

# ITEMS OF INTEREST

## CONFIRMATION AT ST. PATRICK'S.

On Thursday, May 10, the sacrament of Confirmation was administered by the Right Rev. Bishop Racicot to 194 candidates, ten of whom were adult converts.

## ST. PATRICK'S PILGRIMAGE.

As announced by the pastor of St. Patrick's, the annual pilgrimage to the shrine of Ste. Anne de Beaupre will take place on July 21, under the direction of Rev. Jas. Killoran, who is untiring in his efforts to make it as great a success as former years.

## ALABAMA MINSTRELS.

Under the auspices of St. Gabriel's Y. M. S., the Alabama Minstrels will entertain to-night and to-morrow, the 17th and 18th inst., in Sarsfield Hall. The programme has been well gotten up and reflects great credit on the young men having it in charge. We trust bumper houses will greet the talent taking part and thus show a live interest in this very worthy organization.

## PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

The Rev. Abbes Thomas G. Rouleau, principal of Laval Normal School, of Quebec, and Nazaire Dubois, principal of the Jacques Cartier Normal School, of Montreal, and Messrs. John Ahern, professor of the Laval Normal School, Quebec, and Joseph P. V. Desaulniers, principal of the Belmont School, Montreal, are gazetted as new members of the Catholic Committee of the Council of Public Instruction.

## DOMINICANS' ANNIVERSARY.

Services were held in the Church of Notre Dame de Grace on Tuesday on the occasion of the triple anniversary celebrated by the Dominican Fathers in charge of that church. The events were the fiftieth anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. Father Cormier, Superior-General of the Order; the twenty-fifth anniversary of the establishment of the Third Order of St. Dominic in Montreal; and the twenty-fifth anniversary of the entrance of the four first members of the order in Montreal. Lady Jette, wife of the Lieutenant-Governor, is one of these four.

## IRISH HISTORY EXAMINATION.

An oral examination in Irish history took place at St. Patrick's School a few days ago, presided over by the Rev. Martin Callaghan. With him was a representative of the lady Hibernians, which organization had offered a prize in the form of a gold Celtic cross, open to pupils of all English-speaking schools of the city. St. Patrick's girls school, however, was the only one which competed. The prize was equally merited by the Misses Rose Smith, Kathleen Carpenter, Bridget Curran and Ellen Lukeman, the last named winning by a draw.

## ARMY CHAPLAIN HONORED.

(Semaine Religieuse.)

The British Government has just decorated with one of the highest orders a Catholic chaplain attached to the garrison at Gibraltar. This garrison, composed almost entirely of Irish Catholic soldiers, is provided with a chaplain according to an established custom. The Rev. Father Collins, who is fifty years of age, is now graded as a colonel in the British army. He is a very learned man, speaking quite fluently nine languages, including Arabian, which he learned in the Sudan campaign. Many heroic incidents are told of him. At the battle of Tofrek, near Suakin, the British were surprised in the bush by a sudden Arab attack. There was immediate disorder. At the same time an Indian regiment started firing on the British, whom they had taken for the enemy, notwithstanding the repeated bugle call to cease fire. Father Collins volunteered to go before the Indian regiment to check their mistake. General MacNeill consented, and the chaplain crossed the ball-swept plain. Thanks to a watchful Providence he escaped unhurt, and when he returned to his regiment, having accomplished his mission, he was made the object of an enthusiastic ovation on the part of the British soldiers.

## ST. JOSEPH'S HOME.

Rockville, Conn., May 13th, 1906.

Rev. Dear Friend:  
I enclose offering of five dollars which will buy a bed in honor of good St. Ann for St. Joseph's Home. Kindly ask the little chap who will occupy it to pray for her, and call it St. Ann's bed. Hoping the little shaver will enjoy many sweet dreams in it, and with best wishes for yourself, I remain,

Sincerely your friend,

F. N. STOUTON.

Father Holland says that if he had a few more of this kind in his mail the boys would not be long lying on the present makeshifts.

The first bed was presented in honor of St. Francis by Mr. John O'Neill, and the third in honor of St. Patrick by Mr. Patrick Ford, editor of the Irish World, New York.

The following sums have also been received during the week and are most gratefully acknowledged: Mr. James Young, Mr. J. Hoolahan and a friend, one dollar each; M. J. Walsh, M.P.P., three dollars; Mr. Harrington, two dollars; Miss Burns, fifty cents; Mr. Metcalfe and Miss K. Gallery sent each a setting hen and eggs to hatch; Mrs. Laprairie, a setting of black Minorca eggs; Mrs. Daly, one parcel and Miss Gilmour two parcels of clothing.

Spring housecleaning is nearly done at the Home, and the aspect has changed considerably for the better. There are now twenty-two wards under the care of the Misses Brennan, ten of whom are attending school. A meeting was held last Sunday evening under the chairmanship of Hon. Justice Curran and enough names were subscribed to warrant an application for a charter to open a new court of the C. M.B.A. This will be formed of the old boys from the Catholic Immigration Association and the working wards of the Home.

