

From Faiber Letterre, e.m.i. To our friends and benefactors of St. Michael's Indian School, Duck Lake, Saskatchewan. Dear friends Though journeying still through the States to fulfil my arduous and most important mission, I beg to Join with Father Charlebois, our Sisters and Indian pupils, in address-ing you my best wishes of the sea-son. I had the pleasure of meeting some of you on my way, and will always remember their cordial wel-come and charity. Others I expect to visit along for a short stay like-wise. But the heavy expenses of cars, forbid that I may follow the impulse of attachment and gratitude and see all. So, for my wishes of Merry Xmas and Happy New Year, I give you all a pious "rendez-yous" to the feet of the Infant Jesus, be seeching Him to bless you, your fa-milies, your enterprises. What I liked to say to you many times in my let-ters, I will repeat the more fervent-ly in my Frayers.

It will be, indeed, a great satisfac-tion to me, dear friends, to witness that lovely anniversary of Xmas in one of your fine cathedrais or churches this winter. But I am not such that investigation of the satisfactory of the sure that my thoughts will not fly far away, and carry me, mind and heart, to one of those Northern mis-sions, so familiar and dear to me for

g years. /ell, I think I can and will indulge weil, I think I can and will indulge in these distractions, and imagine that the Mackenzie River is there, with its blocks of ice and 60 degrees of cold, instead of the Ohio, and that our mission of Our Lady of Good Hope, under Polar Circle, welcomes again, at that hour, one of its first Oblates There are our Babbitskin Oblates. There are our Rabbitskin Dulates. There are our fabbitskin Indians, coming with their dog sleighs, in large families and from every point of the compass-men, women and children, they had to tra-vel six, seven, eight days and more by reach the mission at the ap-pointed day, and to sleep in the smow all along! Surely the shep-herds of Bethlehem had not so far to travel, nor so icy weather to endure. But now they are all there, 600, 700 good Indians, of all sizes of the

But now they are all there, 600, 700 good Indians, of all sizes, of all colors and fashion of dress, but of one same feeling of piety and love towards their Divine Saviour. The little church is overcrowded; never mind, there is room yet for the few Protestants of the trading post, who never field to have our concentration At three o'clock in the morning the office of the night, with their joyful in these

office of the night, with their joyful hymns and canticles, with the so touching spectacle of a general com-munion, being over, you may think, perhaps, dear friends, that my trip to the country of remembrances is at an end now for Xmas ngnt. No: a little distraction more, please. There is no Midnight Mass without a lunch error clone to the

please. There is no Midnight Mass without a lunch, even close to the icebergs of Arctic shores—So you see these brown-faced groups of families crouching around a blanket they have spread on the rough floor of a log cabin, or on the spruce branches in the wood. A piece of dry meat, a bladder of grease, a kettle of boil-ing tea: that is units enough to ing tea: that is quite enough t make them as comfortable as possi

ble. But they do not forget about the comfort of their Fathers. They will also have a good meal for the cir-cumstances; and I remember that once the "widow's mite" gave us a royal supper. That is quite a little Christmas story. They were both widows, those two very poor old women, who left their camp and walked on snowshoes for five days to "shuke hands." as they said. walked on showshoes for five days to "shake hands," as they said, "with the Divine Baby." No dogs, no sleighs, not even a pinch of tea. They were so poor! Just a bit of dry meat for two days. But "Divine Providence will come to our help," they said, and they trod, trod along on the deep show not heading to they said, and they trod, trod along on the deep show path leading to Jesus. After two nights passed in the snow, nothing more to eat, but a Divine Providence will not abandon us! and they went, and found a black bear under the roots of a large failen tree. They had no gun, but they had a small axe to chop wood, and they chopped off the head of the hear. "Merci," they said, "our good Father." And they reach-ed the mission with a choice piece of fresh meet on their backs. Need 1 add that the "widow's mite" was welcome? add that the "widow's mite" was welcoms? Now, my friends, the way for es-caping such a lot of sweet memories about our Indian Christmas, even amid the splendor of yours! It is not better not to try, but rather to associate the grateful remembrance of your charity with the comforting one of the faithfulness of our dearly loved Indian, and address to the merciful heart of our divine Lord this confident and appealing cry of my own missionary heart: "O Jesus, keep to our far-off mis-sions their jouful Xmas! Keep to our dear children of the voods their Ob-late missionaries! Inspire generous souls to come to our help, that they may not only contribute by their alms and clefting, to the conversion of poor abandoned Indian souls and the education of their children, but

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PERSONAL.

