

forth as special paragraphs of its own, three editorial and evidently original items from our columns, viz., the description of the Zi-Ka-Wei philosophate and theologate, the article, with exclusive information, on "Canada's Oldest Priest," and our editorial comment to the effect that the French of the Province of Quebec are the only historical Canadians. The Catholic Record, of London, promptly changes our address and keeps on saying nothing else.

The first of our exchanges to politely acknowledge our new status was the Mattawa Tribune, which, in its issue of Aug. 22, kindly said: "The NORTHWEST REVIEW, an ably edited Roman Catholic Journal of St. Boniface, Man., has come to hand this week with renewed life and brilliancy. It contains a well-deserved commendatory letter from the Archbishop of St. Boniface. The REVIEW has long been a welcome visitor at this office and we wish it all the success it deserves, which is not a little."

Next came that doughty champion of uncompromising truth, "La Verite," of Quebec, saying in its issue of Aug. 25. "We notice with great pleasure that the NORTHWEST REVIEW, formerly of St. Boniface, now of Winnipeg, resumes publication after a suspension of two months. On this occasion Mgr. Langevin has written a letter of warm encouragement to the editor of this pre-eminently Catholic journal. We trust our contemporary may long continue its useful career."

At the end of a leading article in which "Le Manitoba" congratulates itself on being endorsed by us as to its views on Father Cherrier's nomination to the Advisory Board, our esteemed St. Boniface contemporary adds: "We hail with pleasure the reappearance of the NORTHWEST REVIEW after a few weeks' rest."

NOTES BY THE WAY.

The Board of Trade is an important organization composed of gentlemen of certain financial standing and social eminence in the community banded together to watch over the business interests of the City, and it may, perhaps, be fairly considered that it came well within the scope of the purposes for which they exist as a corporate body to debate and suggest means to arrest if possible the fiend who has been starting fires more or less disastrous, and all of them alarming, in various parts of the city. But we think that whilst the Board may be quite competent to discuss this matter and to assist the civic authorities in securing the apprehension of the criminal, they showed, as they have often done before in connection with affairs of public importance, an undue inclination to criticize certain officials who are responsible for the safety of the city and they would have exhibited better taste if they had confined themselves to making suggestions as to the reward which should have been offered and had refrained from calling into question the ability and capacity of the pres-

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ent Chief of the Fire Brigade. We have attended many fires lately and some of them have been of a most threatening character which needed very skilful handling to prevent them from spreading over large areas of the city, and mixing with the crowd we have heard nothing but the most favorable opinions expressed amongst the onlookers as to the work done by our fire-fighters under their gallant cool-headed chief. There are members of the Board of Trade, however, who seem to think that there is no one on the force whom they are not competent to criticize and whose work they could not do better themselves. For instance, one day we find them telling the C.P.R. company how our great national Highway should be run, the next they will be down at Ottawa pointing out how the affairs of the Dominion should be administered, then we hear of them running out to the capital of the Territories and dictating to the Premier there what laws he should pass, and between times they continually exercise a parental watchfulness over every detail of our civic life which hardly ever appears to be managed to their satisfaction. All this may be, as we have said, quite within the aims and objects of the Board of Trade, in fact it is the privilege of any citizen to criticize to his heart's content public acts, but to our mind there is altogether too much criticism of the kind in Winnipeg, and, on the other hand, too little encouragement meted out to those who have the business of the community in charge. The Board of Trade, it seems to us, is ever criticizing and very rarely, if ever, commending, and often, as in the instance we have cited, their criticism is uncalled for if not actually unjust.

An observant friend of ours asked us a few days ago whether we had noticed how rapidly the craze for bicycling was passing away, and in proof of it declared that whereas a year ago and even during the early months of this summer hundreds, and it sometimes seemed thousands, of wheels might be seen each evening speeding along the bicycle paths which had been constructed in various directions, the paths are almost deserted now and at the same time there has been a wonderful revival of horse riding and driving. Investigation has shown us that this is absolutely true and it is undeniable that where once the merry bicyclists could be counted by hundreds they must now be reckoned by tens, and the time seems to be rapidly approaching when, except for business purposes, the "safety" will be entirely laid aside. One would hardly have thought last summer that the end would come so quickly. We have seen crazes of a similar nature before, for instance the roller skating craze of some years ago is one that comes to our mind as a fit comparison. For two or three seasons the whole community gave itself up to this form of enjoyment but the taste for it suddenly declined and the extensive buildings which were erected for the purpose have long been put to other uses. So with the bicycle. Last year almost everyone was seized with a desire to own a wheel and pretty nearly everybody acquired one. Bicycle runs were the rage of the season, and young and middle-aged Winnipeg longed all day for the evening to come when it might once more mount its thousands of wheels and rush about the streets and roads of our city and vicinity. This year everyone almost seems to have a wheel for sale and successful bicycle runs are the exception rather than the rule. It may be that the thing was overdone and that the falling off is only a temporary reaction fol-

