

ITEMS OF INTEREST

ASCENSION DAY.

To-day was observed as a festival of obligation. Solemn high masses were celebrated in all city churches.

ARCHBISHOP BRUCHESI BECOMES MEMBER OF ROYAL SOCIETY.

Archbishop Bruchesi was presented to President Johnston, at Ottawa, on Wednesday, and formally became a member of the Royal Society.

PERMIT FOR BUILDING CHURCH.

That portion of Rosemount annexed to this city will very soon have its own church. The Rev. Father Brien, pastor of the parish which bears the title of St. Philomena, took out a building permit on Monday morning for the construction of a church and school to cost \$11,000.

DOMINICAN MARTYRS.

In Rome on Sunday last the Holy See decreed the beatification of four Dominican martyrs, Mgr. Joseph Mario Diaz, decapitated on July 20, 1857; Mgr. Melchior Garcia y San Pedro, hacked to pieces on July 24, 1858; Mgr. Hieronymo Hermisilla and Mgr. Valentino Berrio Ochoa, decapitated on Nov. 1, 1861. All had been martyred in Mexico.

RECEPTION INTO CHILDREN OF MARY SODALITY.

A very impressive ceremony was held in St. Ann's Church on Sunday, on the occasion of the reception of fifty young ladies into the Sodality of the Children of Mary. Rev. Father Fortier received the new members. Rev. Father Holland was the preacher. All the members of the Society, numbering over 600, preceded by their banner, formed in procession around the church.

CONSECRATION OF CHURCH AT HAMMOND, ONT.

Rt. Rev. Bishop Gabriels, of Ogdensburg, assisted by Rev. Fathers Burns, of Watertown; O'Driscoll, of Canton; Garand, Clayton; and Crowley and Sullivan, of Rossie, dedicated a new Catholic church at Hammond yesterday. The church was built through the energy of Father Crowley, of Rossie, who is its pastor.

OTTAWA MONUMENT NATIONAL.

The Monument National, the new home of the French-Canadian national, fraternal, literary and athletic societies of Ottawa, was opened on Sunday with a solemn benediction by Archbishop Duhamel, assisted by the Rev. Father Lalonde. His Grace delivered a brief address, congratulating the promoters on the completion of their work, and reasoning that the central idea of such institutions makes for good citizenship.

ST. MICHAEL'S.

Next Sunday will be the fourth anniversary of the opening of St. Michael's parish. The event will be celebrated with appropriate services. The Rev. pastor, Father Kiernan, will be celebrant at the high Mass at 10.15, assisted by deacon and sub-deacon. Rev. Father Ethelbert will give the instruction. Special interest is taken in this year's services owing to the parish having succeeded in obtaining most satisfactory school legislation during the past session.

EXHIBITION OF WORK AT ST. DENIS ACADEMY.

An exceedingly fine exhibit of needlework and painting was held at St. Denis Academy last week, under the direction of the Sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame. Visitors were charmed with the excellence of the display. Very remarkable was a screen embroidered on black satin representing a pond covered with water lilies and bulrushes. This was the handwork of Mrs. L. D. Roseman, of Burke, Idaho, who has been following the course of fancy work at the above named Academy.

ST. GABRIEL JUVENILE T. A. & B. SOCIETY.

This promising young society held its regular monthly meeting last Sunday afternoon. After the general business had been gone through with, the executive committee was called into session in order to consider special reports. The sub-committee in charge of the concert on Easter Monday night gave a report,

which was received as progressive. Arrangements were put on foot for a picnic during the coming summer, and items of general interest were freely discussed.

On the whole, this thriving young institution is to be congratulated upon its success and we hope in the near future to see its ranks swelled to a much greater extent.

BLESSING OF BELL AT ST. AGNES CHURCH.

The pretty little Church of St. Agnes was the scene of an imposing ceremony on Sunday last, when a bell, the gift of Mr. Daniel Ford, was solemnly blessed. More than a thousand persons were present, great numbers being unable to obtain admission. His Lordship Bishop Racicot officiated pontifically, in the absence of the Archbishop, who was on his pastoral tour. The church was brilliantly illuminated with hundreds of electric lights. After the blessing Mgr. Racicot, with his usual eloquence, spoke a few words on the significance of the ceremony just witnessed. He felicitated the congregation, who by their gifts had contributed to the erection of the church. The new bell received the names of Pius, Paul, Agnes, Daniel, Margaret Mary. During the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament the Rev. J. E. Donnelly preached from the text: "Every creature is sanctified by the word of God and prayer." The Rev. W. J. Casey, pastor of St. Agnes, took up the collection, which spoke highly for the generosity of the parishioners.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.

Absolute necessity of a religious education was emphasized by the Right Rev. Mgr. Archambault, Bishop of Joliette, at an entertainment given in his honor at Mount Saint Louis Institute Saturday afternoon.

