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## THE EXAMPLE OF NICOLET.

The action of the Nicolet Liberal Convention in tendering the unanimous nomination of the party to Mr. C. R. Devlin is a timely evidence of the broad basis of accord and co-operation existing between the French-Canadian and Irish Catholic people of Canada. It may also be said with propriety that in the person of Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, Postmaster-General, of Canada, this admirable feeling finds one of its most notable representative examples among the French-Canadians in public life to-day. And we have no doubt whatever that when Mr. Devlin re-enters the House of Commons at Ottawa he will continue to speak and act, as his entire past record shows, as a broad-gauge representative of his Irish-Catholic fellow citizens, a Canadian in heart and voice prominent in every situation where the harmony of races and provinces for the common good of confederation requires championship. It is a very happy augury indeed of Mr. Devlin's place and influence in the Liberal party and policy that under Government auspices he is invited to resume his career in Canada as the elected representative of a French-Canadian constituency. Thus far Mr. Devlin has devoted his life work to Irish Catholic interests—in a very large measure as member for Wright County and more recently as member for Galway in the Parliament at Westminster. Chief Justice Fitzpatrick, who during the entire period of his political life represented a French-Canadian constituency, was more closely identified with Irish Catholic interests than any public man we have had in Canada since Thomas D'Arcy Magee. It is a desirable thing to have so worthy a condition of things continued till it becomes a tradition. Mr. Devlin is well entrusted with its protection.

## CAPITAL AND BANKING.

Thoughtful words for capital and banking were spoken at the annual meeting of the shareholders of the Bank of Montreal by Sir George Drummond and Mr. E. S. Clouston. It is a trite saying that few individuals can stand prosperity, but the phrase may be often applied with truth to communities and nations as well as to individuals. There is no doubt that Canada is continuing and likely to continue in a long experience of prosperity. In this happy condition of things, according to Sir George Drummond's observation, the prevalent idea abroad is that capital and corporations of all kinds are antagonistic to the general welfare. But right here he puts in the pertinent question, how much of our prosperity is due to the increased confidence of outside capital in the future of Canada. In other words the activity of capital is promoting and in some instances creating the prosperity of our country by taking advantage of the opportunities offering here. One has but to consider the question to admit its rea-

sonableness. These capitalists and industrial leaders cannot in their own interest ignore the general benefit of the country where their money is being so largely invested.

The same sort of criticism that Sir George Drummond has submitted to a very simple challenge has been heard against the banking interests of Canada in connection with the failure of the Ontario Bank. But here also the banking interests provided the protection at least of the note holders and depositors, whatever loss the shareholders may have to bear in the liquidation. Mr. Clouston has done very well to remind the public of the real protection that the general interests of largest number derive from the confidence of the banks themselves in the future of Canada in spite of such instances of mismanagement as that of the Ontario Bank, which arise as exceptional although altogether too frequent instances.

## BRITAIN'S HEREDITARY CHAMBER.

At the present moment it might seem that the Home Rule or Nationalist party in London would be bound to take sides with Mr. Ralston when the Liberals open war upon the House of Lords. The issue as laid down by the Premier, Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman, is the Education Bill, in regard to which Mr. Redmond and his united party opposed the Government and voted of necessity with the Tories. We say of necessity only in the sense that there was no other lobby to vote in, although the Irish opposition to the Government measure in the House was along distinct and independent lines. That Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman is in earnest need not be doubted, but what the development of the situation may bring forth is another matter. In the first place will Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman depend upon a purely English question as a cause of war against the Lords? Home Rule itself in some form—and we hope for a form satisfactory to Irishmen—will presently be under discussion in both Houses of the Legislature. According to all the signs of the hour that is the question upon which the Tory party will rely to offset the effect of Liberal resentment over the Education Bill. So that the Upper Chamber and its champions, while they were claiming the allegiance of Irish votes on the score of religious education in the schools, would at the same moment be denouncing those Irish votes as dangerous to the Kingdom and Empire on the score of Home Rule.

On general principles, the majority of Irishmen owe little respect or veneration to the House of Lords. The Irish buttress to that House was built at the cost of Irish nationality and independence, when the Act of Union was passed. Except, however, for the facility which the House of Lords enjoys for loading the dice against each successive measure of Irish land and law reform, Ireland has no special quarrel with the peerage of England. And Irish electors and representatives in England might be content to let the two English parties fight it out when the rights of the hereditary chamber are submitted to the popular verdict. But with the Lords fighting against Home Rule, the aspect must be changed. Exactly in what way no one can attempt to prophesy just now.

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

Cardinal Nocella, one of the oldest Cardinals in Curia, is lying dangerously ill at his residence and because of his age no hope is entertained of his recovery. Pius X. has already sent his last blessing, and is daily kept informed of the Cardinal's condition. Cardinal Nocella was born in 1826 and after a brilliant career was promoted to the Sacred College by the late Pope only a short time before the conclave took place.

