

ITEMS OF INTEREST

NEW CHOIRMASTER FOR NOTRE DAME.

The Rev. Abbe Bouchier, of the Seminary of St. Sulpice, an expert and authority in Gregorian chant, has been appointed choir master of the Church of Notre Dame.

SUCCESSOR TO ARCHBISHOP O'BRIEN, OF HALIFAX.

A report comes from Halifax that Rev. Father Bourke, of Prince Edward Island, will succeed the late Archbishop O'Brien. Father Bourke is a young and energetic priest and a man of great business ability.

BANQUET FOR HOME FOR INCURABLES.

The lady patronesses of the Home for Incurables have organized a banquet for the inmates which will take place to-day at one o'clock, under the patronage of His Grace the Archbishop.

WOMEN IN SALOONS.

The Moniteur du Commerce concludes a report of the last meeting of the Licensed Victuallers' Association as follows: "We take this opportunity to call the attention of the association to the fact that certain establishments for the retail sale of liquor are divided into two sections—one for men and the other for women. We are informed that the women's section is much patronized, especially in the evenings. That is an abuse which, it seems to us, the association should not tolerate."

ORDINATION SERVICE.

Bishop Racicot held an ordination service in the Church of the Immaculate Conception on Tuesday, when the following members of the Jesuit order were raised to the priesthood: The Rev. Fathers Thomas Hogan, Louis Boncompagni, Pierre Gaume, Richard Vandandaigne, Ambroise Sullivan, Gregory Frere, Edgar Colclough, Samuel Lemay and James Brogan. The Rev. Father Louthy, of the Order of the Blessed Sacrament, and the Rev. Father Antonin, Franciscan, were also ordained.

INTERESTING CEREMONY.

A rather unusual celebration took place at St. Anne des Plaines, Que., on Sunday last, when Rev. Joseph Therrien celebrated his first Mass. The assistants of the celebrant were his two brothers, Rev. A. Therrien, O.M.I., and Rev. Victor Therrien, as deacon and sub-deacon; Rev. Brother Clovis Therrien, as mass server, with Revs. Clodimir Cousin and Conrad Chabmont, cousins, as assistants, while Rev. Zenon Therrien, another brother, delivered the sermon for the occasion. In the evening there was a family gathering. The four priests and one brother are members of a family of twenty-one, of whom twelve survive.

PRESENTATION TO MR. D'ARCY KELLY.

On Sunday afternoon St. Patrick's Total Abstinence and Benefit Society met and presented Mr. J. D. D'Arcy Kelly, the retiring secretary, with a gold locket as a token of the esteem in which he is held by the members. Rev. James Killoran, spiritual director, made the presentation, and paid a tribute to the work of the former secretary. Congratulatory speeches were also made by Messrs. Gillies, Walsh, Easton, O'Donnell, Sr., Doyle, Neilson, and O'Donnell, Jr. Mr. Kelly thanked the members for their thoughtfulness, and reminded them that although he was entering on a new field of labor, he would still labor for the good of St. Patrick's T.A. & B. Society.

EASTER MONDAY NIGHT AT ST. GABRIEL'S.

Two societies divided the honors last Monday evening. Court No. 185, C.O.F., held a grand euchre in Quintal's Hall, and the St. Gabriel Juvenile T.A. & B. Society gave their first musical and dramatic entertainment in the large hall in the basement of the church.

It is quite unnecessary to speak at any length about these societies' aims, as both are too well known. While the C.O.F. has for its object to help and assist its members and their families in sickness and death, the Juveniles have undertaken the task of providing worthy and sober members for all future societies under the guidance of the Church, by the furtherance of the grand cause of temperance. On the whole, Easter Monday night in St. Gabriel's has done much to further the spirit so proverbial among the people of the district, and we wish the societies all sorts of success in their undertakings.

THE CATHOLIC SAILORS' CLUB.

