

How a Sheriff's Title was Set Aside After Twenty Years of Litigation.

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception at Gloucester Street Convent.

Catholic Truth Society Branch Organized in St. Joseph's Parish.

Captain Stuart of the Capital Lacrosse Club Under Fire.

Catholic Workers for the Poor—The Work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

In the circles of business men generally a sheriff's title is regarded as being an exceptionally safe one, so much so, in fact, that very few seriously question it. A somewhat peculiar case, which has been before the courts for a great many years, will serve, however, to shake the measure of reposeful confidence of our commercial classes in this regard.

The facts of the case are as follows, as gleaned from the judgment rendered by the Supreme Court last week: The parties interested were both of this province, Messrs. Lafontaine vs. Beaudoin. The former, who was the appellant, was the owner of a property

IN THE TOWNSHIP OF SHEFFORD, in Quebec. In 1876 the sheriff sold the property under execution, but without observing all the formalities required by law. The present appellant took action to have the sheriff's sale annulled; the proceedings were carried on from 1877 to 1893, when, after being through all courts of Quebec, a judgment was rendered by the Supreme Court annulling the sheriff's sale and declaring that Lafontaine had never ceased to be the owner of the said property.

Provided with this judgment of the Supreme Court, Lafontaine went to take possession of his property, but the respondent, Beaudoin, refused to give up possession, claiming to have acquired the property by good title deeds and by a possession of ten years. The appellant then took action, but unfortunately for him, all the courts of Quebec were unanimous against him. To day, after more than twenty years, Lafontaine is again put in possession, the respondents are condemned to pay him damages and all the costs. The judgment of the Supreme Court was unanimous in his favor.

GLoucester Street Convent. The feast of the Immaculate Conception was fittingly observed at the splendid educational establishment of the Nuns of the Congregation of Notre Dame on Gloucester street. Mass was celebrated in the morning at seven o'clock by Rev. Father Antoine, O.M.I., chaplain. The musical portion, which was of an exceptionally high character, was given by the young lady pupils, with harp, violin and organ. Rev. Father Howe preached an eloquent sermon in the afternoon, after which ten young ladies—Misses Stella Street, Anne Marie Major, Teresa McMillan, Clara Houde, Marie Ange Lebel, Fortunee Syneck, Lena Bingham, Cecile Charbonneau, Mabel Joyce and Marie Louise Tetreau, were admitted into the sodality of the Children of Mary. The Gloria in Excelsis was rendered by the choir at the conclusion of the ceremony, and Miss Jeannette Clarke, of New York, sang in a sweet voice a beautiful "Ave Maria." The benediction of the Blessed Sacrament then followed, at which the Rev. Father Antoine, O.M.I., officiated.

CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY. A branch of the Catholic Truth Society was organized last week in St. Joseph's parish. The following officers were elected:—

President, Mr. E. P. Stanton; vice-president, James G. Foley; secretary-treasurer, J. F. McDougall; librarian,

In the Christian days it was not unusual for the savage Pagans to cast innocent women into a den of lions, to suffer horrible agony and fear before death finally came to their relief. In this Christian age and this land of civilization tens of thousands of women daily suffer the slow torture of the delicate and approaching death.

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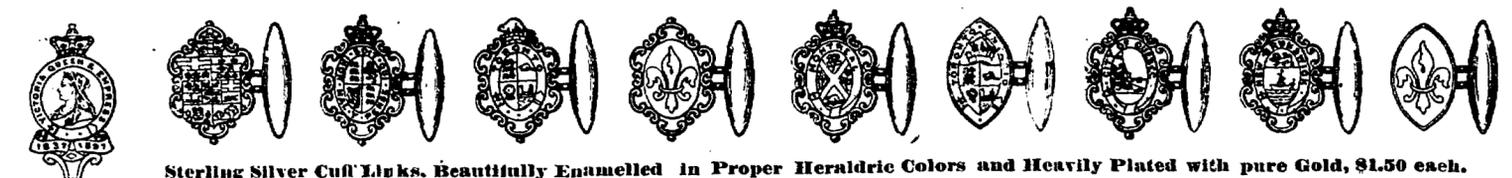
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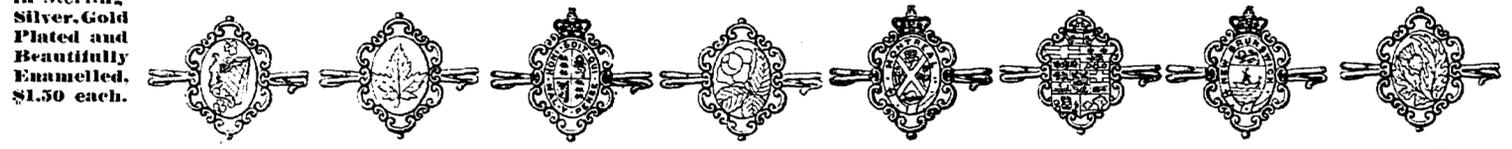
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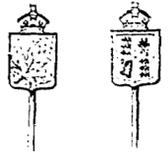
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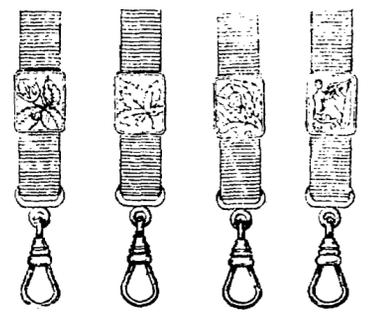


