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THE GRAND COUNCIL IN SESSION

A Large Assembly in Montreal—Divine Service—A Procession and a Lecture open the Proceedings.

The convention of the Grand Council of Canada of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association was formally opened yesterday morning shortly after 8 o'clock. The various city branches assembled at the Seminary hall. The procession was formed in the following order:—

Grand Marshal, Mr. O. O'Brien.

- Branch 87: President, J. E. H. Howison.
- Branch 84: President, Mr. C. Dandelin.
- Branch 74: President, Mr. J. A. M. Bandy.
- Branch 74: President, Mr. James Taylor.
- Branch 54: President, Mr. E. Byrne.
- Branch 50: President, Mr. E. McCabe.
- Branch 41: President, Mr. E. O'Reilly.
- Branch 28: President, Mr. P. Nugent.

Delegates to Grand Council, Grand Council Officers and Acting Mayor Hurlbut.

There were between eight and nine hundred members in line. The route taken was by way of Place d'Armes, St. James street, Victoria square, Radegonde and Leguacheries streets to St. Patrick's church. The association was received at the church by the Honorable Senator Murphy, Messrs. J. J. Costigan, M. Sharkey, John H. Feeley, James Connaughton, A. Brogan, James Tierney, Thomas Lalonde, James Walsh, John A. Walsh, and others. The church was most profusely and handsomely decorated. Colored streamers and banners were suspended from the ceiling and the pulpit gallery and the altar was also most beautifully adorned with streamers, flags, plants and lights. Seated on the sanctuary were His Grace Archbishop Walsh, of Toronto, spiritual adviser of the association; Rev. Father Dowd, Rev. Father Toupin, Rev. J. Quinlan, Rev. J. Murphy, Rev. Father Drummond, S. J., rector of St. Mary's church, Washington, D.C.; Rev. Father Trappier, and others. The celebrant of the mass was the Rev. Father Flannery, of St. Thomas, Ont.; Deacon Rev. J. James Walsh, Toronto; Subdeacon Rev. P. O'Donnell, St. Mary's Montreal; master of ceremonies, Rev. M. J. Tiernan, London, Ont. The sermon was by the Rev. Father Drummond, S. J., rector of St. Mary's college. During the course of his eloquent discourse, the Rev. Father dwelt upon the aims and objects of the association, and showed how they tended to improve the moral, mental and social condition of its members. He also traced the history of the association from its inception in July, 1870, to the present, and gave the reasons why its course had been one of progress and prosperity. The musical portion of the service was under the direction of Prof. J. A. Fowler, and was very grand and effective.

THE RECEPTION.

After the service the procession reformed and returned to the hall, where a brief reception was held. Mr. D. J. O'Connor, of Stratford, president, occupied the chair, and seated on his right was Acting Mayor Hurlbut, and on the platform was O. K. Fraser, vice-president, of Brockville, J. J. Kane, of Montreal, and several other officers. After the long line of members had found seats, Acting Mayor Hurlbut briefly addressed the convention in French and English. In his civic capacity he extended a hearty welcome to the visiting delegates, and said that he was glad to see this association holding their convention in this great Catholic city, and he hoped that their stay in Montreal would be a pleasant one and result in great good to their organization. The president, D. J. O'Connor, responded, thanking the Acting Mayor for his hearty welcome and his kind wishes, and also for the honor he had done them by walking in their procession to the morning service. Mr. J. J. Kane, chairman of the reception committee, also read the following address of welcome on behalf of the Montreal branches of the association:

To the President, Officers and Members of the Grand Council of Canada, C. M. B. A.
 Brothers,—On behalf of the eight branches of our association here in Montreal, we bid you a hearty and cordial welcome on this auspicious occasion. In his civic capacity he extended a hearty welcome to the visiting delegates, and said that he was glad to see this association holding their convention in this great Catholic city, and he hoped that their stay in Montreal would be a pleasant one and result in great good to their organization.

