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THE MAYORALTY.

The opportunity is once more presented to place an Irish-Catholic in the position of Chief Magistrate of the City of Montreal. There seems to be a pretty unanimous opinion about it. Our French-Canadian and English-speaking Protestant leaders admit the time is due. Mayor Laporte has been a most acceptable representative of all classes of citizens, though he became Mayor as a representative French-Canadian. An Irish-Catholic going into office with a distinctive claim will in turn be found the dignified and impartial representative of all the citizens of Montreal. It is a good custom, and it is well to see it honored all round in the observance.

At the present time the Irish Catholics of Montreal can supply a choice of representative citizens. The choice, however, must be confined to one, and the first requisite of unity in regard to that choice is up to the Irish Catholics themselves. Senator Cloran is in the field.

JUDGE SICOTTE'S RULING.

Judge Sicotte has decided a point of law in favor of Pierre Gauthier in connection with the Ville St. Louis Salvation Army disturbances. The Judge has undoubtedly given a reasonable ruling. The accused was not a disturber, but was permitted to speak to those assembled in the hall. The sequel of the decision, however, like the result of the incidents of September 6, may be to advertise to a sympathizing public outside the militant efforts of the Salvation Army in Catholic Montreal. The disturbance of the meeting is therefore all the more to be condemned by Catholic as well as Protestant citizens. Catholics have no call to go near any Salvation Army gathering. They have no missionary work to perform there. Catholics are not proselytizing agents copying Salvation Army ideals. There is no city in America from which the appearances of religious intolerance and sectarian roughness are so continually absent as Montreal. And the reason of this happy condition of things is the championship of the faith is best understood by those who are faithfully united in the Church permitting others to perform their own peculiar religious exercises undisturbed. It is to be hoped that we have heard the last of the Ville St. Louis affair.

ANOTHER ORANGE KICK.

When the Orangeman kicks it is generally an interesting stunt. Once he threatened to kick the crown of the head of the late Queen Victoria. Her Majesty, of course, was in no way remarkable for height. Besides, the Orangemen knew the police would not allow it. So that nothing came of the boast. Once also the Orangemen of Canada imagined they could compel a representative of the Queen to enter the city of Kingston under an Orange arch. On that occasion likewise there was nothing doing. The event did not come off. Last week we were told that the Orangemen would not meet Earl Grey in Winnipeg unless they were given a place near the head of the procession beside the band wagon. The Earl would not change the programme and the minstrelsy of the Boyne Water was not heard in the land that day. The banner of King William was draped.

The trouble with the Orange brethren is that they are not progressive. They live too much in the past and are trying to perpetuate Portadown traditions in the new world of the 20th century.

The Crown of the Causeway in road or street
And the Papishes put under my feet
was all very well for Portadown or even Toronto of the fifties. But the tune won't charm any longer. The Orangeman in Canada is no longer a danger. He is generally a nuisance and always a joke. Is it not nearly time for him to quit?

NEWSPAPER TALK.

Our French-Canadian contemporaries have been giving us the affirmative and negative sides of a proposal to constitute in the Canadian Parliament a Catholic Centre party. The discussion will give a new theme to their Orange conferees up in Ontario, so that the declaration of another newspaper war is imminent. The Catholic membership of the Canadian Commons and Senate bears not the least resemblance to a third party. True, it is a religious minority; but it cannot be said to be conscious of the fact. Again, if it were organized for independent action, government in this country would become impossible. The essential motive in organizing a Catholic Centre party is to create a balance of power to disarm at least one hostile force. There is no force in the Parliament of Canada hostile to Catholics except the Orangemen, who are not a respectable minority, but as the Cosacks of the Tory party, amenable at all times to control and obedient to the party whip.

Catholic unity is a wholly different thing from a Catholic political party. Catholic unity looks to the harmony not of Catholics alone but of the community at large. If French-Canadians are united among themselves so much the better. If they are also united with their English Catholic brethren, so much more the better. They will contribute thus to the general harmony. A united household is never a nuisance in any neighborhood. Let Catholics, both French and English-speaking, live in amity among themselves; and they may well do so, since they have little cause to fear their Protestant neighbors. It is absurd to talk of a Catholic party in the Canadian Parliament. There is nothing in the constitution to agitate against, and there is no administrative peril to face.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

At the annual conference of the Catholic Truth Society of England, held in Blackburn last week, the Archbishop of Westminster delivered an address on the Catholic attitude on the Education question. He said if it was true that the prospective Liberal Government were to repeal or manipulate the Education Acts in a manner calculated to destroy the Catholic character of Catholic schools, that they were in the presence of a crisis more serious than any they had hitherto had to face. They must in

that event adhere to the principles of the past, and insist on definite religious instruction in their schools without lot or hindrance. There must be equal treatment for all denominations.

