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EPISCOPAL APPROBATION.

If the English speaking Catholics of Montreal and of this Province consultad their best interests, they would soon make of the "True Witness" one of the most prosperous and powerful Catholic papers in this country. I heartily bless those who encourage this excellent twork.

+ PAUL, Archbishop of Montreal.

WIDNESDAY.....OCTOBER 27 1897

WHY CHURCH PROPERTY SHOULD NOT BE TAXED.

ft would be well if those of our Catholic aldermen who are faithful to the teachings of their Church, and loyal to its principles, kept a close watch on the proceedings of the Charter Revision Committee, which in a few weeks will year 1816. meet to consider the draft of our new city charter. The three lawyers to whom | celebration of the Golden Jubilee of the has been entrusted the task of drawing | saintly Fathers Dowd and Toupin, of the up a new city charter are now hard at | Order of St. Sulpice, as another very work upon the document; and their | striking evidence. special labors will soon be finished.

There is too much reason to fear that for final adoption it will contain a clause.

is in duty bound to see that no man, woman or child within its boundaries shall suffer for lack of food or shelter. If the city were obliged to do its duty to wards the poor, the indigent sick, and would have to expend annually a much 'arger sum of money than it can collect by taxing the property of the inititutions named.

These considerations the TRUE WITNESS earnestly urges upon the attention of the Catholic members of the City Council.

LONGEVITY IN RELIGIOUS ORDERS.

The article on Roy, Sister Sainte Urule, published in another column of thie issue, naturally brings to mind the charge often male that it is almost a suicidal act on the part of young men and women to shut themselves up in monasteries and cloisters, there to lead a life of penance and abnegation which must no cessarily result in premature death. Far from bearing out such an assertion, the facts, in all ages and in every clime, go to prove the contrary, and without leaving this province, or even city, numerous examples can be quoted to instance the general principle that longevity seems to be a special privilege for members of religious orders. Leaving aside the large number of secular priests in Canada who celebrate the 50th anniversary of their priesthood, and speaking only of the men and wo men who live under a regular rule, in religious communities or orders, the following facts go to establish the truth of our assertions. In that very convent of the Congregation of Notre Dame, where Sister Ste. Ursule passed all her life not less than 75 nuns have celebrated the 50.h achiversary of their profession, since the Order was founded, while 29 have reached the diamond wedding of 60 years, and three have been at le to renew their vows after 70 years.

It was only a few nonths ago that the venerable Father Point died in this city. He belonged to the Jesuit Order and had been ordained priest as far back as the

Our readers will also remember the

When, some twenty-five years ago, the regretted Bishop Bourget celebrated his when the draft comes before the Council golden wedding, at a reception tendered him by the Sisters of the Hotel Dieu, similar to that which the aldermen addresses were presented by not less passed last ; ear, framed for the purpose [than four of the nuns who had themof including in the taxable property of | selves been over fifty years in the Orderthe city "every piece of land now ex. Still those good nuns, among whom empt from taxation, the buildings con- longevity has become proverbial, not of the people has been gained.

cognizes the truth that the State, whether | creeds. It is but proper to remark that | mans, taking advantage of the break in in its national or its urban expression, the office belongs to the Irish Catholics. the British trade, are pushing their own and nationality, and it is but our right that his successor should be the same. There can be no excuse on the score of there being no fit candidate with these those who are unable through physical necessary qualifications, as it is well infirmity to earn their livelihood, it known that on the list of engineers of the brigade figures the name of a good, sound Irish Catholic, one who in his ten years of service has proven bimself to be a trustworthy and capable officer. We look to Ald. Kinsella and Connaughton to see that the rights of our people are not intringed, and it is to be hoped that they will show more national feeling in the present instance than they did when

the gentlemen were appointed to revise the city charter. In matters of this kind it is only by constant vigilance that we can maintain our righte.