## MR. M. J. QUINN, MECHANICAL SUPERINTENDENT PUBLIC WORKS, ONTARIO GOVERNMENT, RESIGNS.

The resignation of Mr. M. J. Quinn, Mechanical Superintendent of the Provincial Public Works Department, Toronto, Ont., which went in two weeks ago, has just been accepted, though reluctantly, by the Government, as expressed in a letter highly complimentary to the position held by the late Mechanical Superintendent in the minds of the Minister of Public Works and his colleagues generally. In the words of Dr. Reame, Minister of Public Works, Mr. Quinn is "a good man, clever in his profession and a splendid worker," and the fact is recognized and appreciated. He is now with the R. J. Cluff Co., Lombard St., representing the firm of Warden, King & Son, Montreal, the oldest firm representing heating goods in Canada. Messrs. Warden, King & Son, Ltd., are manufacturers of the improved "Daisy" Hot Water Heater, which is to-day acknowledged the best furnace on the market. The "Daisy" Furnace has the preference every time, when in competition, and is most invariably selected for installation in religious institutions throughout Canada. With this firm the scientific part of the business of heating, ventilating and air purifying will now be the special work of Mr. Quinn. Though not yet 32 years of age, Mr. Quinn was in the employ of the Government for 20 years, beginning when a young boy as assistant plumber, working with his tools for ten years until appointed Sanitary Inspector, to which office that of Mechanical Superintendent has for some years been added. Mr. Quinn is known and esteemed throughout the Province. He is a nephew of the late Hon. Christopher Fraser, and son of the late Thos. Quinn, Bursar of the Central Prison. As a worker in the C.M.B.A. and other societies he is prominent. His conferees at the Parliament Buildings part with him with extreme regret.

## PERSONAL.

Rev. Robert Fitzhenry, attached to the Cathedral of Ennis, Wexford, and Mr. J. Donahoe, one of the leading men of Wexford, have just been in the city. They visited the principal schools of the parish and expressed themselves as delighted beyond all measure with the splendid system of education enjoyed by our Irish Catholic girls and boys.

To assist in carrying out the policy of progress and economy inaugurated by the Minister of Railways and Canals and his deputy, Mr. M. J. Butler, the Dominion Government has appointed Mr. John Murphy, B.E. of Ottawa, consulting electrical engineer.

## FAVORS UNIFORM LESSONS.

### Catholic School Board Fix New Scale of Teachers' Salaries.

At the meeting of the Catholic School Commissioners on Tuesday afternoon a letter was read from the Hon. Lomer Gouin, Premier of Quebec, on the question of uniform text books for the Catholic schools of Montreal. The letter was, in part, as follows:

"I have examined, with care, the question of law which you have submitted in your letter of April 12, and I am of the opinion that the by-laws and regulations of the Catholic Committee of the Council of Public Instruction make it necessary for you to demand that in all schools under your control only one set of authorized text books be used. Since the receipt of your letter, two members of your commission have told me that the adoption of one set of text books for all the schools would have the effect of placing in the hands of boys, or in the hands of girls, certain books which would not be suitable for them. That is an altogether different question, and I hope to have an opportunity of discussing it later with the members of the commission."

Discussion regarding the letter of the Provincial Premier was postponed until the next sitting of the commission.

A report of the sub-committee on the increase of the teachers' salaries was finally adopted. This report fixes the minimum salary for teachers, with an elementary diploma, at \$800; for teachers with a model diploma at \$1000, and for teachers with an academy diploma at \$1200. The reservation was made that teachers with ten years' service, or more, will not be required to hold an academy diploma in order to have a right to the maximum salary of \$1200.

The commissioners did not see their way to adopt the motion of Mr. Semple, which, in part, made provision for the salaries of the seven principals of the schools being raised from \$1500 to \$1700.

The commissioners heard representations from publishers of school books, who pointed out what their position would be if the new proposal were adopted and the work given to them in the past, as publishers, in this line, ceased. The assurance was given that the circumstances would be fully considered and justice would be done if any loss resulted.

## CATHOLIC SAILORS' CONCERT.

As time goes on and years succeed one another, the Sailors' concert are certainly growing in public favor and well-earned popularity. Last evening's entertainment, although yet quite early in the season, certainly points to a very successful and pleasant series of events for the year just opening. The concert was given by the Young Men's Musical Union of the city. The choir was occupied for the evening by Mr. McGovern.

The programme was an especially well executed one, bringing out, as it did, much well-cultivated and interesting talent. Special mention is certainly due to Miss Drury, who, in a well-cultivated, deep alto voice treated the audience to two very fine songs. The comic recitations of Mr. John Walsh, the flute solo of Mr. Lynch, and the singing of Messrs. Dixon, Flynn, Grimes and Gorman; the grand production of the Quintette Club, the card tricks of Mr. Weir, and the parts taken by seamen Gannon, Griffin and Flynn, all contributed to make the evening in every way pleasing and highly agreeable. On the whole, it is gratifying to notice that with the return of summer the old institution is again taking its place so favorably among our cherished landmarks and we hope that this season will shine forth as one of the most favored that it has been in our power to record.

