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NATIONAL COLONIZATION LOTTERY

Under the patronage of the Rev. Curé LABELLE. To aid the work of the Diocesan Colonization Societies of the Province of Quebec. Founded June, 1864, under authority of the Quebec Act, 22 Vic., Cap. 86.

CLASS D. THE TENTH MONTHLY DRAWING WILL TAKE PLACE ON WEDNESDAY, 21st of MARCH, 1888, at 2 o'clock P.M. Value of Prizes, \$60,000.

1st SERIES—VALUE OF PRIZES... \$30,000 CAPITAL PRIZE: A lot worth... 5,000 \$1.00 PER TICKET.

2nd SERIES—VALUE OF PRIZES... \$30,000 CAPITAL PRIZE: Real Estate... 1,000 25 cents PER TICKET.

ORDER FOR TICKETS. The holder of each winning number will be offered the amount drawn in cash, or a ticket for the same amount, at the option of the holder.

ITEMS OF INTEREST. It is a growing custom in Germany to place Christmas trees in the graves of children. On many of them are burning tapers and rich decorations.

A TRIBUTE OF SYMPATHY. The following resolutions were adopted at a recent meeting of branch 26 C.M.E.A.:—Whereas, God has been pleased to afflict our worthy and much esteemed vice-president, J. J. Curran, by the death of his affectionate and respected brother; be it

FRIENDS. Knowing the influence over our characters and prospects which friends must exert, we should be cautious whom we select to stand to us in so close a relation. Let us have for our friends one who makes others, not self, his first consideration—one who is joyful in hope, fervent in spirit, and who, while looking to the lamp of stainlessness, and helping others to strive after higher things, yet in meekness cries, "The good I would I do not; the evil that I would not, I do." And, when the time comes that the friend we have loved so well is taken from us, we may still hope to retain his influence; for, as Mr. Ruskin says, "Every noble life leaves the fibre of it interwoven forever in the work of the world."

ANSWERS. 82.—Yard. 83.—Nayan. (At the junction of the rivers Boyne and Blackwater, County Meath, Ireland.) 84.—A, 385; B, 271; C, 223; D, 187; the monkey; 5; least total, 1021. 85.—Choice-drawn. 86.—1 Drake, rake, 2 Fox, ox, 3 Grape, rape, ape. 87.—P rone S U cuse I U nite P I n d a n d S h r i m P 88.—Fly-leaf. 89.—Howl, owl, ow, O.

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A BABE IN THE HOUSE

Is the source of much sunshine and joy, brightening many a dark cloud and lightening many a heavy load—but joys continual abide only in a healthy body. The Creator with great wisdom has distributed over the earth vegetable remedies for every ill of human kind. This marvelous Laboratory reveals its secrets to man only by long and exacting labor. Few men have attained greater success than Dr. K. V. Pierce; nor devoted to suffering humanity a greater production than his Golden Medical Discovery, the unfailing remedy for consumption in its earlier stages, as well as for chronic nasal catarrh, scrofula, tumors and all blood disorders.

A skillful cook is the most popular of all interior decorators.

CATARRH IN NEW ENGLAND. ELY'S CREAM BALM. The best remedy for its purpose I have sold—John Hooker, druggist, Springfield, Mass.

An article of real merit—C. P. Alden, druggist, Springfield, Mass. I believe Ely's Cream Balm is the best article for catarrh ever offered the public. It has given satisfaction in every case—Bush & Co., druggists, Worcester, Mass.

The correct comes to stay and at the same time goes to wait.

A YELLOW WHITE MAN feels worse than he looks, but now that speedy cure has been found for jaundice and biliousness, the only excuse for a white man resembling a Chinaman, Pain's Cherry Compound at once restores the liver to healthy action, and always cures these diseases.

A leaf of her story is often more interesting than a page of his story.

HOUSEHOLD ECONOMY. Many a year can be saved by the use of Diamond Dyes. They color anything any color. One to four pounds of cotton and woolen goods readily and easily colored with one package. 33 colors. 10 cents each. Direction book free.

