

## Montreal Letter

of the leaders, and new school of vice, heir commection with extended into the most

cards, a dose of heroin, and then plan their criminal activities. Money for drugs and the maintenance of the Club was obtained from petty criminal Those of the younger boys who

vere supposed to attent school spent most of the school day loitering in the ring headquarters, absorbit criminal lore, planning crimina rimes, drugging themselves into oma of watching others use the narcotic. Some of the boys of intermediate ages worked in shops and facories about the district. Nearly all I their earnings drifted into the club

The older boys never worked but lways had money. Larocque, the oldest of the gang, was looked upon as a hero by the rest. The worship he received was chiefly

due to the fact that he had served a number of years in jail and was well known to the police.

Larocque had then sent to jail several times for the and possessing lrugs. At present he is charged beore the police court with theft from the person . He is to appear for trial on October 15. Larocque's mother, who took the witness stand for about 5 minutes, declared she had never been able to manage her son since he was ten years of age. For the past 2 months she had lived in fear of her life as he had threatened to kill her every time he visited his home. Whenever he ran short of cash he forced our youths go wrong her to hand over whatever she posagrests have been be a great relief to her to know he with the peddling was in jail she told the court. Before sentencing the culprits Judge

with a Lacroix declared the ring was the imprisonment besides, most serious menace to the youth of discovered something ed. As a school of crime it stood ands a few days ago. without a parallel in police annals of st "Nancotic Club" in the city, he asserted.

sisted almost entire- | Even though the gang was now de-16 years and under. stroyed beyond possibility of reforand and Minds of the mation no one would ever be able to within the next six weeks, to increase derworld drug addicts, estimate the harm it had already done to one hundred by next spring. The

to crime. The leader | You older members of this ring mer, and is responsible for the addio was: 23 years old, have taken mere children away from tion, it was reported. Bramsom's will ordeaux Jail for two their proper pursuits, and taught also increase their fleet. lared that he was a them to admire crime and criminals. A. Livingstone, assistant general ince he was 12 years You have made them familiar with manager of the Yellow Cab Company, his car on the narrow pier, he backed ddest part of it was the use of narcotics, the most deadly of Montreal claimed that articles with embers of the ring, of our social menaces. Some of these er, adraitted they had extremely young boys you have turn- had been found in their cars, as platifor five years or ed into drug fiends. Others you have num and diamond brooches and strings of tender years were made potential addicts . I can hardly of pearls. Significant of the absent- fractured ribs and a bruised leg. He ere reprimand, 6 were think of a penalty too great for you mindedness of the usual patron are the roing to the Reforma- and I am sorry the law is not more lost article lists of the companies; him after the accident and was rescutions, fountain pens and innumerable

MONTREAL HAS OVER SOO TAXI-

The city's fleet of 808 taxicabs is after she had left a dance at the Ritz shack in a lane off quite inadequate to cope with the traf- Carlton Hotel. The coat was returnreet, near St. Cather- fic, especially in bad weather. The ed the next morning before it was by the Club as its principal companies operating are missed. Why the "Scorpions' "The Yellow Cab Company," "The Kenfame, hadn't a patch nedy Taxi Co," "The Diamond Taxi THE ANNUAL FIRE LOSS IS STILL next day. Show fell to the depth of tic Club." The Club Company," and "The Ritz Taxi Co."

he Fire Protection Bureau has cut down the number of fires in Montreal, nearly fifty per cent., since its organization, still the loss per capita is \$3.28, was one of many interesting details brought out at a luncheon of the City Improvement League, given at the Windsor Hotel. Chief Fire Inspector James McIsaacs was the principal speaker, he said that the splendid record of his department should not be so much credited to the individuals who carried out the law as to the law itself, adding that the fear put into the hearts of the criminally careless was largely responsible for the big cut in fires here. Apropos of talk that is going around, he said, about abolishing the department he stated that not. If it was not useful it should be abolished and the inspectors dismissed. If it is to be kept at all it should be enlarged and its powers increased to take in dwellings as well as busi-

Unmatched for style,

comfort and service-

They have ample

space to permit

cravat to slide easily

and smoothly-and

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tourist traffic realized this last sum-

hottles of wine, coats of all descrip-

HEAVY.

able Buttonholes.

ability.