As the new season's opening draws near, naturally the eyes of all those heretofore interested turn expectantly towards the ever-welcome weekly concerta given for the benefit of the sailors visiting this port. With a view to examine the possibilities of the summer's programme, and to see for himself how the proposed re-opening of the Club was being planned, our representative visited the club rooms yesterday afternoon. Through the courtesy of the gentleman in charge, he was immediately shown through, and no pains were spared to make his visit as interesting and agreeable as possible. Certainly the manner in which the work of renovation is being pushed ahead promises fairly to make of this institution an ideal one, one that will reflect credit upon the many kind friends who have stood so manfully by it in the past, and doubtless be the means of attracting numerous new ones in the near future. It would be hard for the inexperienced spectator to estimate, especially in a simple passing visit, the real amount of work done; and still less could he hope to convey to the minds of those into whose hands his few crude notes may fall any adequate idea of the extent of the good of which such an institution is capable; but, yet, he does entertain the hope that the undertaking so nobly begun and so steadfastly pursued, may yet realize in our fair city that grand idea so long entertained among the sailors' friends, viz., to give them the same kindness and attention that they themselves would fain seek were they in a similar position. From the fact that the honors of the opening concert have been claimed by no less a body than the Canada Council of the Knights of Columbus, let us hope that our other Catholic societies of the city will not be slow in following the example thus loyally set down to them, and that the Wednesday evenings of the coming season may see the sailors' concert-room filled to repletion with the elite and choice of our fair city in the furtherance of this grand and noble work.

CELEBRATION OF EASTER.

The great festival of Easter, the greatest feast in the Catholic Church was celebrated on Sunday last with all the pomp and solemnity befitting such an occasion. Gaily decorated altars and sanctuaries made a pretty scene, the same being enhanced by the glittering vestments of the officiating clergymen, and the bright cassocks and snowy white surplices of the hundreds of sanctuary boys. The myriads of colored and other lights, the clouds of sweet-smelling incense rising heavenwards, the joyful peal of the organ, and the sweet singing of the choirs, especially in the "Alleluia" bade the sinner rejoice for Christ had risen after conquering in and death.

At St. James Cathedral the Pontifical High Mass was celebrated by His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi, attended by the canons of the Cathedral. The vast edifice was crowded to the doors, while the music of the choir was of its usual high standard. At Notre Dame solemn High Mass was sung by the Rev. Abbe Troie. In the afternoon the Rev. Father Plessis, the eloquent Dominican, preached his last sermon to a congregation which filled every available space in the big church.

At St. Anthony's Church the Rev. Father Thos. Heffernan sang solemn High Mass, assisted by the Rev. J. E. Donnelly as deacon, and the Rev. M. L. Shea as sub-deacon. The sermon was preached by the pastor, the Rev. J. E. Donnelly. The music of the choir was the best heard for some time.

At St. Ann's Church the service was very impressive, the production of Handel's Alleluia by the full choir, assisted by fifty boys, being exceptionally good.

At the Franciscan Friary the feast was observed in a very simple manner.

St. Joseph's Church, Richmond street, presented a pretty scene, the entire church being decorated with Easter lilies. Solemn High Mass was sung by the Rev. Abbe Corbell, assisted by deacon and sub-deacon. At the children's Mass Easter hymns were sung.

At St. Agnes Church the Rev. Father Casey, P.P., sang the High Mass, assisted by deacon and sub-deacon, and the sermon was preached by the Rev. W. H. Condon, C.S.C., St. Laurent College.

Holloway's Corn Cure destroys all kinds of corns and warts, root and branch. Who, then, would endure them with such a cheap and effective remedy within reach.

OBITUARY.

MR. THOS. CONNAUGHTON.

By the death on Sunday last, in the Hotel Dieu, of Mr. Thos. Connaughton, at the ripe old age of eighty-seven years, is removed one of the oldest residents of St. Ann's Ward. For over half a century Mr. Connaughton had lived in St. Ann's ward, and had seen many changes there.

The funeral service took place at St. Ann's Church Wednesday morning at eight o'clock.

REV. J. E. SENESAC.

Rev. J. Edmund Senesac, pastor of St. Ann's Church, Waterbury, Conn., died on Monday of a complication of diseases. He was born in Notre Dame de Stanbridge, Que., 16 years ago, and was graduated from the Montreal Seminary.

The Most Potent Religious Force in America.