WE can hardly say that the Montreal Street Railway Company has ever in recent years been suspected of being a nonpaying institution, but the immense, increased profits, as shown by their last published statement, are certainly surprising and suggestive. What a number of people must lide to and from work who formerly waiked ! The change, of course, is beneficial to the Raiiway Company, and saves the sidewalks and one's boots, but, without being at all pessimistic, may we not think that the ultimate result will not prove of advantage to the physical condition of Montrealers? The cars are very convenient when one is in a hurry or tired, and pleasant as the means of a chesp evening's outing in the summer time, but on the other hand, most people in the ordinary course of husiness do not get sufficient exercise to develop their muscles, and, as years roll by, the street cars and their continued use will mabe this fact more apparent. Laziness is a bad thing, and, like all other bud habits, very easily acquired but difficult to shake off. N'e would advise all who can to walk when they can conveniently do so, and to take the cars when they must. Do not worry, the Street Railway Company will still continue to pay dividends.

REPORTS from all the States of the Republic as well as from all the Provinces of Canada show that the Convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians for 1898 promises to be an epoch in the history of this great Society, which will place it in a position second to none in the ranks of national fraternal associations. Recruits are coming into the ranks in large numbers, and, what is the methods and purposes of Hibernianism. From this interest an increased standing has been reached in each community, a stronger hold upon the thought

The late Captain Nolan was of that faith rapidly to the front. In other words, they are saying nothing but sawing wood. In their sleeves they are quietly laughing at the assinine stupidity of John Bull.

> It would seem to be beyond doubt that the recent disastrous conflagration which almost swept Windsor, N S., out of existence was the work of incendiarists. It would be d flicult to devise a punishment severe enough to inflict upon the menif we may call them such-whose fiendish act has brought misery into thousands of hearts.

THE Scottish harvest appears to be as good as the one in Ireland is bad. They have good potatoes, good hay, and a good grain crop. Everything assists to make it a good year for the Scottish farmer, and what with the Agricultural Rating Act still running, the farmer and the laird will have half their rates paid for them by Act of Parliament.

It has been a street rumor for a few days back that Sir Francis Smith, of Toronto, is to be a director on the board of the Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Company. If this be a fact, as we have every reason to believe, the R. & O. N. has been fortunate in thus securing one of the brightest commercial minds in the Dominicn as one of its advisers.

THE Toronto Globe is raising quite a rumpus because Archbishop Cleary, of economy. Kingston, has declared that Catholics should not attend services in Protestant churches. Our Queen City contemporary should not get excited. This advice has been promulgated years ago, and the worthy Archbishop's utterance is merely a reiteration of what has often been said before.

RAILWAY disasters have been quite frequent recently, and lives have been lost in great numbers. They prove beyond a doubt that, despite all the ingentity of man, accidents will happen, and we should be prepared for them. They also emphasize the fact that the rear cars of a train are the safest to

travel in.

WE would more particularly call the stiention of our readers to the letter from our Irish correspondent this week. Its review of the present state of wealth and taxation in the grand old land is a terrible arraignment of England's policy. also most encouraging, outside the Order It may be dry reading to some, but to a deep interest has been awakened in the true lover of his country it will afford abundant food for reflection.

It seems there is no necessity for ex-

RANDOM NOTES.

"Municipal Ownership" is one of the buining topics of the to-day political economist. It would seem that there is a general idea that in this particular branch of social science England is far in advance of the United States, but this is not a fact. So far as can be ascertained both are on a par in this respect and that the great example set by England is not borne out by the facts of the case. In this as in many other questions of public dispute a few individual instances are made to do duty for a whole army of argument. Up to 1894 there was quite a fever of excitement in favor of this idea and Glasgow and Birmingham were cited as startling examples of the success of this municipal accialistic idea. It is possible that in these two cities the acme of success may have been obtained, but it is nevertheless true that the municipalities of England, ruled generally by hard headed men of business, look askance at the movement and prefer letting matters remain in statu quo. London's supply of water depends on private corporations, as well as Bristol, Newcastle-on-Tyne and Norwich. In the United Kingdom, according to the latest statistics, there are 203 gasworks owned by municipalities as against 429 owned by private concerns. London, Liverpool, Dublin, Newcastle and a large number of other important cities have not yet municipalized their gasworks. The results of investigation into municipally owned electric lighting plant, tran and electric motor systems in the United Kingdom does not show very much in favor of this new proposition in social

#/ TREATMENT OF TRAMPS.