He compared Montreal with New York, showing that the American city, although it had weather and geographical conditions in its favor, still had twenty-five per cent, more fires per capita than Montreal. He said that last year his department made 110.921 inspections, found conditions bad, and had them remedied in 4,326 cases and took 79 cases before the Recorder, none of which were lost.

Other speakers, all of whom cited the need of widening the scope of the Fire Prevention Bureau, were Chairman F. W. Stewart, R. J. Wickham who brought out that the per capita fire loss of Canada was \$5.10 and of Montreal alone \$3.28 with a total fire loss of \$3,362,675; Mayor McLagan, of Westmont; Mayor Beaubien, of Outremont; Acting Mayor Savard, of Mon treal; Dr. Milton Hersey, of the Harbor Commission, and F. W. Stewart, Dean of Montreal's insurance men.

DRIVER AND AUTOMOBILE FELL

A man who was superintending the unloading of a steamer at the Tarte Pier, had a rather unpleasant experience and came within an ace of losmanaged to grasp a rope thrown to ed with some difficulty. The car was pulled out the next day.

One lady was known to leave a grey A VERITABLE BLIZZARD STRIKES THE CITY.

squirrel coat valued at \$750 in a car, The earliest snowfall in years took place on Friday night, Oct. 9th. At midnight a veritable blizzard set in, the 1.3 inches. Last year the first snow hours a day, and the Fifty new cars will be placed in op- Despite the fact that the work of did not fall until November 3rd, when 1.1 inches was recorded. Toronto and

> THE ARCHBISHOP ISSUES TIMELY PASTORAL LETTER.

> On Sunday, Oct 11th, a pastoral letter was read in all the churches of the Archdiocese of Montreal, from His Grace Archbishop George Gauthier, dealing with the voters who fail to exercise their public spirit at election times by refusing to cast their vote. and also on the evil influence of bad movies. "To abstain from voting is a bad example, often a cowardly action and sometimes treason," said the Archbishop . He bitterly condemned lies, slanders, interference, perjury, purchase of votes. Pressure of al

hese adds dishonor like an ulcer. In discussing the pernicious influence of theatrical spectacles of a certain type, Monsignor Gauthier not only scores those which are a vehicle for religious propaganda against the doctrines and ideas of the Roman Catholic Church, but he points out the perilous influence on public morals which certain types of plays exercise

"Nobody can be astonished that we should protest. The theatre has become one of the most widespread of worldly distractions It may easily oct20,11 become one of the most perilous," he

"It would be possible to fill pages be those of normal society, and which are only a school of vice and of scep-

"I have no intention of dwelling at length upon this subject. Nevertheless, I cannot prevent myself from remarking how sad it is to see Catholics, men or young boys, women or young girls, who by pure bravado go to hear the utterances or watch the gestures which they can only be ashhamed of. How sad it is, too, to read in our big newspapers, almost without exception, the advertisements which attract to these spectacles. The directors are surely honorable men who would not knowingly co-operate in a bad undertaking. But the press of to-day suffers from what has been called by a barbaric word 'industrialization. Every line must pay, and this class of advertisements pay too well to be abandoned. How can one conciliat all this with the sense of respons ty? I am incapable."

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tesy and a "good morning," often go a long way in making others feel happy . The bright sunshine of life is often obscured by the want of little things shown to those with whom we Dear Readers.—The little things come in contact daily. Cheerfulness says, "In all the affairs of life, social as well as political, courtesies of a small and trivial character are the ones which strike deepest to the grateful and appreciating heart."

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