The gratifying results as to the increased membership of our ranks, which we are able to announce to-day, as well as the progress and development and prosperity which have marked our movement since its inception, are not only a source of the most lively satisfaction to us, but are a happy augury for the future of our association throughout the length and breadth of our fair Dominion.

Chairman Reception Committee, J. COFFEY, Secretary Reception Committee, THE DELEGATES.

- Messrs. W. A. McHugh, Windsor; Rev. W. Flannery, St. Thomas; Gilbert Denart, Amherstburg; Martin O'Mara, London, West; A. Hurlbut, Stratford; Rev. A. J. McCoom, Stratford; Rev. Joseph Bayard, St. Ignace, W. F. Killisley, Chatham; J. J. Behan, Kingston; J. E. Lawrence, St. Catharines; James Donagan, Dundas; George Lang, Berlin; E. B. Goodwin, Stratford; James Kelly, Stratford; Thomas J. Lee, Toronto; W. P. Buckley, M.D., Stratford; Thomas O'Neil, Stratford; Patrick Kelly, Niagara; J. O'Reilly, Stratford; J. O'Connell, Rev. J. O'Connell.

Malden; J. L. Kroetsch, St. Clements; Thomas Forbush, Wallaceburg; William Hanover, M.D., Searsville; Rev. T. J. Sullivan, Toronto; John A. Murphy, Cayuga; J. J. Kane, Montreal; William Gleason, Brockville; P. B. Lathford and P. B. Campen, Ottawa; J. D. McMillan, Peterborough; T. P. Coffey, Guelph; P. B. Finagan, Lucknow; Rev. D. A. Twomey, Morrisburg, Ont.; R. J. Dowdell, Almonte; E. Campion, Goderich; P. J. Gilroy, Port Lambton; John Roman, Hamilton; J. H. Lewis, Hull; Rev. G. Broome, St. Arthur; H. Burdett, Hamilton; Rev. K. A. Campbell, Orillia; Louis D'Amay, Ottawa; L. S. Casanelli, Ottawa; B. O'Connell, Dublin; J. H. G. Hovey, Merrittton; Rev. Father Brennan, St. Mary's; Rev. J. S. Bloom, North Bay; John Herring, Aylmer; John Lougheed, Mattawa; John J. Gorman, Pembroke; J. H. Lewis, Hull; Rev. G. Broome, Stratford; Andrew Giesler, Midway; T. D. Kinella, Trenton; Julius Noll, Formosa, Ont.; Jerry Coffey, Montreal; Anthony Chalus, Peterborough; F. Dolan, Belleville; R. P. Spratt, Lindsay; Richard Troy, Ottawa; M. McFarland, Gananoque; Walter Welsh, Tilbury Centre; M. Ryan, Smith's Falls; John Long, Kingston; J. A. U. Bandy, J. P. Grace, Montreal; P. Courtois, Toronto; Evan Edwards, Deseronto; H. Howison, Montreal; D. P. Woods, Brantford; B. J. Conway, Perth; P. H. McCreedy, Picton; J. C. Hays, Alliston; William Ziegler, Teseawar; Michael French, Renfrew, Ont.; J. J. McGovern, Ottawa; J. J. Foran, Lechmere; Patrick Bennett, Ontario; P. Maritico, St. Roch, Que.; John J. McNeil, Westport, Ont.; Henry Arnold, Baden; Charles D. Henry, Three Rivers; E. Rochette, M.D., Richmond, Que.; A. Kera, Simonsville; R. P. O'Donoghue, Waterloo, Ont.; M. J. Hanavan, M. D., London; Thomas Yabe, Paris Sound; James J. Swift, Choung; Patrick Mirwin, Quebec; G. Green, Quebec; S. E. Gaudin, where; H. J. McPhillip, Toronto; W. J. McCamey, Merrickville; Charles Thibault, Waterloo, Que.; Rev. T. M. Shanahan, Niagara; Rev. S. Wadell, Chesport, Ont.; Judge Kioux, Sherbrooke; Thos. F. Brown, Welland, Ont.; Rev. J. McEntee, Port Colborne; D. Connor, Sudbury, Ont.; Henry Hurley, Grand Bend; Rev. J. G. Curran, Danville, Ont.; Patrick J. Dewain, Lunenburg, Ont.; Rev. D. A. McRae, Cleary, N.W.T.; E. Tremblay, M. D., Windsor Mills, Ont.; Rev. D. A. McRae, Parkhill, Ont.; F. Gaudin, M.D., Grandby, Que.; Jas. J. Power, Bathurst, N.B.