lowing too great indulgence in this form of amusement, but we rather think the signs of the times indicate that the bicycle as a means of recreation and pleasure has seen its best days and that in future it will be simply used as a convenience by people who live at distances more or less great from their offices or place of business.

OBITUARY.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. Markinski will be sorry to hear of the death of their infant daughter Monica Philomena, who departed this life on Monday, the 17th ult., at the age of six months and two days. The funeral took place on Tuesday, the 28th. Many sympathizers followed the funeral procession to the church of the Immaculate conception, and from there to the St. Mary's cemetery, where the remains of the dear little one were laid to rest.

Mr. and Mrs. Markinski have six children still living, deceased being the first one taken away from their affectionate care and their parental devotedness. In extending our sympathy to them in their loss, we wish to repeat for their consolation the words of the Gospel. "The kingdom of heaven is for such." Matt. XIX. 14.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Grant, of 82 Notre Dame avenue, will learn with regret of the death of their youngest daughter, Mabel Elizabeth, who passed away at 2:30 Sunday morning after an illness of a couple of weeks, at the early age of 11 years and 1 month. Owing to her unusual brightness, she was a universal favorite with all who had met her, and a much cherished favorite of her parents and the family. She was a sister of R. S. Grant, and also of the late L. F. Grant of the city engineer's staff, who died on the road home from California while in Mexico in May last. The funeral took place yesterday at 9:30 a.m. from the family residence to St. Mary's church, where Rev. Father Guillet, O.M.I., sang the Requiem Mass, and thence to Fort Rouge cemetery.

Mrs. James Flanagan, of 327 Carlton street, mourns the rather sudden death of her son, Thomas Edward, which occurred last Friday at Dufresne, where this bright lad of ten, a great favorite of his schoolmates of St. Mary's school, had gone to spend his holidays. On Monday of last week the dear boy contracted diphtheria, but the attack was deemed so light that no danger was anticipated when the end came so suddenly that none of the family could be present at the bedside. Mrs. Flanagan went to Lorette, where the funeral had to be held on account of the contagious nature of the disease precluding the removal of the remains to the city. The bereaved mother, who has so lately become a widow, is receiving the sincerest condolence of her many devoted friends.

PERSONAL.

Four members of the Oblate order arrived in Winnipeg on Sunday morning's Imperial Limited from Europe, and will engage in the work of the order in Manitoba and the Northwest. One of them, Rev. Father Johann von Gistern, is a native of Germany and will be stationed in the Diocese of St. Boniface. His work will be among the German Catholics in the diocese. The other three, Rev. Fathers Victor le Groff, Joseph Portier and Arsene Argenteuil are natives of Brittany, France. Fathers Groff and Portier are to be stationed at St. Albert, and Father Argenteuil will proceed to Prince Albert where he will engage in church work.

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Mr. T. D. Deegan, who was one of the sufferers at the recent fire at the corner of Main and Rupert sts, and whose store had been closed for a few days arranging for a settlement with the insurance companies, re-opened last Saturday morning with a great fire sale. As the goods were not touched by fire, but only damaged by smoke and water, bargains in profusion may no doubt still be secured by the early buyer.

The Very Rev. Vicar Dugas returned to St. Boniface last Friday. The severe sprain from which he had been suffering since last Oct. beginning to yield to the expert treatment he received from a professional bonesetter at St. Jacques' Achigan, Quebec.

Great sympathy is expressed on all hands for Mr. and Mrs. Conway's great loss by last week's fire, while at the same time the escape of Mrs. Conway and her children is recognized as startlingly providential. Who put into constable Reid's mind, just in the nick of time, the thought that their might be someone sleeping over the store?

The new addition which the Rev. Father Cherrier is having built to the Presbytery, is progressing rapidly, and it promises, when completed, to greatly improve the general appearance, as well as the much needed comfort of the Pastor's residence.

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