With the beginning of the new year a weekly newspaper in English will

be printed in Rome. Its object will be to let the clergy and the cultured laity throughout that part of the world which speaks English know the movement of Catholic thought, and the mind of Rome about it. The paper is therefore destined to be read more outside Rome than in Rome itself, and it should prove very interesting to all who wish to keep themselves informed about the doings of the Holy See—and of its enemies. It is meant also to supply an antidote to the immense quantities of false or inaccurate information which is sent from Rome to America, England, Australia, etc. Ten years ago a similar venture was made, but it did not last for more than two years owing to certain difficulties with which the coming newspaper will not have to contend. Strangely enough there are already in Rome two newspapers in English, one of which is openly Protestant, and the other a more or less anti-papal organ.

Senator Gaudin De Villaine created a sensation in the French Senate last week by making a vicious attack on the foreign and interior policy of the government. After expressing regret that the Catholics had not the courage to reply to their persecutions as the Terrorists did in Russia, M. De Villaine charged the government with playing into the hands of Great Britain, and demanded to know whether the report was true that a military convention had been signed between Great Britain and France.

Premier Clemenceau announced he could not say anything regarding the Franco-British understanding. He did not believe a military convention existed, but he declined to be drawn into a trap which would place him in the position of discouraging the hopes of all Frenchmen.

M. De Villaine thereupon denounced M. Clemenceau's professed ignorance as to whether such a convention actually existed as being outrageous, and insisted that Parliament should be enlightened.

The Senate by a vote of 213 to 32 rejected the interpellation and passed a vote of confidence in the government.

## OBITUARY.

## REV. BROTHER ANDREW.

Rev. Brother Andrew, who was the first director of the Mount St. Louis College when it was established eighteen years ago, died Thursday, at the age of 70 years, having been over half a century in the brotherhood. Two years ago he resigned the directorship of St. Bridget's school. Previously he held positions of trust in Ottawa and Quebec. He passed away in the Mother House, Mount LaSalle, Maisonneuve. The deceased brother was a native of Beauharnois.

## MR. CHARLES BAILEY.

The death occurred suddenly on Nov. 24 of Mr. Charles Bailey, deceased was born in London, England, seventy years ago, and was a resident of Canada for fifty-three years. Born and reared a Protestant, some thirty-five years ago, after deep study, Mr. Bailey embraced Catholicism. After his conversion he was always delighted to take the side of the Catholic Church in any argument with non-Catholics. His funeral was held on Tuesday morning, the 27th of November, to St. Patrick's Church, where the solemn requiem service was chanted by Rev. Father Killoran, assisted by Rev. Dr. Luke Callaghan and Rev. P. Heffernan as deacon and sub-deacon respectively. He leaves to mourn his loss his widow, two sons and two daughters, to whom the souvenir of his blameless life will be a sweet consolation in their great bereavement. R.I.P.

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## ST. JOSEPH'S HOME.

Father Holland returned from the West last week, where he had with Father McPhail, given a most successful mission in the city of St. Thomas, which lasted two weeks. He acknowledges with most heartfelt thanks the gift of the first hundred dollars sent in response to the broad hint given to our readers in the issue of November 15th. The honor of setting the ball rolling is claimed by Miss Nellie Flynn, who sent a cheque on the Merchants and Mechanics Bank of Scranton, Pa., for one hundred dollars. Where are the forty and nine? Who will profit by the example of the stranger? May God bless her! Several were late for the pound party, but they have come just the same; they did not wish to overcrowd, and so waited till the rush was over. A sincere friend sent six bags of potatoes. Mrs. P. Fitzpatrick, a patent cushion chair. Mr. P. Pegnem a barrel of herrings and one of mackerel. Mrs. Alty, a parcel of clothing. Very Rev. Canon Corkery, Fakenham, and Miss Nellie Flynn, Scranton, Pa., each one pound sterling. Rev. H. Reftvelt, C.S.S.R., Brandon, Man., Misses B. Salter, Lizzie Casey, Ann Ronan and Mrs. T. Cray, St. Thomas, two dollars each; Mrs. Goodwin, Mrs. Casey and Mrs. Price, St. Thomas; Mrs. Coonan and Mrs. Gibbin, city, and Miss Johanna Weiss, New Hamburg, Ont., one dollar each. Many thanks are due to Miss Margaret McGee for the good work she has done in persuading her friends to assist the little institution, as also for her own contributions, which she managed to put into the funds so deftly that it was only lately her



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## The Voice that was Mute.

When Charles P. Norcross, now a well-known Washington correspondent, began his newspaper career, he was sent to "cover" one of the courts. His business was to look at the docket and find the facts about any case that seemed to warrant him in writing about.

One afternoon he discovered an entry that said one William Burns had been arrested and fined ten dollars for stealing a martingale from James Jones, a neighbor.

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Montreal, 30th November, 1906.

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