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

In the afternoon the delegates and members met at the Seminary to discuss the business of the last two years. Among those present were:—President, D. J. O'Connor, of Stratford; first vice-president, O. K. Fraser, of Brockville; second vice-president, J. J. Welmer, of Newmarket; grand chancellor, Rev. J. P. Molphy; treasurer, W. J. McKee, of Windsor; secretary, E. Brown, of London; marshal, J. H. Rilly, of Chatham; guard, Joseph Beane, of Amherstburg; trustees, Rev. M. J. Tiernan, (chairman), of London; Rev. P. M. Bardou, of Cayuga; Dr. J. A. McCabe, of Ottawa; E. J. O'Brien, of Guelph, and E. J. Reilly, of Toronto. Finance committee, Jas. Quillman, of Niagara Falls; Thos. O'Neal, of Paris; John Rowan, of Hamilton.

The president, in his remarks with reference to the reports on the progress of the society since their last meeting, advised that there were eighty-five branches with a membership of 3,120 in Canada, and that combined with the United States they had a membership of 19,000, but in the last two years the had increased the number of branches to one hundred and forty and the membership to 5,700, and united with the United States they had a membership of thirty thousand. The president further stated that their reserved fund was \$11,000, and the amount of insurance incurred up to July 1, 1890 was \$9,896,000. The council, since its formation in February, 1880, had paid out \$303,000 to heirs of deceased Canadian families. During the meeting several other gentlemen spoke, and various amendments discussed, after which the meeting closed.

IN THE QUEEN'S HALL.

Under the auspices of branch 50, Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, the public of Montreal were last evening afforded a decided treat in being afforded an opportunity of listening, in the Queen's Hall, to the famous American orator, Horace Danterly, who delivered a lecture upon "Oratory." There was a large audience present, and for an hour and a half they listened attentively as the glowing words fell from the lips of the speaker, now applauding as the hon. gentleman, warming to his subject and demonstrating some particular point in his words almost endowed with life, raised the enthusiasm of his hearers, and the next moment they would be waiting almost breathlessly for the words yet to be uttered, and then again he would carry the audience with him and plunge them into roars of laughter, as he recited, with due mimicry and elocutionary power, some truth-provoking incidents. In every sense the lecture was indeed an intellectual treat. Mr. E. McCabe, president of Branch 50, presided, and supporting him on the platform were His Grace Archbishop Walsh and Rev. J. Walsh, Toronto; Revs. Father Donnelly, Bro. Arnold, Father Strubbs; Father Flannery, St. Thomas, Ont.; Father Molphy, Ingersoll, Ont.; Father Newman, London, Ont.; Father Jones, S. J., Father O'Connell, S. J., Acting Mayor Hurlbut, Judge Dobarty, Messrs. J. J. Curran, M. P.; James McShane, M. F. P.; H. J. Cloran, president of St. Patrick's society; T. Coffey, proprietor and editor London *Catholic Record*; Grand President O'Connor, C. M. B. A.; Presidents Dandelin, Howison, Taylor; Deputies T. J. Finn, Dunlop, C. O'Brien, etc.