The tramp family is a peculiar one, and, to my mind, one which is not treated with that consideration its position in our social conditions deserve. Now, there are various kinds of tramps, but all the same they are men, human beings, with instincts like our own and with feelings which, however latent in some of these unfortunate, still bring with the capacity to suffer pain and sorrow. People say there should be no tramps. The people who say this are generally well fed, oily looking speci-mens of mankind who, having turned into themselves all their milk of human kindness, have none to spare for their fellows. "How to climinate the tram," is the title of a paper by a learned Chicago professor, one Dr. Bayard Holmes, and professor like, he starts right away to dissent the genus tramp, separate him into classes, put him under the microscope, and having thus scientifically handled him with X rays and take charge of her own Anarchists." what not, calmly leaves him where he was before. We do not like to be rude, but we have too much of this scientific clap-trap. A friend of ours was approached by a beggar not so long ago and asked for a half dime. The friend gave him a lecture on the error of his ways only to be met with the reply : " Talk is cheap but it takes money to buy food." That is the trouble, too much talk. Let the hand help the man; talk citement just yet over the proposed to him afterwards. If people would only changes in the Civic Charter. The law- reflect that a tramp is or was a man once and that it is ill preaching to an empty stomach, then more could be done to draft before the Council in time tor the restore the tramp to society than by any other process. There are many things in Dr. Holmes' paper which it would be well to study, but first of all let the stu-dent practice charity. Let the tramp be dirty, intoxicated or in any other low condition, if he addresses you civilly answer him in the same fashion. If, although under the influence of fire-water, he asks you for money for food and you can spare five cents give it to him How do you know but that he really wants it for that purpose. A man can always get liquor where he cannot get food. * * *

are to attend Westminster Abbey in state on that day also, and it is added that members or Bar officers of the Courts, and other persons connected with the law, are expected to be present in their official costumes.

Queen Victoria, it would appear from letters written to the late Lord Tennyson and afterwards published in his memoirs by his son, has always been a strong opponent of Home Rule for Ireland. Her Majesty has never cared for Ireland apart from the fact that it was the best recruiting ground for the army, and in point of fact it is probable that her feelings were simply the outcome of the political idea that by making the Irish unhappy at home was the best method to drive them to fight under her banners. It is well known that the Jew D'Israeli hated the Catholic Church and the Irish Catholics particularly with a bitter and unrelenting hate. It was bred in the bone, for his father way equally an enemy of our faith. In the only book that the elder D'Israeli published which has acquired a firm hold among the Englishes classics, we refer to his Curiosities of Literature, the pages which deal with the Catholic Church bristle with bigotry and malice.

D'Israeli the younger was the close adviser of the Queen even when the voice of the English people had declared him unworthy of their confidence. It is not therefore to be wondered at that with his specious reasoning and sophistical arguments he should have instilled into the mind of the Queen the poistn of his own hatred to Ireland.

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President Thomas L. James, of the Lincoln National Bank in New York, speaking of priests and other ministers in regard to their ability to transact business, says: "We have among our depositors a large number of clergymen, and I am free to say that they are about the best business men that I have ever known. You ordinarily call a man who is intelligent, methodical and prompt, a good business man. Our ministerial depositors are more than methodical and prompt. They are clever and sharp especially in the keeping of accounts. I do not wish to make any exceptions in my general characterization of clergymen as good business men, but I will say that the Roman Catholic clergymen -those that I have met-are remarkably able business men. They seem to be especially trained that way. The averzes clorgyman of any denomination, however, can hold his own with the average business man. A clergyman of the present day cannot afford to be slipshod or negligent in worldly affairs.