"This is a jaw full of occasion," said the man who had just got a set of teeth.

WILL BE FULLY MET. Indications of Dyspepsia, such as Sour Stomach, Heartburn, Sick Headache, Rising and Spurring of Food, Wind on the Stomach, or Choking and Gnauling sensation at the pit of the stomach, are fully met by Burdock Blood Purifier, which has cured the worst cases on record.

The hour hand of a clock is probably regarded by the minute hand as the "left" hand.

HOME HINTS. Mrs. Robert Williamson, of Glenilla, Terry Sound, Ont., says: "I could not keep house without Hagyard's Yellow Oil on hand. I have used it in my family for Croup, Sore Throat and a cut foot, and can highly recommend it to everybody."

If the gallows is the instrument of death, what is the accordion?

DEWINTE VARNISH. Neglected coughs and colds so frequently produce serious results as to constitute a death warrant. There is no better, safer or more pleasant remedy for Coughs, Bronchitis, Sore Throat, Colds and all throat and lung troubles than Hagyard's Yellow Oil.

A Williamsport physician says that money in his "coughers."

MOTHERS! Castoria is recommended by physicians for children teething. It is a purely vegetable preparation, its ingredients are published abroad in each bottle. It is pleasant to taste and absolutely harmless. It cleanses the bowels, cures diarrhoea and wind colic, always feverishness, soothes the child and gives it refreshing and natural sleep. Castoria is the children's panacea—the mother's friend. 35 doses, 25 cents.

Spreading of the coal business, let us keep cool. It is quite easier and much cheaper.

THE MARCH WINDS SOON WILL BLOW. With hopes of spring weather soon coming, thoughts turn to more favored climes down South, and the 214th grand monthly and the extraordinary quarterly drawing of The Louisiana State Lottery at New Orleans on Tuesday (always Tuesday) March 13th, when the First Capital Prize will be \$300,000, etc., etc. Full information desired can be had on an application to M. A. Dauphin, New Orleans, La.

The farther a man gets away from a dollar the bigger it looks.

FITS: All Fits stopped free by Dr. King's Great Nerve Restorer. No Fits after first day's use. Marvellous cures. Treatise and \$2.00 trial bottle free to Fit cases. Send to Dr. King, 931 Arch St., Phila. Pa. 24-0

Flourishing business—Ornamental penmanship.

Jabesh Somo, Gunning Cove, N.S., writes:—"I was severely prostrated with the asthma, but hearing of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil I procured a bottle, and it done me so much good that I got another, and before it was used, I was able to get on my feet. It goes like wild-fire, and makes cures wherever it is used."

A good deed—One conveying you fifty thousand pounds' worth of real estate.

One or two bottles of Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery will purify the blood, remove dyspepsia, and drive away that extreme itching which causes so much distress to the industrious and persons of sedentary habits. Mr. W. E. Ellis, druggist, Fenelon Falls, writes: "The Vegetable Discovery is selling well and giving good satisfaction."

The hotel patron must be a Christian who will see a waiter after the fellow has poured a dish of hot soup down his back.

Do not delay in getting relief for the little folks. Mother's Great Nerve Restorer is a pleasant and sure cure. If you love your child, why do you let it suffer when a remedy is so near at hand."

Proud hearts and lofty mountains are always barren.

The coughing and wheezing of persons troubled with bronchitis or the asthma is effectively relieved by the medicinal and anodyne called Ely's Cherry Compound. It is a medicine which, entirely, safely and speedily, and is a benign remedy for lameness, soreness, injuries, piles, kidney and spinal troubles.

Call to little Bobby? Bobby, what makes your eyes so bright? Bobby (after a little thought): "I don't see 'em; I ain't had 'em in very long."

Best Pills—Mr. Wm. Vandervoort, Sydney Crossing, Ont., writes:—"We have been using Parole's Pills, and find them far the best Pills we ever used." Parole's Pills are a combination of the most powerful and effectual cathartic, taken in small doses, the effect is both tonic and stimulant, mildly exciting the action of the body, giving vigor and