The chairman having introduced the lecturer and explained the objects of the association, the Hon. Daniel Donterly said that there were those who regarded the thinker as an orator, others the speaker who carried audience along in gentle harmony with him, others the scholar, who had written every sentence with delightful diversity and metaphor, and again, looked upon the declaimer, who with flowing sentences, that pleased the crowd and started shouts that made the walk in ring, as an orator. But he ventured to say with diffidence that none of these were orators, else the land would swarm with them, for every man who had the magnetic power to seize the feelings and control the actions of his audience, is in what was called the pronunciation, the delivery of a discourse before an audience the

real and distinctive qualities of the orator appeared, and herein lay the difference between the orator and the essayist. He must have an impassioned nature, a nature all aglow with noble thoughts and generous emotions, and with these he kindled in the hearts of his hearers the fire that burned in his own. Delivery, he pointed out, was not the only requisite for an orator, for whilst it might be of great service, a reputation for integrity would be of great service to an audience could give him an honor and respect that should never prostitute his heaven-born gifts by uttering a sentence which did not come from his heart. The ablest speeches of orators, he maintained, were those which had not been prepared beforehand, and he contended that a written speech was always lack that inspiration, which only the presence of an audience could give. His words were received with the most attentive and reverent attention, and the orator, after a most successful and glowing performance, left the hall in a state of the most gratifying excitement. The following is a list of the names of the speakers, in the order in which they appeared:—Mr. J. J. Curran, M.P., the gathering dispersed.

ON THE DAY OF THE MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION

the following letter appeared in the columns of the *Montreal Daily Star*:—

SIR,—As there are conclusive reasons for apprehending that at the convention of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, which assembled here to-day, the Separatists will make the most strenuous efforts, and expect to aid their cause by every available device, I am anxious to state that there is one man in Canada from the United States, which means universal division or separation all round; and it is lamentable to contemplate that a few interested, ambitious members, who are evidently actuated by the desire to obtain or grasp the official offices, which is the aim of their separationist policy, attempt the disintegration of the grandest mutual association ever instituted by civilized society. For its success one common end and its end will be indefinite. Ontario will dominate over Quebec, Quebec will not be subordinate, but will form her own Supreme Council and assume the independent consequences and dignity of South Australia. Then reciprocal relations will be severed, and there is too much independence and consequently too much expense and will retire placidly with a supreme bow, and a good bye, Hermine. Now, it is not according to the wisdom of ages to let well enough alone? Has not the Supreme Council of the United States paid all the beneficiaries or benefits, honorably and promptly, as they were called on or granted? And there are now several thousand dollars at this present moment ordered to be paid to widows in this City of Montreal. Is it supreme wisdom to separate financially from a wealthy neighboring country like the United States of America? I am inclined to think, Mr. Editor, you will answer decidedly not, but it is supreme folly. Does not the writer understand that there is a fraternal reciprocity of mutual relations exist between the generous citizens of the United States and the good people of Canada? For in the natural order of perpetual events, the daughter must separate from the mother, but Canada and the United States cannot separate, for their mutual welfare. Does not the writer understand that there is a reciprocal relation for their better or for their worse and for their earthly future.

TO WHICH THE FOLLOWING REPLY WAS MADE

IN THE *Gazette* the following morning:—

SIR,—In the *Star* of last evening there appeared a communication signed "Canada" regarding the above association, under the somewhat alarming caption of "Divisions in the C. M. B. A." The gross ignorance of the question on which he attempts to speak displayed by the writer leads me to think that he is no member of our association; but, on the contrary, some evil minded person, who, prompted by jealousy of the great success that has attended our society, would fain arise on this festival occasion and spew his venom from behind the cowardly shield of an anonymous letter. I deny most emphatically that there are any dissensions in our ranks, or that there is any desire or intention to take such steps as this correspondent indicates. I defy "Canada" to make this assertion over his own signature, and until he does so, I would respectfully ask our hosts or friends not to be troubled in the least by his effusion.

Yours respectfully,
E. O'BRIEN,
Grand Trustee G. O. of Canada.

THE NEW YORK STATE CONVENTION.

BINGHAMTON, N.Y., September 2.—The New York State Grand Council, C. M. B. A., began the fourth triennial convention in this city to-day. Twenty-two officers and 152 delegates are in attendance. The convention which is called for the best interests of the order, revises the constitution and enacts new laws, will continue three days and will conclude with a banquet.