I came back to this old country (England) feeling that the future greatness of the Church in America is assured. It may sound perhaps rather absurd to speak of "future greatness," when it can count its Bishops by the hundreds, its priests by thousands, and its faithful people by millions; and whilst its almost countless institutions and schools are multiplying daily all over the vast continent. But it is patent to every one that in the vast new world of gigantic undertakings, breathing the air of freedom, with fair play and no favored creed, the Catholic Church is destined to grow to dimensions compared with which the present is but the first manifestation of the undying and vigorous life within. Even now she is, without much doubt, the most potent religious influence of the continent of America, and in the battle she has fought in the cause of religious education and of liberty, she has proclaimed to the non-Catholic multitudes the paramount importance of sound religious and dogmatic teaching as the only basis of all true training and morality. It has been and still is a costly fight, but already there are signs that the more intelligent observers are awakening to the serious nature of the opposite policy of the godless education given in the State (public) schools. —Dom Gasquet, in the Dublin Review.

London Catholic

Landmark Goes.

After a career of close on 260 years the old chapel of the Sardinian Embassy will in a few days be levelled with the ground in the Kingsway improvement scheme. Built in 1648, the chapel was formerly attached to the Sardinian Ambassador's house, and for over one hundred years was practically the only place of worship available for Catholics living in London. During the Gordon riots of 1780 the chapel and embassy suffered considerable damage at the hands of the mob on account of its use by the Catholic nobility, and its being in addition the church in charge of the Bishop or Vicar Apostolic of the London district. It was restored and enlarged on the suppression of the disturbances, and until the building of St. Mary's, Moorfields, in 1820, formed the centre of the charities and activities of the Catholic Church in London.

Lincoln's Total

Abstinence Pledge.

"Whereas the use of alcoholic liquors as a beverage is productive of pauperism, degradation and crime, and, believing it is our duty to discourage that which produces more evil than good, we therefore pledge ourselves to abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage."

Conclusive proof has been found that this pledge was not only signed and advocated by Abraham Lincoln, but actually composed by him. —Louis Albert Banks, D.D., in the Lincoln Legion.

THE IRISH VIOLINIST.

Miss Maud MacCarthy, daughter of Dr. Charles MacCarthy, the famous Irish-Austrian violinist, who achieved such success during the past season in the United States in her orchestral concerts, conducted by Herr Steinbach, has been engaged to come to the United States for a series of five concerts during the winter season 1906-7. This tour will be under the management of Hugo Gorlitz.

MONTREAL WHOLESALE PRICES

Flour—Manitoba spring wheat patents, \$4.50; strong bakers, \$4 to \$4.10; winter wheat patents, \$4.25 to \$4.50; and straight rollers, \$3.90 to \$4 in wood; in bags, \$1.75 to \$1.90; extra, in bags, \$1.35 to \$1.50.

Rolled Oats—\$1.90 to \$1.95 in bags of 90 lbs.

Pearl Hominy—\$1.85 to \$1.90 in bags of 98 lbs.

Cornmeal—\$1.30 to \$1.40 for ordinary, \$1.50 for granulated.

Mill Feed—Ontario bran in bulk, \$20; shorts, in bags, \$20 to \$20.50; Manitoba bran in bags, \$20; shorts, \$21.

Hay—No. 1, \$8 to \$8.50 per ton on track; No. 2, \$7 to \$7.50; clover, \$5.50 to \$6; clover mixed, \$6.00 to \$6.50.

Oats—No. 2, 40c to 40½c per bushel; No. 3, 39c to 39½c; No. 4, 38c to 38½c.

Beans—Prime pea beans, \$1.60 to \$1.65 per bushel; hand-picked, \$1.75 per bushel.

Peas—Boiling, in car load lots, \$1.00 to \$1.10 per bushel.

Potatoes—Per bag of 80 lbs., 60c to 65c.

Honey—White clover in comb, 13c to 14c per pound section; extract, 8c to 9c; buckwheat, 6c to 9c.

Provisions—Heavy Canadian short cut pork, \$21.50; light short cut, \$20; American short cut, \$20.00; American cut clear fat back, \$20.00; compound lard, 7c to 7½c; Canadian pure lard, 11½c to 12½c; kettle rendered, 12½c to 13½c; hams, 13c to 14c, according to size; breakfast bacon, 16c; Windsor bacon, 15c; fresh killed abattoir dressed hogs, \$10.25; country dressed at \$9.25 to \$9.50; alive, \$7.75 to \$7.90 for selects.

Eggs—New laid, 14½c to 15½c per dozen.

