

JOTTINGS

Mr. William Brick, B.A., Principal of Regiopolis College, has resigned his position and gone to Los Angeles owing to ill-health.

A press cablegram from Rome intimates that a consistory will be held in July, when seven Cardinals will be created.

The distinguished Catholic historian, Mr. Martin J. Griffin, intends to compile a history entitled "Catholics and the American Revolution."

Mrs. Germain of Thorold, wife of Mr. W. Germain, M.P., for Welland, left Ottawa recently for Europe. She is accompanied by Mrs. Lynn.

Right Rev. Dr. Magennis, Bishop of Kilmore, died at his residence, Cullies House, Cavan, on May 15, in the 60th year of his age and the 19th of his episcopate.

At the marriage of Miss Inez Goodwin, to Senator Cloran at St. Joseph's Church, Ottawa, on June 5th, Miss Florence Goodwin was maid of honor, and Miss Irene Goodwin and Miss Cloran the bridesmaids. The ushers were Mr. Baskerville, Mr. D'Arcy McGee, Mr. Ormond Haycock and Mr. Louis Stone.

Mr. John Ryan, Provincial Bailiff, who was stricken with paralysis several weeks ago while at Kenora, arrived in the city last week in charge of a nurse and Provincial Bailiff Phillip Simser, and is now at his home, 223 Beverley street. He is making progress towards recovery.

Very Rev. Daniel Maher, one of the most distinguished members of the Order of St. Sulpice in America, and until recently president of the St. John's (Boston) Ecclesiastical Seminary, died on May 25th after an operation for brain tumor.

Lord Haddo, the eldest son of the Earl of Aberdeen, Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland, is engaged to be married to Mrs. Cockayne, whose first husband was a leading physician in Sheffield. Mrs. Cockayne, who has for some years been a friend of the Aberdeens, is great grand-niece of John Bunyan.

A distinguished convert received into the Church in Chicago last week was Capt. Dan Morgan Smith of the Seventh Regiment. Capt. Smith was baptized and confirmed by Rev. Edward Kelly, pastor of St. Cecilia's. During the Spanish war he served in the Third U. S. Volunteers. Capt. Smith is assistant corporation counsel of Chicago.

The Mission at the Uxbridge Catholic church last week was conducted by Rev. Father M. Bohn (of the Redemptorist Order) from Saratoga Springs. The services were well attended, at 5.30 and 9 a.m., and 7.30 p.m., each day. The preaching was plain and forcible. Among the principles sought to be impressed upon the people were good citizenship, observance of law and loyalty.

American priests, says an exchange, are very much interested in two recent decrees from Rome. The first extends the decree "Tametsi" on clandestine marriages to the whole of Germany, to parts of which it did not formerly apply. The second, from the Congregation of Rites, forbids any one not in the sacred orders to perform the functions of subdeacon at solemn high mass except in case of necessity, and then the privilege is extended only to those in minor orders or who have at least been admitted to first tonsure.

Knights of Columbus councils are making a good showing in the San Francisco relief work. Los Angeles Council contributed \$10,000, San Francisco Council, which had \$20,000 in its treasury for a building fund, voted the whole amount to the relief fund, a splendid act of charity and self-sacrifice. Detroit Council gave \$500; Indianapolis Council, \$500; Duquesne Council, \$250; Davenport Council, \$100; Cincinnati Council, \$500; Philadelphia Chapter levied an assessment on the Philadelphia councils to the total amount of \$5,000. Anaconda Council gave \$250. The State Council of Michigan presented by voluntary offering \$250 to the Catholic Church Extension Society.

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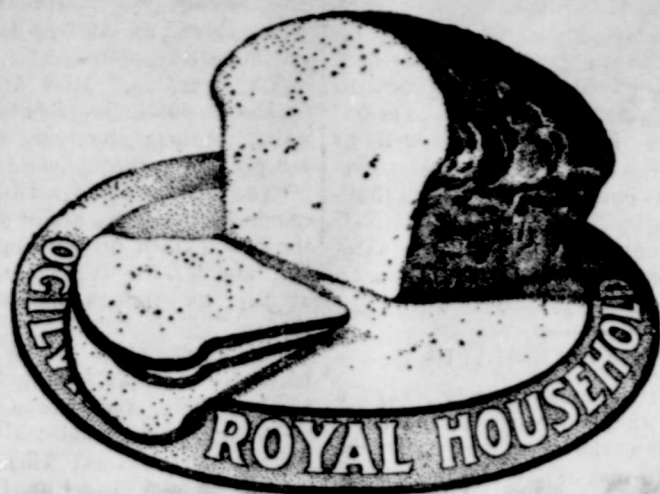
provinces they have recovered their losses in old Acadia. While they are driving the native Yankees from the soil and factories of New England, they are steadfastly more than any other people holding their own birthright on the old seignories of the St. Lawrence and the Ottawa. Yet they have sent their contingents wherever population moves to and hold their own wherever they advance.

The French Canadians formed the forerunners of civilization in Illinois and the Northwest. They were the first in Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, Indiana and Manitoba, and gave them their names. They were in Illinois before Jamestown or Plymouth were settled by the Saxons. They look forward to a national existence when the Puritans and the Quakers will be forgotten and when England may be receiving a visit from Macaulay's traveler from New Zealand to sketch the ruins of St. Paul's.