THE IRISH FAMINE CLOUD.

A Sad Prospect in View for Irish Children, DUBLIN, Aug. 30.—Mr. Jackson, one of the joint secretaries of the British Treasury, and Mr. Sankey, of the Irish Board of Works, are making a tour to the north-west of Ireland for the purpose of reporting as to what relief shall be inaugurated in order to assist the people in case of famine arising in the failure of the potato crop. The prospect for the peasantry in the districts affected by the potato blight in Ireland grows more grim and dismal as summer wanes. This week has been issued a report of the Land Commissioners dealing with the question of the Aug. 15. The spread of blight has been even more general than has been supposed. It is only in Down, Tyrone, Tipperary, Dublin, Queens, Westmeath, and a small part of Donegal that the Commissioners declare that the crop promises an average yield. The disease is spreading rapidly, and the prospect is very bad indeed in Clara, West Clara, East Cork, Mallow, Brandon, Skibbereen, and Clonakilty. "Very seriously below the average and an absolute failure in poor land" is how the Commissioners describe the prospects. In Kerry we are told the crop will be below the average, the result depending very much on the weather, which, since these returns were issued, has shown no signs of improvement. On the sea coast the crop will be much below the average. In Con-

tries Carlow, Kilkenny, Kings, Longford, and part of Meath the crop is below the average, and as the Commissioners report that wet weather will cause the disease to spread rapidly, as it has rained heavily over much of the prospect is now, of course, more serious. In Lou: the crop is very doubtful; in Wexford, generally speaking, the growth has ceased, and most would be a crop of small and unmarketable tubers. In the west and southwest of Wicklow the crop will be much below the average. On allcoor and badly farmed land the tops are black and much rotted and the growth appears checked. Of Mayo the Commissioners' report very much below the average. Disease is general throughout. The distress appears worse along the sea coast, where potatoes planted in the bog were much damaged by early frosts. The effect of the blight has been to almost destroy the crop. In some cases the stalks blackened and withered up. The tubers are not as yet affected except in rare instances, but are generally very small and immature, owing to the blight setting in unusually early. The tubers in many instances will be absolutely unfit for human food. In the poorer, badly cultivated districts the crop will be an entire failure.

FIVE MINUTES' SERMON.

Go and do thou in like manner.—St. Luke x. 37.

How few of us, brethren, are really naturally of a self-sacrificing disposition! How few actually enjoy, for example, the offices of the sick room, or so much as a little visit of condolence to an afflicted friend!

This is why our Blessed Lord, in this day's Gospel, has given us the beautiful parable of the sheep and the goat, under the figure of a schismatic against the law of Moses, he is chosen as a model because he had a tender, compassionate heart, and was willing to put himself to trouble and expense for his neighbor's welfare.

The corporal works of mercy are the easiest of the ways to the love of God. People are fond of urging the members of religious orders, who, for the love of God, serve the sick and the aged, the insane and the orphan; often forgetting that if this is good as a lifework for them, it is not bad as an occasional practice of virtue for us living in the world. All around us there are shoulders bending under weary burdens and hearts breaking with unappreciated grief, in the most sacred of our households. How often do men deny their wives the pleasure of their company; when Sunday comes, going off with any chance companions and leaving the poor mother to mind the children, to miss Mass, and sit lonely at home the livelong day. How very often do young men think of taking any but the most sacred pleasure of amusement rather than their own souls. I think if a spiritual thermometer were dipped into such men's hearts they would be found pretty near the freezing point.

But, brethren, the sick-room—ah! that is the place of the road between Jerusalem and Jericho where men and women are oftenest found in need of the love of God. Have you ever been very sick? If so, you know the value of a little good nursing. A man who was just recovering from a very dangerous illness told me once that when his head was burning with the fever he would willingly have given a hundred thousand dollars for the cooling, restful relief he enjoyed every time the nurse fanned out the pillows for him. Have you ever been the nurse? If so, you know the value of a little good nursing. A man who was just recovering from a very dangerous illness told me once that when his head was burning with the fever he would willingly have given a hundred thousand dollars for the cooling, restful relief he enjoyed every time the nurse fanned out the pillows for him.