Mr. John James Cox, of this city, for some years in the fuel supply department of the Canadian Pacific Rallway, has severed his connection with the company and has accepted a position with Mr. G. A. Monette, architect, St. James street. Mr. Cox's many friends throughout Mon-treal and Eastern Ontario will be pleased to learn of his success.

Old Age Pension Law is Creating a Stir in Ireland.

Under a new law enacted by British Parliament, all persons Under a new law enacted by the British Parliament, all persons over seventy years of age, are (with cer-tain exceptions), entitled to a pen-sion of five shillings a week. This law has made a stir in Ireland. Stories regarding the working of the Old Age Pension Act are many.

FATHER AND SON.

In a remote part of Connaught an aged man travelled about eight miles to the post onnce and apphed nor his "paper." He was known to the postmaster, who was aware that the applicant was well over seventy years of age, The "paper" was duy inter, and then the venerable gentle-main said he wanted another paper. "For my lather," he said. The offi-cial was astonished; but the facts were underhable. The off man's la-ther still lyed, and was as table and aged man travened about eight miles ther still lived, and was as hale and nearty as could have been expected, considering that his age was 95. Neither father nor son had ever stood inside a workhouse, nor accepted a penny of outdoor relief.

AGE VALUABLE

One old man in a Northern town One old man in a worthern cown secured his pension paper and brought it to the local priest to be filled up. The priest was also the custodian of the parish register, and consequently had his time fully cooc-the

consequently had his time fully co-cupied for several days after the passing of the act. "I did not think, Martin," said his reverence, "that you were seven-ty years old. Why, man, you would easily pass for sixty or sixty-five." "Aye, sir," said Martin, "my years are a fact. I had always heard thet age was honorable, now I find it is valuable."

IS IT HOME RULE? Peggy and Lizzie live in 'he sam

Peggy and Lizzie live in 'he same town. They have been friends since early childhood; both were married in the same year, and during the course of their lives have remained on the most neighborly terms, with occasional interruptions on and around successive "Tweifths," for Peggy is a devout and convinced Ca-tholic and Lizzie is an equally de-termined and resolute Protestant. During the "Tweifth holidays" little disagreements sprang up, Lizzie de-claring year after year that there were no immediate prospects of the savage conquerors of the North Home Rule, and defying the Pope and all his followers to bring about and all his followers to bring about that terrible event. Peggy prophe-sied as confidently every year that the next twelve months would see her neighbor living under Home Rule and "mighty glad of the chance of being civil for the first time in your life."

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W. 30 St. Sabinus, B. M.
Th 31 St. Sylvester I., P.C.

and William B— was identified as the babe who had been duly baptiz-ed in 1840. "There is no doubt about it, Billy," said the Registrar; about it, Billy," said the Registrar: "you are two years beamd the age, and the fact cannot be hidden even if we tried to do so. But you 'are not so badly off man, and can hold out two Ghristmases more; then, perhaps, the allowance will have been greadly increased." "Aye," said Billy, sadly, "but would it not be a good thing to have it as it is in the meantime? I always had a prejudice against long engagements. My father and mother were coortin' for seven years before they got married."

CENTENNARIANS.

As might be expected from its m

merous contributions to the annals of longevity, Donegal has taken up a conspicuous position in the relative number of its inhabitants who have presented claims under the Old Age Pensions Act. At the end of Sep-tember, 1200 forms of application had already been obtained from the Donegal head office and sub-offices, and some of these had possessed the legal age qualification more than thirty years ago. Three of the legal age qualification more than thirty years ago. Three of the ap-plicants are 111, 106 and 108 years old respectively, and one of them, Bryan O'Donnell, of Tower, Parish of Inver, it has been stated that he has always used the Irish language only, having never uttered as has always used the frish language only, having never uttered a sen-tence of English during the whole of his life! All three venerable appli-cants-are described as being in good health, both physically and mentally.

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internal direction of its administic tion, the prolongation of the atministic tion, the prolongation of the to of office of the governors, the null contribution of the members the College, the administion to study of medicine, the privilege more extended powers to the retar, and in general for all purport concerning the good working of College. BEAUDIN, LORANGER, ST. GERMAIN & GUERNIN. Attorneys for the College of Friday and Surgeons of the Provide Provid

Labour.