I have often heard it said that although the French occupied the valley of the Mississippi so long ago they never gave a great man to the country. Perhaps they have not been done justice to in this regard. It has set me thinking. But notwithstanding their long tenure of the country they never were numerous. They did the pioneering, the path-finding, the exploring, the fur hunting and largely the forest-felling and the first missionary work. The names of such men as those of Marquette, Joliet and La Salle are immortal. But let it not be forgotten that from that race of men sprang General Beaulieu, one of the most successful of Confederate generals; Pierre Soule, one of the most prominent of Southern statesmen in ante-bellum days; our greatest American ornithologist, Audubon, and Pierre Menard, Illinois' first Lieutenant-Governor. And there was Father Gibault, the patriotic priest of Kaskaskia, who aided General George Rogers Clark so effectively in winning the great Northwest from the British in 1788. Also Pierre Coteau, St. Louis' great merchant and man of wealth. How many valuable names of this class that may yet be hidden I cannot tell. At any rate the French are not lacking men of talent in the mother country down the great St. Lawrence, for they have there poets, orators and statesmen equal to any. And it is a proud thing for them to be able to assert that they have an orator and statesman that distances every other one in all of Britain's realms, and, mayhap, in Britain herself, too!

But, in lieu of great genius, I may be able to present to the view of my readers one of this race who possessed all the elements of a perfect man to uphold the honor and credit of his kind. I take it from Parkman's volume entitled "The California and Oregon Trail," being an account of a journey made by that well-known American author over the plains in 1846, and coming as it does from a native of New England, will be accepted as from no partial authority. The man he describes was his guide: "Delorier was a Canadian, with all the characteristics of the true Jean Baptiste. Neither fatigue, exposure, nor hard labor could ever impair his cheerfulness and gaiety, or his obsequious politeness to his bourgeois; and when night came he would sit down by the fire, smoke his pipe and tell stories with the utmost contentment. In fact, the prairie was his congenial element."

Henry Chatillon was of a different stamp. When we were at St. Louis several gentlemen of the fur company had kindly offered to procure for us a hunter and guide suited for our purposes, and on coming one afternoon to the office, we found there a tall and exceedingly well dressed man, with a face so open and frank that it attracted our notice at once. We were surprised when told this was he who wished to guide us to the mountains. He was born in a little French town near St. Louis, and from the age of fifteen years had been constantly in the neighborhood of the Rocky Mountains, employed for the most part by the company to supply their forts with buffalo meat. As a hunter he had but one rival in the whole region, a man named Cimoncau, with whom, to the honor of both of them, he was on the terms of the closest friendship. He had arrived at St. Louis the day before, from the mountains, where he had remained for four years; and he now only asked to go and spend a day with his mother before setting out on another expedition. His age was about thirty; he was six feet high and very gracefully and powerfully molded. The prairies had been his school; he could neither read nor write, but he had a natural refinement and delicacy of mind such as is very rarely found, even in women. His manly face was a perfect mirror of uprightness, simplicity and kindness of heart; and he had, moreover, a keen perception of character, and a tact that would preserve him from flagrant error in any society. Henry had not the restless energy of an Anglo-American. He was content to take things as he found them; and his chief fault arose from an excess of easy generosity, impelling him to give away too profusely ever to thrive in the world. Yet, it was commonly remarked of him that, whatever he might choose to do with what belonged to himself, the property of others was always safe in his hands. His bravery was as much celebrated in the mountains as his skill in hunting; but it is characteristic of him that in a country where the rifle is the chief arbiter between man and man Henry was very seldom involved in quarrels. Once or twice indeed, his quiet, good nature had been mistaken and presumed upon, but the consequences of the error were so formidable that no one was ever known to repeat it. No better evi-



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It is a matter of great gratification to Old-Timer to learn from the correspondent that I have referred to of the political and social progress of my own compatriots among the French-Canadians. It is a proud position—that of Chief Justice of the Dominion of Canada—for Mr. Fitzpatrick to obtain, and I hope he long may enjoy it. Mr. Fitzpatrick, although not an Irishman born, has never been backward in advocating the cause of his mother country in the Canadian Parliament. He was the orator of the day at St. Patrick's celebration in Quebec. But I am happy to say there are many others. I have been watching those Irish-Canadian statesmen from the days of Dominic Daley down to the present time and I feel proud of most of them.

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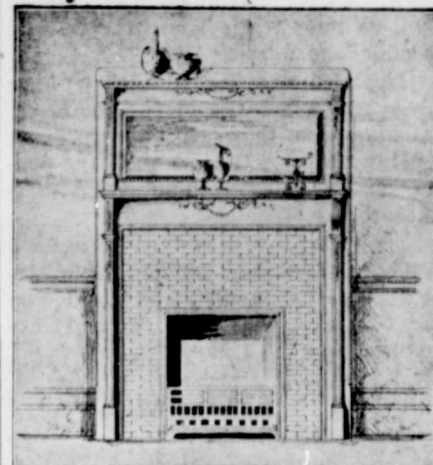


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