And when at last death is come, your presence makes the deepest comfort. The face is almost gone forward promptly and help to lay out the Christian corpse; to sit up for a night beside that strange, silent guest in the coffin; and, when you find two or three gathering about it, to have the courage to read in reciting the Rosary for the soul's happy repose.

I know, brethren, that there are many kind hearts who are ready to help in this way. But there are others, especially among the men, who nearly quite forget them. And others still who do them grudgingly, and only after many entreaties. To obtain a kind act from an unwilling heart, and after encountering many excuses, is like blowing a dying fire; before you see the bright coals glow the fire is nearly covered with ashes and cinders.

Brother, let us not be slow to shame by the Samaritan. When confronted with persons suffering from poverty, sickness, death, or any misfortune, do like the Samaritan; forget all about their nationality, or acquaintance, or religion. Say something or do something in charity and for the love of God; your neighbor's deepest gratitude and God's sure reward will amply repay you.

A Bishop Consoled.

The consecration of Coadjutor Bishop Charles McDonald took place at St. Dunstan's cathedral, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, on Thursday morning, with all the grandeur and ceremony pertaining to the Catholic rite, the cathedral being crowded. The prelates in attendance were His Grace Archbishop O'Brien, Halifax; Bishops Sweeney and Rogers, New Brunswick; Cameron, Archaus; Biels, coadjutor bishop of Rimouki, and the priests of the diocese. Archbishop O'Brien preached a powerful sermon on the responsibility of the hierarchy, which was warmly received and was held in the grand salon of the bishop's palace. A banquet was held at St. Dunstan's college in the evening attended by nearly 200 guests.

A Bold Girl.

CITY OF GUATEMALA, September 2.—A daughter of General Martin Barandilla, who was shot to death in the battle of the Pacific and the steamship *Acapulco* last week, attempted to shoot United States Minister Mizner yesterday. Mr. Mizner was at his desk translating the resolutions given to him by the Government, and Barandilla's life would have been spared in case he was surrendered

when the young woman came into the office. As the minister looked up from his work she was standing within four feet of him with a revolver in her hand. She saluted him, saying "Hi! Hi! you the American Minister?" Mr. Mizner replied: "I am; can I be of any service to you?" With flashing eye she accused him of having been directly the cause of her father's death, and announced that she meant to kill him. Mr. Mizner took the matter coolly and tried to reason with the girl, who was apparently almost crazed with excitement and in the most tragic manner pointed on him the bitterest invectives of which the Spanish language is capable. At last she pulled the trigger of the pistol. Mr. Mizner had taken up a heavy law book, which he, with apparent carelessness, held between himself and the girl, and the bullet which was meant for his head was caught in the leaves of the book. The sound of the shot attracted attention, and before a second shot could be fired assistance arrived and the pistol was taken from the young woman. Throughout the entire exciting interview Mr. Mizner maintained the utmost coolness, which unquestionably saved his life. The girl was arrested.

An Outrage.

VICTORIA, B. C., August 28.—The Mattie C. Dyer arrived this afternoon from the North for repairs. She was seized at Onalaska on the 18th of June by the U. S. Deputy Collector, having gone in there in distress in the day previous. Captain Macier informed the authorities that he had not transgressed the revenue laws and had been seized against the customs regulations. About a week after the deputy collector went on board and took possession of about a quart of wine. The vessel was entitled to have five gallons. He had smelt several empty demijohns, but found nothing. When the case was brought up before the court it was dismissed, the judge saying, however, that it had been shown by the evidence that the boat came in because she had lost her gear and had a crew man on board. She had seventy-seven seals, all of which were returned except three. When taken to Sitka the Mattie C. Dyer was run ashore and grounded, when the officers went through her. Her captain and crew were taken ashore and confined in the Boarding Castle, where they were kept for two weeks, being allowed rations from their own stock, which one of their number was sent for. The authorities took away the seals, and all the vessel's findings. The grounding had caused her to leak badly, which had been partially stopped. The seals seized had been taken as least thirty miles from any shore of the North Pacific. She had never been to Bahngong Sea and had simply gone into port in distress. The man who made the seizure was a new official.