## MONTREAL WHOLESALE PRICES

May 16, 1906.

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, \$1.80 to \$1.90; extra, in bags, \$1.85 to \$1.95.

Rolled Oats—\$2.00 to \$2.10 per bags 90 or 98 lbs.

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, 41c per bushel; No. 3, 40c; No. 4, 39c.

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, 8c 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, 7c to 8c; Canadian pure lard, 11c to 12c; kettle rendered, 12c to 13c; hams, 13c to 15c, according to size; breakfast bacon, 17c to 18c; Windsor bacon, 15c to 16c; fresh killed abattoir dressed hogs, \$10.25; alive, \$7.50 to \$7.75 per hundred pounds.

Eggs—New laid, 15c to 16c per dozen.

Butter—Choicest creamery, 20c to 20½c.

Cheese—Colored, 10c to 11c; white, 11c to 11½c.

Asbes—First pots, \$5.25 to \$5.37; seconds, \$4.75; thirds, \$3.70; pearls, \$6.50 to \$6.75 per hundred pounds.

## DAIRY PRODUCE.

Local cheese values are firmly held, and there seems to be an upward tendency with the recent strength on the country boards. White cheese is quoted to-day at 11c to 11½c, and colored at 10c to 11c.

The active consumptive demand is having a bullish effect on the local butter market, and the fact that there is a fair export trade in progress is also a strengthening feature. The best grades of creamery are held to-day at 20c to 20½c per lb.

## COUNTRY PRODUCE.

There is no change in the situation on the egg market to-day, and the active enquiry is keeping prices firm at 15c to 16c per dozen. Some dealers have begun packing operations, but prices are too high to encourage much activity in that line.

Maple products are steady, though the demand is rather limited, and syrup is quoted at 60c to 65c per tin. Sugar is worth 8c to 10c.

Beans are quiet and firm at \$1.65 to \$1.70 per bushel for prime 3 pound pickles in small lots and \$1.60 in a jobbing way.

## OBITUARY.

### MR. WILLIAM DONNELLY.

The death occurred on Sunday evening, 25th March, of Mr. William Donnelly, at Notre Dame Hospital, after a painful operation. He was a native of St. Brigid, Itherville Co., and was 69 years, 9 months and 11 days. He was a man of sound religious principles, a devout Catholic, and always contributed according to his means. By his kind and genial ways he made hosts of friends, by whom he will be remembered for a long time.

The funeral service was held in the parish church of St. Brigid, on the 28th, at nine o'clock, and was largely attended. Rev. Father Polan, from Ste. Therese College, officiated, assisted by Father St. Pierre, parish priest, as deacon, and Father Trautau as sub-deacon. In the choir was present Rev. Father Balthazar, formerly parish priest of St. Brigid. The remains were interred in the family plot, where lay those of his wife and nine children, none surviving. The deceased was a subscriber of the True Witness for a number of years. R.I.P.

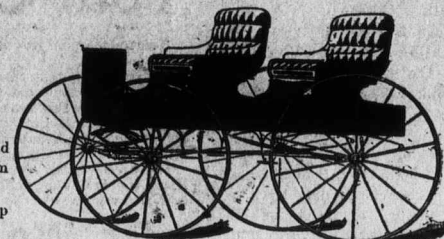
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## Carnegie Offers Aid.

A Kankakee, Ill., special says that St. Viator's College at Bourbonnais, which was recently destroyed by fire, has received an offer from Andrew Carnegie of a donation of \$32,000 toward the work of rebuilding, provided a similar sum is raised by the college.

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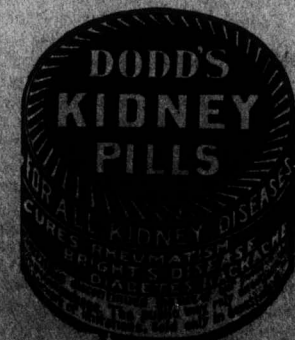
Archbishop Seton, in his recent lecture, "The Irish in America," delivered at the Irish college, Rome, Italy, related the following story of Irish faith and devotion:

"One beautiful moonlight night in the year 1796 Mrs. Seton, his grandmother, saw from the window of her residence on the seacoast a crowd of people disembark from a sailing vessel which had just arrived. They made up 237 men, women and children, all Irish, who, as it afterward transpired, had sailed four and a half months previously from Drogheda. No sooner had they touched land than they all formed a circle about a venerable-looking old man, whose white hair fell down his back, and, falling upon their knees on the sands, they thanked God long and earnestly for their deliverance. Then, drawing strings of beads from their pockets, they prayed first in a tongue she had never heard before, afterward in the English language. The sight of that poor band never left Mrs. Seton's mind, and she shortly afterward became a Catholic."

## Landmark Saved.

Mission Dolores Church, the oldest building in San Francisco, erected 130 years ago by the Spanish missionaries, survived the shocks and was saved from the fire. It is constructed of adobe blocks. The newer church, built of brick, alongside of the old building, suffered from the earthquake.

Goethe said that a party leader was never more than a corporal. But what is a corporal who takes the countersign from sentinels?



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