Butter—Choicest creamery, 23½c to 24c; undergrades, 19c to 21c; dairy, 18c to 20c.

Cheese—Colored, 12½c, white 12½c.

Ashe—First pots, \$5.10; seconds, \$4.60 to \$4.65; third, \$3.70; first pearls, \$6.50 to \$6.60.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

The egg market is feeling the effects of the fine weather in the heavy receipts that are coming in, and the weaker feeling of Monday has been accentuated. Very few single cases brought over 12½c today, and round lots went for 14c.

Maple products are in good demand, and the fact that supplies of the very best grades are not at all heavy, has helped to keep the market firm as the season advances. Syrup in kegs are selling at 6c to 6½c lb.; in imperial gallon tins, 80c, and wine gallon tins, 65c to 70c; sugar is worth 9½c to 10c per lb.

The market for honey has been quiet under a dull demand, but prices are holding about steady. We quote white clover in comb at 13c to 14c; buckwheat in comb at 10c to 11c; extracted white clover at 7c to 7½c, and buckwheat at 5½c to 6c.

Choice white pea beans are in good demand with sales at about \$1.55 to \$1.60 per bushel in a jobbing way, and \$1.50 in wholesale lots.

The potato market is very quiet at about last week's quotations, which range from 60c to 65c per bag, and as high as 70c, according to quality.

There has been some inquiry this week for dried apples, and prices range from 8c to 3½c per lb.

The tallow market is very firm sales have been made at the following prices: Rough tallow, 3c to 3½c; No. 1, 2c to 2½c; No. 2 kidney suet, 5c to 6c; domestic rendered, 5½c, and export tallow, 5½c.

DAIRY PRODUCE.

There still continues to be an easy feeling in the cheese market, and prices show a further decline of ½c per lb. Business on spot is quiet, with colored quoted at 12½c and white at 12c per pound.

Butter is weaker in tone owing to the increased offerings of new made creamery, and 28c was the outside figure obtainable in a wholesale way. The demand for held creamery is very limited and sales of finest are slow at 20c to 20½c, and undergrades at 18c to 19c; while western dairy is quoted at 18c to 18½c, and Manitoba dairy at 15c to 16c.

CANADIAN PACIFIC

QUEBEC TRAINS

LEAVE PLACE VIGOR.

Parlor or Sleeping Cars on above trains.

OTTAWA TRAINS

LEAVE WINDSOR STATION.

LEAVE PLACE VIGOR.

Trains leave Windsor Station at 10.10 p.m., making close connections at Union Station in North Bay, arriving Cobalt at 3.17 p.m. next day. Short line. Quick service.

COBALT

Ticket Office: 129 St. James Street Next Post Office.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM

Leave Bonaventure Station.

"INTERNATIONAL LIMITED."

Finest and Fastest Train in Canada.

Daily at 9 a.m., ar. Toronto 4.30 p.m., Hamilton 5.30 p.m., Niagara Falls, Ont., 6.50 p.m., Buffalo 8.25 p.m., London 7.45 p.m., Detroit 9.45 p.m., Chicago 7.45 a.m.

Elegant Cafe Service on above train.

MONTREAL AND NEW YORK.

Shortest Line. Quickest Service.

2 Day Trains daily, except Sunday, each way.

1 Night Train daily, each way.

Lve. MONTREAL 11.45 a.m., 11.10 a.m., 7.40 p.m., 7.17 a.m.

Arr. NEW YORK 11.40 a.m., 11.00 p.m., 7.17 a.m.

Daily. Daily except Sunday.

FAST OTTAWA SERVICE.

Lv. 9.40 a.m. week days, 4.10 p.m. daily.

Ar. Ottawa 11.40 a.m. week days, 7.10 p.m. daily.

CITY TICKET OFFICES.

137 St. James Street, Telephone Main 460 & 461, or Bonaventure Station.

BELL TELEPHONE MAIN 1983

G. J. LUNN & CO.

Machinists & Blacksmiths.

SCREWS, PRESSES

REPAIRS OF ALL KINDS.

CHATHAM WORKS.

134 Chatham Street, MONTREAL.

Fairmount

THE ONLY PLACE TO INVEST

Absolutely without an equal in Montreal. See Fairmount then you will surely buy Lots From \$275.00 to \$650.00 \$10 Cash and \$5 per month without interest.