T. V. Powderly, the whilom leader of the Knights of Labor, and now Commissioner General of immigration, has declared that he draws the line at Ansrchists. "It shall be my aim," he writes to a friend, "to keep out every unworthy person and to cause Europe to

It is said that the Scotch are great travellers, but here is a little eight yearold Irish girl, May Hasty, of Irishtown, Co. Mayo, who has made a trip all alone from her home to Sheepshead Bay without chaperon or guardian. Of course there were kind-hearted women fellow passengers who helped the little one on her long voyage to the New World.

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structed thereon being excepted."

It is to be regretted that the majority of our Catholic aldermen seem to favor the adoption of a clause embodying this principle; for it is a principle which no Catholic can consistently defend. To authorize the tax gatherer to lay his secular hands upon property hitherto sacred to the Church, and devoted to religious, educational and charitable pur poses, would be little short of an impious sacrilege. And it would open the door to the perpetration of a worse sacrifice still-namely, the taxation of the churches themselves. For the distinction between the Church's land and the buildings erected upon it is a merely arbitrary one. The land is as much the Church's property as the edifice that stands upon it; and once the principle of taxing one kind of church property is admitted the logical step of taxing another kind of church property is very easy to take. The principle covers the taxing of all kinds of ecclesiastical property.

The Catholic aldermen who are in favor of taxing the property of the Church have one argument, and only one, to bring forward in support of the stand they take in regard to this question.. It is this-that, as all the religious, educational, and charitable institutions in the city enjoy the benefit of police and fire protection, they should, in fairness, contribute towards the payment of the expenses of the city which provides them with that protection.

On the face of it, there is much plauno return at present for the police and fire protection which they receive? The obvious reply is that, considering the question from a purely utilitarian point of view, they confer upon the city benefits which far outweigh those that the city gives them. Would Montreal be the fluenced by the salutary precepts of religion in the conduct of their daily lives? And would that sacred influence be pro- torney. ductive of such beneficent results if the citizens had not been previously pre-

only live in close confinement and never go outside the walls of their monasterv, but they pass their life attending the sick in the different wards of their in-

stitution. Even the most rigid form of monastic life seems to be conducive to longevity, and when, a few weeks ago, the doors of the Trappist Monastery at Oka were thrown open to the public for several days, the thousands of visitors noted the many grey-bearded monks who passed through the vast curridors as shadows. Those men, nevertheless, live on vegetables only, sleep but a few hours and go through very hard manual labor.

Teaching is generally considered one of the professions most injurious to health, still a visit to any of our male or female orders of teachers will reveal the fact that every one of them has a goodly number of very aged members placed on the superannuation list.

The above instances mentioned currente colamo simply go to show what interesting features of longevity in local monastic life could be disclosed by a careful study of the question.

THE New York Credit Men's Association has issued a circular to members of the organization, which says that the investigating committee has adopted plans to have any fraud on our members investigated and the evidence worked up into proper shape and then presented to the District Attorney, if the case warrants prosecution. This committee, being for the purpose of punishing fraudulent sibility in this argument. But is it debtors and not for collecting debts, will, well-founded ? Do the institutions of course, only look to making a crimthreatened with taxation render the city inal case and not to compromising claims. It is proposed that when a member suspects that he has been deirauded he will notify the Secretary at once, who will then enquire whether or not other members in the same line of business are interested, and the whole matter will be carefully investigated by great law abiding city which it is to day the committee and its attorney. This if the masses of its citizens were not in. attorney is to be ready at any moment to investigate all the evidence and lay the whole matter before the District At-

