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The king has been graciously pleased to signify his intention to confer the decoration of the Victoria cross on Lieutenant F. A. Maxwell, D. E. O., Indian staff corps, attached to Robert's light horse, whose claims have been submitted for his majesty's approval, for his conspicuous bravery at Korn Spruit.

Lieutenant Maxwell was one of three officers not belonging to "Q" battery, royal horse artillery, specially mentioned by Lord Roberts as having shown the greatest gallantry and disregard of danger in carrying out the self-imposed duty of saving the guns of that battery during the affair at Korn Spruit on March 31, 1900. This officer went out on five different occasions and assisted to bring in two guns and three limbers, one of which he abandoned. During a previous campaign (the Chitral expedition of 1895) Lieutenant Maxwell displayed gallantry in the removal of the body of Lieutenant-Colonel F. D. Batty, corps of guides, under fire, for which, though recommended, he received no reward.

PINED THE LOVER.
A singular case came last week before a Vienna magistrate. A post-card was sent at Christmas to a married woman here by one of her former admirers, a railway clerk. The lady was addressed as "darling" and "honey-dew," and the card was signed, "Thy Fussy Cat." The husband, who brought the charge, said he considered these familiarities insulting to himself and his wife. The magistrate condemned the amatory clerk to pay a fine of 50, and said that such words addressed to a married woman upon an open card were liable to misinterpretation by all persons through whose hands the card had passed, and therefore came within the meaning of the law concerning personal honor.

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BISHOP SWEENEY.
The Right Reverend John Sweeney, first Bishop of St. John, has passed away, full of years, closing a life of unweary and successful labor, crowned with the love and confidence of his own flock, and with the esteem and admiration of all men.

LET US HAVE HOPE.
The delegates, who went to Ottawa to press upon the government the claims of St. John concerning certain matters of great importance to the welfare of this port, appear to have been favorably impressed by the manner in which their representations were received. This is, of course, gratifying, but is no more than was to have been expected, since it is a habit of governments to treat delegates in a courteous manner. Politeness is an inexpensive commodity, and promises are easily made. The citizens will indulge the hope that the views of the delegation will have sufficient weight with the government to lead, this time, to definite results. A number of years ago Hon. Mr. Tarte, when in St. John, made certain promises with regard to the dredging to be done at the entrance to the harbor. Mr. Tarte was surprised and shocked at the manner in which the wicked Tories had neglected the interests of this port, and those who listened to him brought away the impression that great things might be expected of the minister of public works. If there are any promises or assurances which Mr. Tarte failed to give at that time, we do not recollect them. But nothing has been done. With respect to the dockload inspection bill, Hon. Mr. Dobbell was told last year the injurious effect that law would have upon the lumber business at lower province ports. Representations were made to Ottawa and it was thought the matter had been finally settled. Let us hope that a settlement has now really been reached, and that Mr. Dobbell will turn his attention to bottle-nosed ships, or some other subject, rather than mischievously meddling with the trade and interests of the maritime provinces. With regard to preferential trade, the delegation feel that they made out a strong case, and made an impression upon the members of the government. Let us also hope that this is true. At the time when Mr. Tarte was making promises—some years ago about the dredging at the entrance to the harbor, Sir Wilfrid Laurier talked to us fluently of the time when every pound of Canadian trade would be carried through Canadian channels. Sir Wilfrid had an excellent opportunity to promote that greatly desired end, but as yet he has failed to do so. We remember also a speech made by Mr. Blair in this city, in which he predicted that his railway policy would give the port of Portland, Maine, a little wholesome competition. There has been ample time since that speech was made for Mr. Blair to make good his words, but he has not done so. In fact the port of Portland, Maine, is not only worrying the port of St. John, but is threatening the port of Montreal. And Mr. Blair's friends to goods imported direct through Canadian ports, give to St. John and Montreal the business which should all come to these ports, but of which too large a share is handled through the port of Portland, Maine.

WHO'S GOT THE PULL?
The cruiser Curlew will go into commission in about two weeks. This therefore is the opportunity of the ambitious young man of the grit persuasion. For the Curlew must have a crew. The choice is not limited to toilers of the sea. It is not necessary to know a hawser from a handspike if you have the pull. The Star therefore urges its young liberal friends not to let the eel-grass grow under their feet, but to hasten to the party managers and get in line for a job. Perhaps a man who has only paddled a canoe on the Nashwaakasis might not have as good a chance as the one who has navigated a scow on the Grand Lake, but if he had a good ploughing record it ought to be of service. The Curlew ploughs the deep. The Star gives this information cheerfully, and trusts that its good offices will be appreciated. There is no charge.

The British flag is not the only one that is sometimes pulled down by ardent sons of Erin. A Spokane despatch of March 17th says: "Miscellaneous broke into the high school building last night, pulled down the American flag at half-mast in honor of ex-President Harrison, and substituted a large piece of green bunting. They nailed the outlet to the stars, so that several hours elapsed before the stars and stripes again floated."