A Significant Hint.

LONDON, Aug. 31.—A most significant sign of the times is the publication in this week's *Punch* of a cartoon for which Mr. Balfour and his Irish policy furnish the subject. The cartoon is entitled "Shadowed." It represents the Irish Secretary having evidently come home fatigued with his favorite game of golf, sitting asleep in an easy chair, with cigars and whiskey on the table beside him, and his golf stick at his feet. His countenance is anxious and haggard, and standing beside his chair is a gaunt and emaciated figure, who is pointing with bent finger to a picture in the distance in which are represented the starving Irish peasantry digging hopelessly where their potatoes are rotting in the wet soil, or clustered in wretched groups about their cheerless hovels.

The Sherbrooke Exhibition.

SHERBROOKE, September 2.—The sixth annual exhibition of the Sherbrooke Township Agricultural Association was opened to the public this morning, and despite the cloudy and threatening weather 2,000 had passed in before noon. This society was incorporated in 1855, when they had their first fair, and have steadily improved and progressed until now they stand on a solid basis, owing their success to ground in the heart of Sherbrooke, with large and commodious buildings, stalls, offices, restaurants, etc. The Hon M. H. Cochrane is patron, while Hon G. Robertson, M. P. P.; Hon C. O. Colby, M. P.; A. Fisher, M. P.; R. H. Pope, M. P.; and R. W. Heneker are vice-presidents. The board of directors consist of J. R. Wood, president; J. A. Fraser, secretary; and O. J. Taylor, Messrs J. Mainstone, M. P. P.; B. F. Knight, J. A. Obycove, R. B. Larabee, Wm. Murray, S. L. Cough, J. S. Mitchell, Major J. Wood, W. A. Hale, Robert H. Tyler, C. A. French, N. T. Dussault, O. P. Patten. To the energy and enterprise of these gentlemen due the success which has secured their labors in the past. The exhibition is an unusually good one, the live stock being of the very highest order. The show of manufactures, carriages, pianos, farm machinery, etc., is extensive and of a first-class order.

Anti-Socialists.

BERLIN, August 27.—A great fight that bordered close to a riot occurred here Monday evening in the Friedrichshain brewery and the grounds about it. During the evening a mob gathered outside of the gates and grew so large that the streets in the vicinity became impassable. One thousand roughs made a concentrated attack on the Socialists, broke down the fences and invaded the park. A desperate fight followed, clubs and sticks being freely used, but the timely arrival of mounted police prevented bloodshed. When the police rode into the mass of fighters they were received with a shower of stones. They swung their swords right and left, wounding many persons, and finally put the rioters to flight. It is said that the police was incited to its attack by agitators of the Radical branch of the Anarchists not in sympathy with the peaceful methods of Socialists.

Proposed Reciprocity.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3.—Mr. Sherman yesterday introduced his Reciprocity resolutions, and dwelt upon the desirability of reciprocity with Canada, specially referring to coal, metals, and fish. The resolutions met with some opposition.

The college term beginning on Wednesday, September 3rd, at Bonaventure College, departs at 9 a.m., a train will leave Bonaventure depot at 9.10 a.m. on the new Montreal and Ottawa railway, to convey students of that college's institution of learning. Judge Foster says that regular trains will begin to run between Montreal and Rigaud on September 15th or 16th.

CATHOLIC CULLINGS.

Gems of Thought from Holy Men Past and Present.

Remember God, forget yourselves, and forget yourselves in remembering God.

If the first hour of every day were spent in the presence, certain though unseen, of our patron Saint, our whole day would be restrained and elevated by it.

Without virtue and without integrity, the finest talents and most brilliant accomplishments can never gain the respect and confidence of the truly valuable part of mankind.