THERE is considerable speculation as pared for its reception by the Christian to who will be appointed Chief Engineer education given, in our schools ? As to of the Montreal Fire Brigade in the our charitable institutions, they are per place of the late Captain Nolau. We ing to some amicable arrangement with

Some two weeks ago there was a meeting of Orangemen at Ballygawley, Ulster. It was a regular fraternal symposium. There were the usual speeches, but one brother went so far as to advise the other lodge relatives to carry a revolver, a good rifle and lots of ammunition. It appears this second Capt. Johnston, of Ballykilbeg, was returning home from the lodge the same evening with a goodly number of companions and creating a slight disturbance, when two policemen appeared on the scene. From the statements of the local newspapers it would appear that these valorous

Orange knights were good sprinters.

VICTOR EMMANUEL, the robber king, and his horde of Free Masons and intidels, rode into power on the shoulders of a deluded and mistaken populace. The sons of this same populace now propose to drive the sons of these land pirates from the high positions they have usurped. They are finding the pinch of increased taxation and sooner than pay it they will fight. There has been already firing in the streets of Rome, and the people have met the bullets of the carbineers with the stones of the streets, and have not come off second best either.

Mr. JAMES COCHRANE, the newly elected president; of the Liberal Association of Montreal, proposes the erection of a Club-house for the use of the "Rouge" organization. In Mr. Cochrane the local liberals have a good chief officer, and if the idea of a permanent home for the adherents of that party will ever be carried out, the prospects of its consummation are brightest while the present occupant of the presidential chair, with his progressive ideas and well known enter prise, is at their head.

RICHARD CROKER, the great Boss of Tammany, has been denounced by the Irish citizens of New York. It is charged that while on his memorable trip to Europe he was hand and glove with the Prince of Wales.

Exclusif iron and steel manufacturers are playing a very foolish part in not comduties which the city itself should per cations for the vacant position from inovitated not only is trade in this par one hundred and twenty Cardinals there are several applic their atriking temployes. As matters if it's worth y of note that not less than just behind the Law Courts. A similar duties which the city itself should per cations for the vacant position from inovitated not only is itself and the law Courts and inovitated not only is itself and the law Courts and inovitated not only is itself and the law Courts and in Paris, and now it form. The English poor law system inc. people of a different analonalities and the paraly is been did during the Court of 200 XIII. Is announced that the Protest in Vices

yers will not be in a position to lay the meeting of the Legislature. On the whole, a little sober second thought on the part of these learned gentlemen will do no harm.

The opening up of the Drummond County Railway was quite an event, and, from all accounts, gave our esteemed friend the Daily Witness a chance for a graphic article on the temperance question, which, strangely, it failed to grasp-We sincerely hope there was nothing internally wrong with its representative.

A STORY comes from Havana that an Englishman, and a newspaper correspondent at that, named Hughes, has been persecuted and virtually allowed to starve to death on the streets of that city. This may make another knot in the already complicated Cuban trouble.

THE pilgrimage of Irish Americans to Ireland, to assist at the commemoration services in connection with the celebration of the '98 centennial, will sail on July 4. The executive committee, at a recent meeting held at New York, unanimously decided upon this date.

MISS WILLARD'S Toronto address con ained some salient points, but it was largely sensational and unwomanly. Woman's mission is to do good, and she can do it most effectively in a quiet way.

The reigning fashion at present among prospective Benedicts seems to be the plug hat. Last Sunday was apparently selected as an opportune time for these aspirants to inaugurate the custom.

THE population of the British Empire is placed at 208,000,000. Canada does not form one-fortieth of this, and yet she is an important member of the Empire. There are not very many of us, but we are made of good material.

As the boys say, Ottawa College didn't do a thing to Montreal last Saturday at Montreal birth, and loyal in disposition, we might be really glad.