The French Freemasons have published a manifesto in which they completely endorse the system of delation, or spying and informing on army officers who go to Mass, and whose children are educated in Catholic schools. All liberal-minded persons, all men of honorable character, enemies even to the Church, have branded as despicable the delation and fitches or confidential reports of Masons, who were either military men or civilians. Their action is, however, defended by the Grand Orient. Deputy Lafferre in the Chamber last year, said, as a Mason, that the Republic belonged to the brotherhood, and that the Masons would defend it by every means in their power, even including delation. What a tribute to the traditional honor of France!

Col. John MacDonnell, of Ballinlig, Glengariff, in County Antrim, the last male representative of his branch of an old Celtic family that remained staunch and true to the old Catholic faith, died last week. When his father, Randal MacDonnell, died fifty years ago, aged 82, the Illustrated London News, of September 2, 1854, stated that he was the fifth son of John MacDonnell, of Glengariff, whose grandfather, Coll, retired there, after the death of his father, the celebrated General Sir Alexander, who commanded Lord Antrim's Irish under the Duke of Montrose in Scotland. The writer adds that the MacDonnells of Glengariff are descended from the Lords of the Isles, who were allied by ties of blood and marriage with the Stuarts, Kings of Scotland.

Monsieur Hoyak, the Maronite Patriarch, has informed the representative of the Paris Temps that the Maronites had been attached to France for five centuries and that their protectorate was still dear to them. France could count on them, but their protectorate must be active and effective. Financial assistance was only of secondary importance. The essential thing was prestige. The Maronites had not listened and would not listen to proposals from any other Power, but it was essential that France should show them that her protection was still of value. The Patriarch said it was not for him to criticize the domestic policy of France, but he could not help noticing the fact that other creeds profited by that policy to the utmost. Nothing, however, was irreparable. He did not know what the consequences of the rupture of the Concordat between France and the Vatican would be as regarded French influence outside of Lebanon, but he emphasized the fact that the object of his visit was to attract the attention of France to the Maronites.

THE LATE MR. STEPHEN TOBIN.

The remains of the late Mr. Stephen Tobin were laid to rest yesterday at Cote des Neiges. The deceased was at one time Mayor of Halifax, in fact so popular was he with his fellow-citizens that they elected him for three terms. He was educated at the Jesuit College of Stonyhurst, studying French later in France. He had pleasant memories of a great military review at St. Cyr, in honor of Emperor Napoleon III, who had just been married to the beautiful Eugenie de Montijo, and the Nova Scotia boy, who had been a guest of Marshall Canrobert, also attended a ball which the town gave to the then powerful Emperor and his Spanish bride.

His health had been failing for some time, hence his removal to the Home for Incurables, Notre Dame de Grace, where he ended peacefully on Tuesday. The funeral service was held on Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock, in the chapel of the hospital. Messrs. Thos. E. Kenny, of Halifax; Dr. D. A. Hingston, Roderick MacKinnon, Austin Mosher, R. A. Smith, John Meagher and John M. Quinn followed the remains to the grave.

WAIT AND SEE!

It is Not Well to Exploit the Catholicity of Prominent Persons Until They Have Proved It.

(From the Casinet.)