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Mr. W. L. Scott, executive committee, Messrs. P. Clarke, J. W. Hughes and R. E. Watts. Some discussion was indulged in at the close of the elections in regard to the formation of a ladies' auxiliary, and it was finally decided to refer the matter to the following ladies for consideration:—Mrs. M. P. Davis, Mrs. J. Brophy, Mrs. McGee, Mrs. Phillpotts, Miss O'Connell, Miss Agnes Scott, Mrs. J. G. Warnock, Mrs. E. P. Stanton, Miss O'Gara and Miss Derham."

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL is recognized throughout the Catholic world as at the head of the many noble charities which distinguish the Church. From Paris to Montreal and in every city in the Canadian Dominion—from London to New York, and, in a word, in all the cities of Europe and America, its branches are found, and in every instance they assert and maintain their character as the very best channels for the distribution of charity within the reach of those who wish their aims to go where they are most needed and where they will do the most good.

That the branch in this city is no exception to the rule is fully shown by the report presented at its general meeting held last week under the patronage of His Grace Archbishop Duhamel. From the statistics submitted by the secretary, the society has 388 members. During the last 12 months they visited 144 families and assisted 839 persons. The contributions received by the society to help the poor amounted to \$1,900.68, of which \$1,472.99 were expended. This is proof that the society is doing excellent work.

The president delivered a short address, after which His Grace Archbishop Duhamel then addressed the meeting. His Grace, after referring to the good work carried on by the organization, said that charity was the fundamental law which the Almighty God gave to this world so that the spiritual and temporal powers be governed by it.

WILLIAM STUART'S RETIREMENT FROM LACROSSE. A correspondent in the Ottawa Free Press, in referring to Captain William

Stuart's retirement from the Capital Lacrosse Club, after reverting to Mr. Stuart's statement that lacrosse is in a bad way owing to the practise of betting, and pointing out that such in not really the case, proceeds to handle that gentleman without gloves. He says:—

"Capt. 'Bill' by his recent blunders has done more to kill lacrosse than a dozen honest sporting men can repair in the next ten years. After making his club the laughing stock of the whole country he decides to leave the sinking ship. To my mind if Capt. 'Bill' had one drop of sporting blood in him he would now stand by his club, not expose them as gamblers, and endeavor to remove the stains which he helped to heap on gentlemen with a reputation as good as his own. He now advises the Capitals to throw up the sponge. Such an action would hand over their lacrosse and other franchises to another institution. How generous all at once! But if Capt. 'Bill' had only retired some six months ago, how happy and prosperous an institution the Capital lacrosse club and C. A. A. would be at the present time? Both, however, can do without him, and will flourish as they always have. The Caps will get along without his 'thirty years' experience in lacrosse, and the people of the club whom he attempts to cast slurs on will be in the game as much as ever, notwithstanding his retirement."

We invite the attention of our readers to the advertisement of Mr. J. Alcide Chausse, architect, which will be found in another column. Mr. Chausse makes a specialty of Church architecture, and amongst works he planned and superintended may be mentioned the Congregational Chapel of the Church of St. Bridget, repairs and improvements to the Churches at St. Zotique, St. Bridget and L'Assomption, the Presbyteries of St. Elizabeth at St. Henri, at St. Zotique and L'Assomption, the School of St. Bridget at Montreal, and the School of Agriculture at L'Assomption. Important works now in progress at the Hotel de Ville, at Maisonneuve, are from plans and under the superintendence of Mr. Chausse.