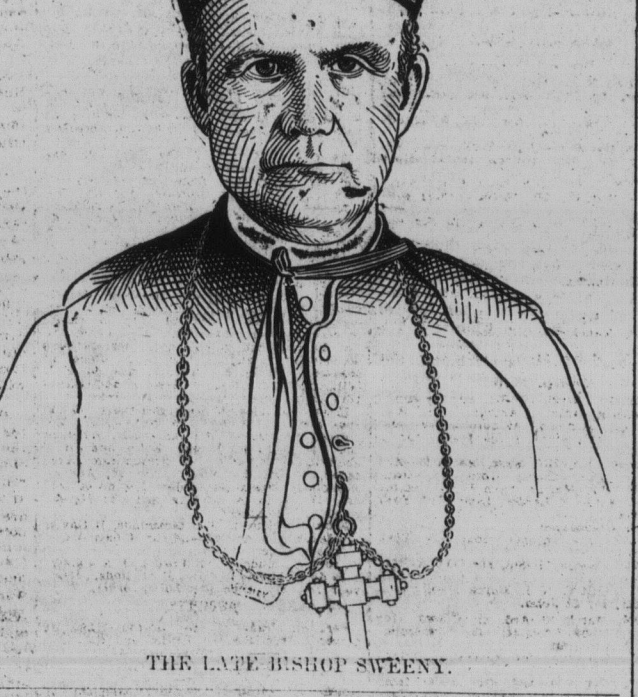
BISHOP SWEENEY.

His Lordship Passed Peacefully to Rest at Nine O'clock this Morning.

A Sketch of the Life of the Distinguished Prelate and of His Successor Bishop Casey—Bishop Sweeney Was 80 Years Old.

The solemn tolling of the cathedral and of the other Roman Catholic churches this morning informed the citizens that his lordship, Bishop Sweeney, had gone to his rest. He had been falling for a long time, and suffered a stroke of paralysis on Saturday. Eighty strokes on the church bells this morning indicated the length in years as well as the termination of his earthly pilgrimage.

On Saturday evening his lordship took a turn for the worse and gradually grew weaker until yesterday afternoon, when a slight improvement in his condition was noticeable. However, he failed to regain any strength, and towards evening again grew worse. In this condition he remained, without again rallying, until about nine o'clock this morning, when the end came and he passed peacefully away.



THE LATE BISHOP SWEENEY.

(From the St. John Monitor.)
The Right Rev. John Sweeney, D. D., Bishop of St. John, N. B., Dean of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy in Canada, was born in Clones County Monaghan, Ireland, on May 12th, 1821, and in his youth came with his parents to St. John, where he began his education at the Grammar School. Another pupil



HIS LORDSHIP BISHOP CASEY.

at the same time was John Boyd, who, in after years, was one of the merchant princes, a senator of Canada, and died in 1893, whilst governor of New Brunswick. The future bishop commenced his ecclesiastical studies at St. Andrews College, Prince Edward Island, and completed them at Laval University, Quebec, where he was ordained in

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N. B. Cameron, of Antigonish, N. S., and the late Bishop McIntyre, of Charlottetown, P. E. Island. At the Jubilee Mass the Metropolitan of Toronto preached an appropriate sermon.

In 1889, Dr. Sweeney, accompanied by Mr. Connolly, V. G., attended the Catholic Congress at Baltimore. On the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination in 1839, his lordship declined to accept any celebration of the event. Of all the Canadian prelates who attended the vatican council at Rome 1869-70, Mgrs. Sweeney and Rogers alone survive.

The Bishop of St. John has always displayed great interest in the welfare of the provinces and constantly advised his people to leave the crowded cities and seaports and to found homes for themselves where they could easily achieve independence. The flourishing settlement at Johnville, Carleton County, is striking evidence of his successful efforts in that direction. In that field of labor, he was ably assisted by Mr. Connolly, who was then stationed at Woodstock.

His lordship visited the Eternal City four times in the following years:—1865, 66, 1869-70, 1881 and 1895. On his return in 1870 he was presented with a team of horses and a handsome coach. On the other occasions he was also suitably remembered.

The work of erecting the cathedral on Waterloo street was begun in 1852 by Bishop Connolly. In 1856 the walls were put up and the roof finished, and on Christmas Day the first mass was celebrated. During the next four years much headway was made, but considerable work remained to be done. When Bishop Sweeney became the Ordinary of the Diocese the main portion of the edifice was in a rough state, and temporary doors and windows were in the church. Since then side chapels have been erected, a spire built, heating apparatus provided, a new organ placed in position, a chime of bells put in the tower, and a great many other improvements made.

The cathedral is of the pointed Gothic architecture of the thirteenth or fourteenth century. Its entire length is about 200 feet, and the transept is 115 feet wide. The body of the church, inside, is about 90 feet wide, and the ceiling is 75 feet high. The chapels are each 40 to 60 feet, and the building will hold 3,000 persons.

The spire is 230 feet from the ground to the top of the cross. The cathedral with its massive proportions, standing on a commanding site, presents an imposing appearance. "The Last Supper," cut in Vermont marble, placed over one of the side doors, is a fine piece of sculptor's art.

What Bishop Sweeney was consecrated there were 18 priests in the diocese; now there are 64 clergymen. The Sisters of Charity then resided in an old building on the church grounds. They have now charge of three large and commodious buildings: St. Vincent's Orphan Asylum, Cliff street, for girls, St. Patrick's Industrial School, Silver Falls, for boys, and the Mater Misericordiae Hospital and Home Sydney street, for old people. In the orphan institution there are two hundred children to be looked after. A college was established at Memramcook, now called St. Joseph's University, and among its Alumni are some of New Brunswick's most distinguished sons.

Three new churches have been erected in St. John, one of which, St. Peter's church, is in charge of the Redemptorist Order. In 1892 the Religious of the Good Shepherd opened a house in St. John, and they are doing excellent work. All through the diocese, many churches, convents, and schools have been built and new missions established.

On Dec. 5th official news was received from Rome by his lordship informing him that the Rev. T. Casey, of Fredericton, had been appointed Coadjutor Bishop of St. John, with the right of succession. With the assistance of Bishop Casey. For nearly half a century he has been a priest or bishop in his adopted city. His gentle disposition and kindness of heart were the qualities that endeared him to priests and people.

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