His Lordship quoted four Protestant authorities to show that there was a greater percentage of crime in the United States with their national schools than in any other land. Lay teachers, he said, had done, and were doing, a noble work, but the palm should be given to the clergy and the religious communities. His Lordship, therefore, urged the students to love and respect their church and obey her dogmas and laws.

His Lordship said that the act of Leo XIII. in canonizing Jean Baptiste de la Salle was really the glorification of Christian education in the schools.

The programme was principally of a musical nature, and was followed with interest by a large number of relatives and friends of the students. Calisthenic and gymnastic exercises by the students also formed part of the programme. Recitations were given by Messrs. Arthur Lortie and Victor MacCosham.

THE CATHOLIC SAILORS' CONCERT.

The Catholic Sailors' concert of last Wednesday evening was a decided success in every respect. Shortly after eight o'clock the chair was taken by Mr. Phelan, secretary of the Club, who, in a few well chosen words, welcomed those present, when a well filled and refined programme was opened and carried to a very successful issue. The recitations of Miss Rowan, the duet of Mrs. Marchison and Mr. Drysdale, the recitation of Mr. Walsh, the sweet, young, child-like voice of little Miss McCaffery, the splendidly trained baritone of Mr. Drysdale, as he favored his audience with a song alone, together with numbers from Mr. L. Walsh and our friend Mr. Geo. Grimes, brought the share taken by the city talent to a close.

There was singing and fancy dancing furnished by seamen Corbett and Power which showed much activity and fine training; and was thoroughly enjoyed by all those present.

On the whole, the evening was a thoroughly enjoyable one, and we hope are long to be favored by the many old familiar faces who have not yet put in an appearance, so that this year may be made a record one in the history of this grand institution.

AID ASKED FOR JESUITS IN CALIFORNIA.

At the Immaculate Conception Church on Sunday last, a letter was read from the Superior of the Jesuits of California asking for aid to rebuild St. Ignatius Church and College, destroyed by fire during the late seismic disturbance. The Jesuits went to California in 1843, at which time persecution in Spain compelled many of them to find homes in foreign lands. They were the first religious to go to California, then in the midst of the gold

fever. After many hardships they were able to build St. Ignatius Church and College, and only recently celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of those institutions. The monetary loss on the buildings is \$800,000, but the loss of the library of the College, one of the best in the world, and the famous paintings in the church is irreparable. The loss falls wholly on the Jesuit Order, as only parish churches are assisted out of the general fund. The total loss to Catholics in California is upwards of \$6,000,000. A collection will be taken up in all the Churches of the Order next Sunday.

SAILORS' OFFICIAL OPENING.

The official opening of the Catholic Sailors' Club for the present season, its tenth year, took place on last Saturday afternoon. About 4.30 o'clock, amid a gathering of the elite of our fair city, the imposing figure of Sir William Hingston appeared on the platform, and with all that stately dignity for which he has been remarkable, formally opened the proceedings. After paying a short tribute to the president of the Club, unavoidably absent through very severe illness, he called upon the secretary and treasurer to give their reports, which were found to be most satisfactory. A concert consisting of several well-rendered vocal and instrumental selections followed. The ladies then served refreshments and stirring speeches of encouragement and congratulation were made by Rev. Father Malone, chaplain of the Club, and Messrs. Bell and McKilligan, members of the Protestant Sailors' Club showing the admirable spirit existing between the two bodies. Although much has been done during the past ten years for the embellishment of the Catholic sailors' quarters, yet the debt on their home is still in the neighborhood of \$28,000, as shown by the report. Therefore it behooves our people to rally around the standard of this worthy institution and continue to show the brave sailors that if they are able to face the dangers of the sea whenever called upon to do so that their stay upon land, at least in our port, will be made as comfortable as circumstances will allow.

THE GYM KHANA.

Few, if any, of the numerous and appreciative audience which gathered together inside the immense expanse of the Arena on last Friday evening were prepared by the pictures displayed to the public for what they really witnessed. As the visitor entered, nothing unusual either in the appearance of the place or its surroundings seemed to meet his eye; soon, however, the entertainment commenced, when a long programme, as exciting as it was interesting, was carried out, showing plainly, as it did, what skilled training can accomplish in the physical development of both man and beast. The vaulting, the tandem riding and all the other exercises were splendidly done, and reflect much credit upon those under whose management they were directed.

It may not be out of place to here bring to the public notice the efforts put forth in our schools to interest the pupils in physical culture, and in this particular, Prof. Scott and his boys deserve great credit for the manner in which their part of the evening's work was accomplished.

On the whole, great praise is due to the promoters of the event; and we hope to have the pleasure of again meeting them under as favorable circumstances and crowned with as great a success as that which now rewards their grand and worthy efforts, which were for the benefit of the Notre Dame Hospital.

COLORS PRESENTED TO NEW C. P. R. VESSEL.

