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No; Mr. Preuss will find that the cause lies deeper than his search has extended to, and in a somewhat different direction. That "it is truly a shame for the English-speaking Catholics," is to mildly term the condition we find. To remedy it the clergy must work as the entire clergy of the Kansas City, Kansas, Diocese labored, under their Bishop. If they would do so they would fulfil the mission of establishing a numerous and efficient press "in the language of the people "of the country" we live in. Then, and not until then, the English-speaking majority may hope to rank with the German and French speaking minorities.

Lack of support on the part of the hierarchy and lowerarchy is certainly one reason why we have not in this country an English Catholic daily press, though we cannot agree with the Kansas City Catholic that it is the chief reason. The principal cause, we still believe, is to be sought for in the direction indicated in our recent article: ignorance of the importance of a daily press, and apathy.

Our contemporary, by the way, underestimates the number of Catholic dailies in the U. S. We exchange with four German and three French diurnal newspapers published and edited in a Catholic spirit by Catholics; and there are several more.—The Review, St. Louis.

AN OLD CHURCH CUSTOM

HAS BEEN RECALLED BY THE DRUMMOND CASTLE WRECK.

What Catholics of Long Ago Did to Put an End to the Wickedness of the Wreckers in the British Isles—Survival of the Guild They Founded.

From the Catholic News.

It is pleasant to chronicle the fact that the British Government has approved a recommendation that a commemorative medal should be bestowed on all the clergy and laity of Ushant and Molene in Brittany, France, who displayed true Christian charity and abounding generosity in connection with the loss of the steamship Drummond Castle off the Isle of Ushant on the night of June 16. The Master of the Royal Mint in London has accordingly designed a medal die from which several hundred medals will be struck off. The Abbe Le Jeune, cure of Molene, whose name will be blessed through life by the survivors and the kinsfolk of the people lost at the wreck of the Drummond Castle, has been invited to go to England and receive several sets of vestments and ecclesiastical ornaments contributed for the little church at Molene wherein the priest celebrated a Requiem Mass for the souls of the passengers on the Drummond Castle, and whose mortal remains are in the churchyard that overlooks the light house of Ushant.

In connection with this matter, it may be of general interest to note the historical fact that in the early days of Christianity in the British Isles and on the coast of France, it was exceedingly hard for the clergy to restrain the fishermen from plundering vessels and seamen cast ashore by storms. The Danes and descendants therefrom were especially given not only to robbing the vessels, but they found delight in showing false beacons on headlands to compass the destruction of ships. In time the evil doings of the wreckers waxed so bold in Cornwall, that it is recorded that the children of the wreckers were mistaught by their wicked parents to say before going to bed on stormy nights "Heaven send a wreck ashore afore morning." Stephen Langton, the noble Archbishop of Canterbury, who demanded and obtained from tyrannical King John the Magna Charta, or great charter of liberties, the forerunner of our great Declaration of Independence and United States Constitution, in the third year of his incumbency of the See of St. Augustine, resolved to put an end to the wickedness of the wreckers, and to that end on a certain Trinity Sunday, he organized in London a corporation of "Godly men who for the effectual suppression of evil disposed men bringing ships to destruction by the showing forth of false beacons, do bind themselves together in the love of our Lord Christ, in the name of the Masters and Followers of Trinity Guild, to succor from the dangers of the sea all who are beset upon the coast of England; to feed them when abungered and athirst, to bind up their wounds and to build and light proper beacons for the guidance of mariners."

For several hundred years this guild flourished, and dotted the coasts with land marks and beacons. Its funds provided decent Christian burial for all persons cast ashore and drowned in Eng-

land. It built chapels and headlands and placed therein bells which were rung when fogs possessed the sea. In the evil days of Henry VIII., Edward VI., and Elizabeth, when the hands of the spoilers ravaged God's temples, the funds of the Masters and Followers of Trinity House were stolen, and the beacons went to decay, but for some reason the business of lighting the coast, resumed in the reign of Elizabeth, was committed to Trinity House Guild, and from that day to this the building, care and maintenance of all light-houses, light-ships, beacons and buoys in Great Britain have been and are committed to the Masters of Trinity House. It is remarkable that a Church institution founded by pious Catholics of the olden times, after sustaining rude shocks and assaults from iconoclasts, should live and retain its name and perform its functions when all other Church institutions directly connected with the Civil Government of England have been relegated to the Church or prostituted to the ignoble purposes of hereditary law givers descended from the men who parted Christ's whole garment, and spread the Pandora's box of evils that have afflicted the worldly minded from that time until to-day when mankind is yearning for unity—"that all may be one."