THANKSGIVING DAY AT ST. LAURENT COLLEGE.

A Former Student Recounts His Impressions on Revisiting the Old Scenes.

The Great Improvements Which Have Taken Place—The Annual Celebration of St. Patrick's Society Described.

[FROM AN OCCASIONAL CORRESPONDENT.]

ST. LAURENT, Dec. 20.—The thoughts of approaching Thanksgiving drew aside from the cares of life my wandering desires and kindled to fire the lambent flames of love for old friends and dear places wherein we spent our youthful days and where we cemented the foundations of a friendship which to day binds us as brothers.

During this very delicious reverie there loomed up before my imagination, foremost and brightest, the grey walls of my Alma Mater. How I desired to return. How I wished to be a boy again, once more to roam through those familiar corridors and again to lend my willing aid, as I so oft had done before, in celebrating Thanksgiving, in joining in that union of prayer which on that day would rise up from good old St. Laurent to the God of gifts. Blending this desire with the thought of the great pleasure in store for me when I would again see the students celebrate this day as we had done in years gone by, I severed for a time my connection with the din and tumult of the world and started for

THE HOME OF MY AFFECTIONS—MY ALMA MATER.

Early on Thanksgiving morning I arrived at St. Laurent. It was a veritable winter day. The slanting rays of the rising sun, which, after glittering on the pure snow, were just peeping through the eastern windows of the college while clear on the frosty air lingered the dull clangor of the chapel bell. I was about to enter the main door, but, with my

hand upon the knob, I hesitated. Not that fear of my going in detained me, but at that moment I of to-day and I of yesterday were different persons. Never before had I realized rightly what it was to be a boy, and never before were sweeter the days I spent within those hallowed walls. I will, however, dwell but for a moment on the scenes, as time will not allow any longer, suffice it to say that they are the children of my fancy and may they be spared me while memory is mine. It took me but a short time to visit every part of the building and

THE CHANGES WHICH YEARS HAVE WROUGHT surprised and pleased me much. Improvement is stamped on every wall and the very air speaks content and advancement. New faces greeted my every gaze, new voices echoed in the halls and new customs have moulded themselves to the routine of the day. One thing still remains and seems destined to remain regardless of all else, and that is St. Patrick's Society. In form, it is as of old, of its changes, more anon. The test of the good sense and discreet judgment of the students is in the election of officers, when the members choose fit persons to govern their society. Taking this as a criterion of the qualities of the individuals of St. Patrick's during this year, I must say they are to be complimented. There is a gentleman at their head to-day worthy of long comment. Zealous in his efforts and untiring when he works for his society, he has already succeeded in outdoing all former attempts and he has safely reached one of the topmost rungs in the ladder of success. To him in particular, and to his society in general, be all thanks for the successful celebration of Thanksgiving. Following

A TIME-HONORED CUSTOM,

St. Patrick's Society gave a feast, to be in keeping with the outer world. The day was spent in quiet enjoyment, everybody waiting for evening, when an entertainment would be given. This seemed to be the keystone of the celebration, when the histrionic talent would be displayed to advantage. "At the Sign of the Rose" was the drama acted,

and words of praise to those who took part were but a vain appreciation of the worth of the actors. The leading roles were taken by Mr. E. Mahoney and Mr. E. Jennings, to both of whom is due all praise. Besides the play, there was a minstrel sketch by Mr. J. McGarry and Mr. D. Griffin, as also several songs by the favorite singers, Mr. F. McGarry and J. J. O'Brien. Mr. O'Brien, as usual, received many encores and cheerfully responded to every call.

After the entertainment the orator of the evening appeared with an oration on Catholic Education. Mr. L. V. Broughall, whose oratorical reputation has already been firmly established, handled his subject with a mastery art. Deep thought, careful research and strict adherence to the laws of rhetoric were evident throughout his speech. There was a mine of thought in every sentence, and surely no more worthy gentleman could have been chosen to crown with glory the society of which he is a zealous member.

Thanksgiving was over. One more bright page in the annals of the college. I prepared to leave, but my heart yearned to linger; circumstances would not permit, however, so I resolved and promised all that I would soon return. I was assured that a public entertainment would be given in the near future, and, come what may, I must be present.

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