St. Vincent de Paul used to say: "If we had one foot in heaven, yet, if we ceased to merit ourselves here before we could draw the other after it, we should be in danger of losing our soul."

Angels' hands have been about you from the waters of Holy Baptism. Their guidance, unseen, unfelt, has drawn you again from the which you have ever dealt with the sinful in a pure conscience they have stayed you up; the hour of wavering they have kept you from falling.

The loving compassion, active emotion of pity, the tears and benedictions with which the holiest men have ever dealt with the sinful in a pure conscience they have stayed you up; the hour of wavering they have kept you from falling.

Count all things loss, that you may win the crown of glory that endures forever. The inheritance of God's kingdom is not carnal. Labor for it, and weary yourselves until you find it; and forget that if your religion be indefinite, you have no true knowledge of your Saviour; and if your belief be uncertain, it is not the faith by which we can be saved.

Nothing teaches patience like a garden. All have to wait for the fruit of the earth. You may go round and watch the opening bud from day to day; but it takes its own time and you cannot urge it on faster. If you find it is only torn to pieces. All the best results of a garden, like those of life, are slowly but regularly progressive. Each year does a work that nothing but a year can do. "Learn to labor and to wait," is one of the best lessons of a garden. All that is good takes time, and comes only by growth.

God's voice speaks pleadingly in bereavement. One who we love so truly that the world seems empty and cold without him is taken from our side. We rebel and feel, like Job, ready to "Curse God and die." Any one else might have been taken, but not this one, we sob. It is too much to bear, we cry; the rest of our days will be all black, sorrowful and unutterably miserable. There is no lesson in it, we say, but the lesson of despair.

Dear friend listen but a moment, and you will hear the voice speaking as you never have heard it before.

Sinners put the worst construction on each other's words and acts. They have no consideration or forbearance. Their apparent sympathy is but a selfishness in the same disobedience. And so also the sympathy of the world; how hollow, formal, and constrained it is! How little soothing and cheering in our sorrows and trials are worldly friends, even the kindest-hearted of them! Awful, why, but because it is peculiarly the property of true sanctity to be charitable! And in the grace of charity is certain gentleness, compassion, tenderness of hand in teaching the wounds of other men, fair interpretations, large allowance, ready forgiveness.

If each man says I there be a world of progress in me, let me live to make my life more intelligent, more full, more beautiful, more religious, more reverent; let me live so that around me there shall be diffused an air of light and fragrance and gladness and joy so that others may become also modeled by these ideals which have been upheld by me and have lured me on—this ought to be the aim of each and everyone of us. It is the aim we can follow everywhere, and which we must with more eagerness continue to follow until in this country there shall be no rich man who is not a benefactor, no wise man who does not help to make other men less unwise, no strong man who does not help the weak, no brave man who does not resist the cruel and unjust.—Bishop Spalding.

Oh, if we could but look into the heart's depths, we should have more patience than we have with one another. We should then judge one more easily; we should make allowances and excuses for them, as we do for ourselves. We should even see how innocent in souls they are, those whom perhaps we bitterly blame. Earth were more like a heaven did we know one another. And not alone in heaven, the blessed will also see the friends they left on this earth. The little sister that went in the early days, with the blue and white dress, and the black locks—from heaven she looks down, and prays for the little brother or sister that played with her in the summer days long ago. The lonely eyes and the breaking heart (and whose is like to hers?) of the poor dying mother, and the little children peeping in at the door or stealing around her bed, and hidden to be silent—the loneliness eyes close and the broken heart is still, but from heaven that loving mother still looks down on her little children and guards them with all the old wistful longing and affection.—Father R. O'Kennedy in the Holy Angles.

German Catholics in Council.

BERLIN, August 31.—The Catholic Congress of Coblenz is holding a three days' session. Six thousand persons are in attendance. The Congress demands the reestablishment in Germany of all the Catholic orders, including the Jesuits, and the restoration of the Pope's temporal power. It also asks for a government subsidy for Catholic missions in German Africa. Thanks were voted to Emperor William for his attempt to establish social peace.