G. WILFRED PEARCE.

SAVING THE BISON.

Mr. Menier Will Try to Breed the Animal on a Large Scale on Anticosti Island.

From the N. Y. Sun.

Quebec, Aug. 19.—The reproduction on a large scale of the all but extinct American bison or buffalo of the plains has been decided upon by Mr. Henri Menier, the millionaire chocolate manufacturer of Paris and now proprietor of the Island of Anticosti. He has purchased a young buffalo cow, which was for some time kept in captivity by a Quebec dealer in furs, and his agents are now in correspondence with the proprietors of the few remaining private herds of this noble animal, with a view to the purchase of as many as possible of them for breeding purposes. The intention is to ship them this autumn to Anticosti, where they will be turned loose upon the island, and be permitted to roam at will throughout its 140 miles of length and 35 of width. Mr. Menier foresees the time when the only remaining herd of wild buffaloes—that in the Yellowstone National Park—will have disappeared through the lack of protection on the part of the State authorities of Idaho, and believes that the only practical means of preserving their race to posterity is to reproduce them in their natural condition and upon as large a scale as possible, on an island like Anticosti, where their slaughter is impossible, since no body but its proprietor can shoot or hunt upon the island.

Not only for the purpose of stocking his island park with the grandest of big game and of being eventually in a position to dispose of stock for other preserves has Mr. Menier undertaken his new scheme for the wholesale breeding of buffalo. He has not overlooked the commercial promise of the undertaking, having found that dealers are now asking \$80 to \$100 each for buffalo skins that twenty years ago could be had in abundance for \$8 and \$10 a piece. Moose are also to be carefully nurtured on Anticosti. These animals are rather difficult to obtain, and only two or three are so far ready for shipment to their island home. By next spring it is hoped that the herd will have been increased to fifteen or twenty, and that the caribou upon Anticosti will be in excess of a hundred head.

But by no means the entire island is to be given up to wild animals. Fifteen model farms, with barns, stables, mills, butter factories, &c., each destined to be the centre of a large agricultural settlement, have already been established at various points around the coast, and others are to follow next year. A thousand head of improved cattle are to be imported next spring. Mr. Menier has just gone back to France in his steam yacht, but will return next summer, and will in all probability spend most of the following winter upon the island. Before that time several important works now in progress at Anticosti will have been completed. Drainages and water-works systems, and electric motor power for mills and factories and lighting purposes will have been introduced at the principal centres, and a church will have been constructed. A priest and a doctor brought from France, are already upon the island, and divine services is celebrated in a school house.

The principal features of this summer's work upon Anticosti have been the erection of buildings and the development of the fisheries around the island. Hereto-

fore the few families inhabiting Anticosti left to rot all the fish that they caught and were unable to use. This season hundreds of fishermen from both shores of the St. Lawrence, as well as those upon Anticosti, were engaged by Mr. Menier's agent in the codfisheries. An enormous quantity of fish has been cured, and this will be brought up to the Quebec market, during the winter by the steamship Savoy. Mr. Menier and his captains ridicule the idea that the lower St. Lawrence cannot be navigated in winter, and they propose to demonstrate the contrary, and thus to confer a greater boon upon the country than that involved in the colonization of Anticosti. For the purpose of obtaining a better market and higher prices for the fish of Anticosti, Mr. Menier will after this year ship them to Brazil. With a view to the opening up of an advantageous trade between south America and his island, the chocolate king is about to build a suitable steamship, and is making the plans himself. Outside of his immense chocolate works and his Anticosti property, he has breweries in Germany, a fertilizer manufactory in Belgium, and rubber and other factories in other parts of Europe, from all of which he receives weekly reports and returns.

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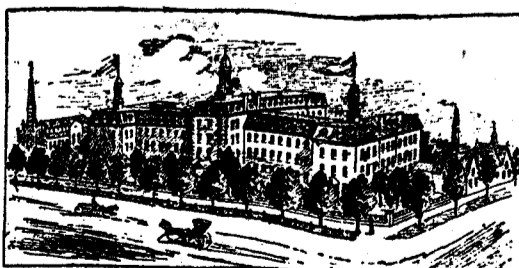
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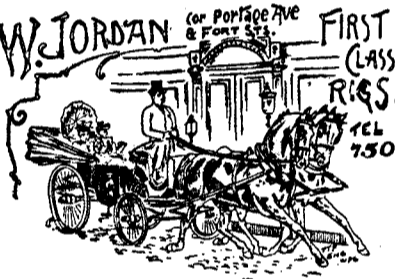
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