Mr. Dana, editor of the New York Sun, whose death was reported last week, delivered an address some time ago before the students of the Cornell University, and in speaking of journalism, said :

"There is one point more, with which I will close. The value of the free press is not now sufficiently appreciated in this country. It is only some particular circumstance, some unusual occurrence, that can make it rise clearly before the eyes of us all. I don't know that I can state it with sufficient distinctness, but in my judgment the highest function of the press is that at last it forms the barrier which stands befinal tween the people and any gross wrong that may be attempted by a dominant party or by a ruling public favorite. If such a circumstance should ever happen, and God grant that it may not, the mission of the press, lifting its voice in defense of the constitution and in defense of the spirit of liberty, will be recognized, and the free press will be appreciated as the defender of the public welfare, of the constitution, and of liberty itself.'

If Catholic readers would substitute the word "Catholic" for that of "free" wherever it occurs in the above extract from the late Mr. Dana's remarks, they would then perhaps be fully alive to the necessity of maintaining at any cost the Catholic press.

An English law paper is indignan that Cardinal Vaughan should act as arbitrator in the dispute between employed and employers in connection with the Engineers strike. It talks of a Jesuitical plot and all that kind of rubbish. The silly critic is being over: whelmed with ridicule, and thus has furnished the weapon with which he is being punished.

Step by step, to use a Plimmerized ezression, the Anglican Church of Great Britain is being gradually Romanized. football; 85 to 6. If we were not of The latest adaptation is in London: For years the Catholic judges and Catholic members of the Bar have attended Mass. Expense Society is due the the date on the first day of the legal year at the initiring affort of the imanager Mr. M. Sardinian Ohapel in Lincoln Inna Fields, Hitney, Hold of Frish decent, and is just behind the Law Courts: A similar contraction of the initirity of the first dot of the custom is observed in Paris, and now it contraction of the afforded an

Sir Nicholas O'Connor, English Am bassador to Russia, is an Irishman and a Catholic. He is now on long leave of absence. The representative of England at the Russian Court must be a man of the highest diplomatic attainments. Russian diplomacy cannot be kept track of by representatives of mediocre inteligence. When John Bull wants anything good he goes to Ireland for it.

YOUNG IRISHMEN'S L. & B. ASSO CIATION.

The musical and dramatic sections of the Young Irishmen's Literary and Benevolent Association, assisted by some of Montreal's favorite amateur talent, intend giving an entertainment on Monday (Hallow'en), Nov. 1st, in their hall, on Dupre street. The dramatic section will produce Pilgrim's oneact comedy, " The Limerick Boy," with Paddy Miles, Mr. J. J. McLean; Dr. Coates, Mr. M. J. Power; Reuben, Mr. J. E. Slattery ; Job. Mr. G. Morgan ; Mrs. Fidget, Mr. T. J. Grant ; Jane Fidget, Mr. J. Foley. "The Limerick Boy" is spoken of as a comedy very much above the average, and will certainly afford the members taking part an op-portunity of displaying their versatile abilities. Of the musical part of the programme, the names of the following ladies and gentlemen is an assurance that their respective parts will be rendered, as on all former occasions, in a most satisfactory manner :- Miss M. Talbot, Miss Lang. Miss Grant, Mr. Lang, Mr. G. F. Jones, Messrs. Lyons and McCrae and Mr. Kennedy. It is to be hoped that the enterprise of the Young Irishmen's Association will be appreciated and their entertainment will be a grand auccess.

ST. ANN'S CHURCH.

On Sunday next, Oct. 31st, Mr. William Sullivan, the well-known violinist, will play Beethoven' "Romanzo," Opus 40, at Grand Mass, with organ accompaniment by Mr. P. J. Shea, organist of the church.

The attention of our readers is called to the generous and bona fide offer, made by the Co-operative Funeral Expense Society, to the readers of the TRUE WITNESS, whose advertisement appears in our columns. The financial standing of the company, as well as the gentlemen identified with the enterprise, is a guarantee that every engagement entered into will be carried out in a most satis-factory manner. The successful man-agement of the Cooperative Funeral