PROPERTY OFFICE: 1693 Papineau Avenue.

The Ideal Savings Loan and Land Co.

258 ST. JAMES ST. TEL. MAIN 4082.

ST. JOSEPH'S HOME.

The month of March, dedicated to the glorious Patriarch, should have been a profitable one for the Home, and although Father Holland is satisfied, as usual, still better things might have reasonably been expected to forward his good work. He acknowledges with heartfelt thanks the following donations since the last account appeared in the True Witness: Mr. F. H. Stoughton, Rockville, Conn., and Mr. C. W. Pearson, Buckingham, P.Q., ten dollars each; Mrs. Stewart Brown, A Friend, Ottawa, and Mr. Lunny, Hintonburgh, Ont., five dollars each; C. M. Mahoney, Richmond, Va., and Mrs. O'Farrell, Murray street, Ottawa, three dollars each; Mrs. E. Wolfrath, New York; A Friend, and Mrs. Riordan, Ottawa; two dollars each; A Friend, Professor Fowler, and Mrs. Moynihan, Montreal; Rev. Canon Sloan, Mrs. McEvoy, Miss Fenders and Mrs. Kinsella, Ottawa; and Rev. Father Dowdall, Eganville, Ont.; D. J. O'Brien, Smith's Falls; Mrs. Stackpole, Billings Bridge; Miss Quirk, Aylmer, P.Q.; Paul Frey, Chicago; one dollar each. The following subscribed to the lighting fund: A Friend, Mrs. Huber, J. C. McGillis, A. Courville, Mr. Downes, Montreal, and Mrs. Quenneville, Miss M. Penders and Mr. T. Doyle, Ottawa.

Mrs. Maguire, of 224 Mance street, sent a nice piano together with some books and framed pictures. Mr. Currie, merchant tailor, two dozen caps, enough for all the wards; and Mr. John Tucker, of McCord street, sent three large hams, which, together with a basket of eggs and a lot of vegetables from Mr. Bumbray, and a few of last year's chickens raised at the Home, made an enjoyable Easter dinner, and the boys are all happy, and thankful to their kind benefactors, praying that God may reward their kind hearts a hundred fold.

THE BILL WAS PAID.

McRad and his wife were going over their business ledger one evening, contemplating the overdue accounts which its pages revealed and reluctantly acknowledging that many of them would have to be written off as bad.

"What'll ye dee about this ana?" said McRad mournfully. "Here's twa

pund aucht shillin's for a coat and vest been owin' by Elder Doolittle since Martinmas last. I'm fearin' we'll na get the money."

"Weel, I'm no sae sure," replied his wife. "Leave me to try onyhoo."

Accordingly the next Sabbath morning when the collection was taken up Mrs. McRad dropped the elder's "little bill," neatly folded up, into the plate, and before the week was over the amount was paid.

"Kirsty, woman," said McRad, joyfully, "marriage may be a lottery, but I'm thinkin' I've drawn a prize." —Pearson's Weekly.

JESUIT GENERAL DEAD.

Father Louis Martin, General of the Jesuits, known as the "Black Pope," died shortly before noon on Wednesday. He had been suffering from cancer in the breast.

The Greatest Riddle.

A philosopher said: "Who will explain me to myself? He meant: 'Who will give a satisfactory reason why I am put here among the tribulations of life, to increase in knowledge, to hope and to suffer—and then to die. What for?'"

As we grow older we doubtless see larger meanings in life. We are enlightened by its joys and sorrows. We grow in patience, in charity, in discernment and in wisdom. We understand its discipline and its pathos; we distinguish its truer values and appreciate a plan and unity in its unfolding and progress. A philosopher has noted all this. "Well," he says, "life is a quaint puzzle. Bits, the most incongruous, join in each other, and the scheme thus gradually becomes symmetrical and clear, when lo! as the infant claps his hands and cries, 'See, see, the puzzle is made out!' all the pieces are swept back into the box—the black box with the gilded nails. Is Death the explanation of Life? —Milwaukee Catholic Citizen.

VESTMENTS

Statues, Altar Furniture

Direct Importers

WE BLAKE 123 Church St.

Promises lately compiled by D. & J. Radley & Co.

Toronto, Can.