. Lawrence with large cargoes of coal. The S.S. "Victoria" loaded at Victoria Pier, taking some twenty-seven hundred (2700) tons, and the S.S. "Rydal Holme" sailed from G. M. A. Pier, North Sydney, for same destination with a cargo of three thousand tons, as well as other large steamers with cargoes from International and Cape Breton Piers. We are now engaged in loading S.S. "Wetherby," her capacity is three thousand (3000) tons. Cannon & Co.'s barge "Etie Stewart," also loaded 1300 tons at this Pier for Halifax during the past week. No better sign of prosperity in the coal trade can be shown than to see the shipping company extending their fleet. It is said that a new steamer is to be driven shortly, similar distant from the three already in use; and Mr. Gillis, contractor, is now engaged preparing sites for a number of tenement houses for the same company.

## Dr. Maurice F. Egan.

The following pen picture is from the *Times* of Chicago, where Dr. Egan recently lectured on "Modern Novels and Novelists":

Dr. Egan is a slight, delicate-looking man, and a clever and interesting talker. "Though he has devoted himself mainly to Catholic writing, his work has been so striking as to attract attention from such men as Gilmer, Stoddard, Longfellow, Cardinal Newman and Stedman, men whose words are held in as precious as jewels to the literati." Dr. Egan came here yesterday from his home at Notre Dame, Ind., where he holds the chair of English literature and belles-lettres at Notre Dame University, though he does his literary work in his own charming home, "The Lilacs," just outside the University grounds, where he resides with his charming wife and three sturdy olive branches. Born in Philadelphia, and with a native Philadelphian for his father, Dr. Egan traces his descent with a good deal of pardonable pride from the old Irish family of the Westmeath McGeheehans, men who were gallant fighters among the Irish soldiers in the service of France. He is a graduate of Georgetown College, and has won a well-deserved literary reputation.

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