There is a regrettable tendency on the part of some Catholic journals to claim as Catholics those who have even a distant affiliation with the Church, if they happen to be people of prominence. A few years ago they made quite an ado over the Dutch-French novelist, Huysmans. His books, written before his conversion, had been so putrid that it would have been wiser to wait to see what he wrote next. If they did so, they would have praised him very gingerly. At present they are quoting, one after another, an article which he wrote about Lourdes, but they feel obliged to leave out one or two sentences in which he indicates his dissatisfaction that heaven does not work such an overwhelming miracle as to restore an amputated leg. Thus spoke the Jews when they said: "Come down from the cross and we will believe you." The same journals were delighted with Myra Kelly's school stories, because she was the daughter of an Irish Catholic. Yet it was plain to any careful reader of the stories that the writer was not a Catholic. And her marriage in a Lutheran church the other day sets the matter at rest. When Thomas F. Walsh's son, Vinson—we wonder if he was christened Vincent,—was killed in an automobile accident recently, and buried with Protestant Episcopal services, the same papers lamented that "poor Tom" had been led away by a mixed marriage. As a matter of fact, the Colorado millionaire makes no pretensions to be, or ever to have been, a Catholic. While John W. McKay was alive, he was often referred to by the Catholic press as "one of us." We know his wife had the priest at his deathbed, but as we never heard of his being connected with any Catholic movement during his life, we preferred not to boast of him. When his son and successor in business got married, the same papers, or some of them, said his wife was going to become a Catholic. Now they are loud in their indignation because she refused to contribute to the parochial school, and said she believed "Romanist schools" to be the curse of the country. Some, at least, of the indignation might be reserved for the woman who exposed herself and her co-religionists to such a snub from one whose religion she knew nothing about. We do not believe in assuming every one guilty till proved innocent, but we do believe in assuming no one to be a Catholic because their father or mother, husband or wife, is one; let them prove their own Catholicity by their acts. If an actress is presenting a play which no respectable Catholic woman would go to, let us assume that this actress is not a Catholic, or at least let us say nothing about her. Sarah Bernhardt says she is a Catholic; our journals never refer to her as such, and they are right. But they do claim other actresses of inferior talent, whose plays differ from those of the great tragedienne only in the lesser degree of their salaciousness. Less unwise is it to eulogize Thomas F. Ryan or the King of Spain; yet we should like to be sure that the former is not one of the pirates of Frenzy Finance, and the latter is going to be a better man than his father before intoning any paeans in their honor. To acclaim a boy of nineteen as a great Catholic sovereign because he behaved as any well-instructed Catholic would do in Notre Dame or Westminster, seems to us to be going beyond the limits of prudence, to say the least.

SIGN OF THE TIMES IN ITALY.

For the first time in thirty-five years a Cardinal Archbishop has been invited to bless an Italian warship. His Grace of Naples performed the ceremony a few weeks ago. The Duke of Aosta was present to represent the King. A brother of Victor Emmanuel stood for the House of Savoy. Evidently His Majesty wants his battleships launched under proper auspices. This incident is worth remembering as it is the first time that an ecclesiastic of Rome has been pressed into such a service since the unification of Italy.

Knowledge is likely to mean disillusionment in some degree. We adults see the world with sober eyes because we know so much. The children are happier; to them the gilt and glitter of a pageant is real gold; the woods are alfalfa, and the light comes in at the window every morning just for them.—Dorothy Fenimore.

AS FASCINATING AS A NOVEL, AS ALIVE AS HUMOR AND PATHOS CAN MAKE IT.

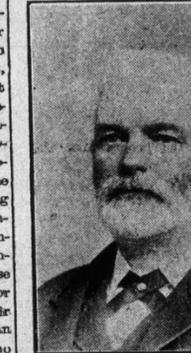
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OBITUARY.

MR. JOHN KANE.

The death occurred of Mr. John Kane, at his residence, 38 Donegan street, on Wednesday evening, the 4th of October. Although he had been ailing for some time past, his death came suddenly, but he was well prepared. The late Mr. Kane was born in Ireland in 1837 and came to Montreal with his parents when eight years of age. He received his education from the Christian Brothers of this city, and by his own industry started business on Notre Dame street west, which he carried on successfully until ten years ago, when he retired. The deceased was a valued member of St. Ann's Church and was for several years a trustee of the parish. Mr. Kane was a devoted husband and a loving father, and he was highly esteemed by a large circle of friends and acquaintances. He was kind-hearted and charitable, honest and upright. His death is a severe blow to his two surviving daughters, who only nine months ago had to mourn the loss of their loving mother. The funeral,



MR. JOHN KANE.

which was largely attended, took place at St. Ann's Church on Saturday at 9 o'clock, where a solemn requiem was said. Rev. Father Reitelveld, C.S.S.R., received the body, and also sang the Mass, with Rev. Father Vanbendene as deacon and Rev. Father Holland as sub-deacon. In the sanctuary were Rev. Father Rioux, C.S.S.R., rector, and Rev. Father Perrier, of the Archbishop's Palace, and the acolytes and Christian Brothers. The church was heavily draped, the many lights around the large catafalque and the altar, relieving the sombre appearance. The choir rendered the Requiem Mass impressively. At the end of the service they sang "Nearer, My God, to Thee." At the Cote des Neiges Cemetery Rev. Father Trudel, C.S.S.R., officiated. May his soul rest in peace.

MR. MICHAEL WILLIAMS.