Department of Public Works and

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the Honorable L. A. Taschereau, Mi-nister of Public Works and Labour, P.Q., will be received at the Farlia-ment Building, Quebec, on the 28rd of December, instant (1908), for the comfletion of the new jail of the District of Montreal. Until such date, plans and specifi-cations of the work required may be seen in Quebec, at the Parliament Building, and in Mos. all, at the of-fice of the Archivects, Messre. Mar-chand & Brassard, 164 St. James Street, each day, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. p.m.

4 p.m. Each tender must be accompanied by a cheque for sixty thousand dol-lars (\$60,000.00), drawn on a duly chartered bank and accepted by the same. Such cheque to be made pay-able to the order of the Minister of Public Works and Labour, P.Q., and to be forfeited to the Government should the tenderer refuse to fulfil the conditions of his tender: The other cheques will be returned to other cheques will be returned to those entitled to them not later than the 80th December next. The Government does not bind it-self to accept the lewest or any of the said tenders.

Quebec, 3rd December, 1908. SEALED TENDERS, addressed to

At last the Old Age Pension schem

At last the Old Age Pension scheme came into operation. Lizzie had ne-ver heard of it until her neighbor called on her and explained the pos-sibilities of the new act. "Well, now, Lizzie," said Peggy, "are we not glad Home Rule has come at last? You were always agin it, and this is what it has done for ye." "Is this on account of Home Rule?" asked Lizzie. "It is Home Rule and no mistake about it," said Peggy. Then the Pracestant old lady shook her hoary head, and, with a sigh of resignation, replied: "Ah, well, one thing at any rate can ne-ver be said-that I did not fight again it till there was no use fight-ing any longer." And she felt hap-py in the approval of her political conscience.

FATHER WAS SLOW.

It did not happen to this town, but in the neighboring village not more than fifteen miles from Belfast, that an intelligent old man brought his paper to the keeper of the re-gister and sought for particulars as to his age. The book was searched

the savage them successively out of and nursed them successively out of desert fountain from which all mo-dern history flows and dropped into it the sweetening branch of Chris-tian truth and peace. It presided at the birth of art and literally gave the tradition into the young hands of

It the sweetening branch of Unris-tian truth and peace. It presided at the birth of art and literally gave its tradition into the young hands of color and design. Traces of its la-bors and of its versatile power over the human mind are scattered throughout the globe. It has con-secrated the memory of the lost et-ties of Africa, and given to Carthage a Christian as well as a classic re-nown. The mountains of Switzer-land have heard its vespers mingling with the cry of liberty and the re-quiem sung over the patriot graves. The convulsions of Asiatic history have failed to overthrow it: on the heights of Lebanen, on the plains of Armenia, either in the sectusion of the convent or amid the stir of po-pulation, the names of Jesus and Mary still ascended. It is not dif-ficult to understand the enthusiasm which this ancient and picturesque religion kindles in its disciples. To othe poor peasant who knows no other dignity it must be a proud thing to feel himself a member of a vast community that spreads from the Andes to the Indies; that has bid defiance to the vicinstitudes of the poor peasand whore them all: that beheld the transition from ancient to modern civilization, and itself forms the c.nmeeting link he-tween the old world in Evenes and the new: the missionary of the ma-tions, the associate of history, the patron of art, the vanguisher of the sword."

NOTICE.

The Institutes and the Curator named to the substitution created by an act of donation of the late Mauan act of donation of the late Mau-rice Gougeon to his children do hereby give notice that they will present to the Legislature of the Province of Quebec, at its next session, a Bill to ratify and render final between the Institutes and the substitutes a certain division of the said substitution, and to authorize each and every of the Institutes to sell by lot and by mutual consent, his or her interest in a certain pro-perty known as number one lundred and seventy-five (No. 175) of the civil plan of the parish of Montreal. already substituted by the deed above mentioned, without the neces-sary formalities required for the sale of substituted property and also for other purposes.

for other purposes. Montreal, December 21st; 1908.

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from this Department. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that at the next Session of the Le-gislature of the Province of Quebec, application will be made by Dame Catherine Mitcheson, widow of the late Stanley Clark Bagg, and Ro-bert Stanley Clark Bagg, Esquire, B.C.L., both of the sityMMM WM B.C.L., both of the city and district of Montreal, in their quality of exe-cutors under the last will and testa-ment of the late Stanley Clark Bagg, for an Act amending the Statute 38 Victoria, (Quebec), Chapter 94, and enlarging the powers of the Ex-cutors of the said Estate S. C. Bagg, and to provide for their reg-muneration, and for other purposes. Montreal, December 1st, 1908. HICKSON & CAMPBFIL, Attorneys for Applicants.

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