A group of Irish Canadians all residing in this city, both Catholic and Protestant, have presented a set of colors to the Empress of Britain. The colors will be seen on the new St. Lawrence greyhound the day after she reaches the port of Quebec. Mr. Geo. A. Drummond and Mr. B. McNally, who represent respectively the Protestant and Catholic group of gentlemen having the matter in hand, have already purchased the colors on the other side.

The movement on the part of Montreal Irishmen was undertaken as a compliment to Sir Thomas Shaughnessy and the Canadian Pacific directors who have given the name of the Empress of Ireland to one of their new Atlantic steamers.

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Flour—Manitoba spring wheat patents, \$4.60; strong bakers, \$4.10; winter wheat patents, \$4.20 to \$4.40; and straight rollers \$3.90 to \$4.10 in wood; in bags, \$1.85 to \$1.95; extra, in bags, \$1.35 to \$1.50.
Rolled Oats—\$2.10 to \$2.15 in bags of 98 lbs.
Cornmeal—\$1.35 to \$1.40 per bag; granulated, \$1.65.
Mill Feed—Ontario bran in bulk, \$20; shorts, in bags, \$20 to \$20.50; Manitoba bran in bags, \$19; shorts, \$20.
Hay—No. 1, \$9.50 to \$10 per ton on track; No. 2, \$8.50 to \$9; clover, \$6; clover mixed, \$6.50.
Oats—No. 2, 42c per bushel; No. 3, 41c; No. 4, 40c.
Peas—Boiling, in car load lots, \$1.05 to \$1.10 per bushel.
Potatoes—65c to 70c per bag.
Beans—Prime pea beans, \$1.65 to \$1.70 per bushel; hand picked, \$1.80 per bushel.
Honey—White clover in comb, 13c to 14c per pound section; extract, 7c to 7½c; buckwheat, 5½c to 6c.
Maple Syrup—60c to 65c per 9 lb. tin; maple sugar, 8½c to 9c per pound.
Provisions—Barrels heavy Canada short cut pork, \$23.00; light short cut, \$21.50; barrels clear fat back, \$22.50; compound lard, 7½c to 8c; Canadian pure lard, 11½c to 12½c; kettle rendered, 12½c to 13½c; hams, 13½c to 15c, according to size; breakfast bacon, 17c to 18c; Windsor bacon, 15½c to 16c; fresh killed abattoir dressed hogs, \$10.25; alive, \$7.60 to \$7.65 per hundred pounds.
Butter—Choicest creamery, 19c to 19½c.
Eggs—New laid, 16c to 17c per dozen.
Cheese—Colored, 11c to 11½c; white, 11½c to 11½c.
Ashes—First pots, \$5.25 to \$5.37½; seconds, \$4.75; thirds, \$3.70; pearls, \$6.50 to \$6.75 per hundred pounds.

DAIRY PRODUCE.

The butter market continues to show an easy feeling, and it was said that it would be hard to find a buyer willing to pay 20c even for finest creamery. Actual quotations are hard to get, as business is mostly confined to small lots, but from 19c to 19½c is about the ruling figure.

Cheese is holding about steady on the local market, but some cheese has been bought lately on the country board at a higher price than it will bring in Montreal. The export business is fairly heavy, with a good enquiry from the British market. Locally, white is quoted at 11½c to 11½c, and colored at 11c to 11½c.

GRAIN MARKETS.

There is no change in the flour situation, and prices are holding steady on an increasing volume of business. Some large shipments have passed through for export account, and dealers report an active demand from outside markets.

Rolled oats are firm, but the demand is quiet. Prices are unchanged at \$2.10 per bag.

The enquiry for bran and shorts continues to be good, and the scarcity of the supplies on spot gives a firm tone to the market.

Oats are firm and strong at the recent advance, and No. 2 white are quoted at 42c; No. 3 at 41c, and No. 4 at 40c per bushel.

The baled hay situation is unchanged, and the domestic and foreign demand keeps prices at a high level.

Death Seemed Near.

Three Doctors Baffled But Dr. Williams' Pink Pills Came to the Rescue.

Just a few months ago the home of Mr. James Beers, of Emerson, N. B., was filled with sorrow. It seemed that death would claim the life of their bright little girl. To-day this gloom is changed to joy. The little one is no longer ill, but is now bright, active and happy. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills brought this change after three doctors had failed. Concerning this illness and cure, Mrs. Beers says: "At the age of six my little girl became very ill. At different times for the next year and a half three doctors treated her without benefit. She was terribly run down and her blood was nothing but water. Then dropsy set

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THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the Montreal Bridge & Terminal Company for the election of Directors, passing of By-laws, and transaction of general business will be held at noon on Wednesday, the 30th May next, 1906, at the Company's office, No. 3 Beaver Hall Square, in the City of Montreal.

Dated at Montreal, this 30th day of April, 1906.

C. A. SARA,
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