The death occurred of Mr. Michael Williams, after an illness of only a few hours. On Sunday morning he was stricken with apoplexy, and despite the best medical attendance and loving care he passed away on Monday night, the 18th ult., fortified by the rites of the holy Catholic Church of which he was a devoted member. The deceased was one of the most respected residents of Read, and was a true friend and good neighbor, and his death is universally regretted. He was a native of Ireland, being born in Palacé Kenry, County Limerick, in the year 1830. In 1837 he came with his parents to Canada, and settled on the 5th concession of Tyendinaga. He subsequently married Miss White, of Marysville, and then located on a farm on the 6th concession, where he has since resided. He has been a subscriber and reader of the True Witness for nearly forty years. Deceased leaves a widow and seven children, four boys and three girls, to mourn the loss of a loving husband and father. The funeral, which was one of the largest ever seen in this vicinity, took place on Wednesday to St. Charles Church, where a solemn requiem Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father McCarthy, after which the remains were laid in the family plot. Deceased was a life-long Liberal, and was well known in political circles. His sudden death has cast a gloom over the neighborhood, and the family have the sympathy of the entire community in their sad bereavement. R. I. P.

JOSEPH CHARLES REYNOLDS.

The funeral of Mr. Joseph Charles Reynolds, son of Mr. P. Reynolds, of the City and District Savings Bank, took place Sunday afternoon from the family residence, 180 St. James street, and was largely attended. In the funeral cortege were the members of the Knights of Columbus and the members of Branch 26, C.M.B.A., the deceased being a member of both organizations.

The chief mourners were Messrs. P. Reynolds, father; W. P. Doyle and E. F. Butler, brothers-in-law; M. E. Field, uncle; W. Field and Fred. Field, cousins; Lieut. Thos. Holland, J. Sheehan; Thos. Butler, F. Butler, P. Doyle, J. E. Doyle and Joseph Doyle.

In the funeral cortege were: Rev. Bro. Henry, Hon. L. O. Tullon, Mr. A. P. Levesque, ex-Sub-Chief Jackson, ex-Ald. Tamsey, Dr. Harrison, Hon. Justice Purcell, Capt. Doolan; Messrs. W. E. Doreau, John Fallon, H. Tri-

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ITEMS OF

MONTH OF THE
October is always
and most enjoyable
months in this coun-
try are generally mag-
nificent, light and
of sunshine, light and
sired than those that
to the gaze now, w
and golden colors
leaves? To the Ca-
October has other char-
with which nature is
lightful days. It is
apart by Catholic
Lady of the Rosary
dian Angels.

Next Sunday after-
noon meeting of St. Ge-
Society will be held.

Tuesday morning
requiem service was
Franciscan Church for
the souls of deceased

Rev. Father Martin
pastor of St. Patrick's
the sermon at the de-
Michael's Church, Bel-
Sunday next.

Rev. Dr. Luke Callan
confined to his room
Dion for some days,
vere attack of grippe
and returned to the
morning.

The concert to be
day evening at St. M-
Craig and Panet str-
the organ fund of St.
promises to be a great
gold rings are to be
ward for the ticket s-

At St. Agnes Church
morning the second
gulum service was off-
repose of the soul of
Father McDermott.
was Rev. Father M. C.
St. Patrick's, assisted
ther Fahey, St. Gabri-
and Rev. Father Cullin
as sub-deacon.

MORE MISSIO-
Three Redemptorist
ed lately from Belg-
gone to Brandon, and
go to Ste. Anne de Be-

CHANGES AMONG
Rev. Father R. E. C.
Michael's, has been tra-
Agnes Parish, and
Singleton, of St. Agn-
Michael's. Both curates
ed to the congregation
tors last Sunday.

REHEARSAL OF
TURE'S MA-
On Sunday evening
and Benediction, the
James Cathedral gave
Prof. Couture's new
which is a composition
The music of this Mas-
with the new chant as
His Holiness Pope Piu-

A RETREAT AT TH-
TORY.
Rev. Father Fiset,
Redemptorist, Convent
and Rev. D. Holland, S-
a retreat to the boys o-
tory School, Demontg-
der the direction of th-
Charity. There were
attendance, 40 of the
fish-speaking.

ORDAINED AT BE-
Rev. Father Walsh,
St. Ann's Parish, Mont-
dained to the priesthod
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feast of St. Michael, S-
father of the young Le-
sent, as well as for
Mass. The True Witn-
new Redemptorist eve-
the sacred ministry.

ST. AGNES' LOSSES
CHAELE'S GA-
Rev. Father Singleton,
St. Agnes, has been tr-
St. Michael's. Father
appointed to St. Agnes
his ordination, and du-
but successful career he
seamlessly for the goo-
fish. Every enterprise w-
took was crowned with
success. The bright p-
the parish are due to
able efforts. Father S-
deared himself to both
old. The parishioners
their best wishes for th-
cess. Father Singleton
a severe loss to St. A-
is a great gain to St.