

THE "TUQUE BLEU" DINNER.

SOLICITOR-GENERAL CURRAN'S GLAYVE SPEECH AT THE BANQUET.

Hon. Solicitor-General Curran spoke eloquently. After telling a humorous story, he said that nowadays public speakers had to be very careful. The critic was abroad. (Laughter.) At their former gatherings he had spoken of our country and its future, of a united people and their prospects, but that did not seem to please the hypercritical. Yet despite that fact he would not be deterred from speaking of Canada, our home, nor of the bright days that are in store for her if her sons, the descendants of many races, stood shoulder to shoulder and manfully strove to work out together the glorious destiny of Canada. (Loud cheers.) Patriotic utterances might be platitudes, but that gathering seemed to relish them. He referred in pleasing terms to the association and the prominent part it had played in the past. He then dealt with the effects of athletic sports on national life. We had a statistician at Ottawa, Mr. Johnson, who had given most valuable and interesting figures, calculated to inspire our people with great hopes. When we read that there are now over 10,200 churches in Canada it was a sign that the people were not only God-fearing, but that they had the money to give substantial evidence of their sentiments. The fact that over one-fifth of our population was acquiring knowledge in the elementary and the high school, the college or the university, inclusive of our schools of agriculture and industry, was proof positive that Canada was destined to be one of the most advanced countries in the world. Yet there was another table of statistics that he should like to see added. His friend, Mr. Maltby, had just told him that in Montreal alone there are over four thousand active members of athletic associations. What must be the total number in the whole Dominion? (Cheers.) When taking into account the influence of these organizations on national life and character they were well worthy of a place in our year book. A religious people, a people fond of learning, making great sacrifices for the promotion of every class of educational institutions, a people that cling to their national games and kept up the old traditions imported from the lands of their forefathers, could not fail to develop into a strong nationality. (Cheers.) He hoped they would stand firmly by this association and that year by year the rivalry between them and their sister organizations would become more and more keen, and thus our national games and sports be perpetuated for the benefit of the country they loved so well. (Cheers.)

REV. J. J. KELLY.

AN APOSTOLIC IRISH PRIEST—HIS VISIT TO MONTREAL AND ITS OBJECT.

With the kind permission of His Grace Right Rev. E. O. Fabre, Rev. Father Kelly, of Kingston, is now soliciting assistance from the members of the different English-speaking Catholic parishes in this city, to aid in the grand work of establishing a parish and building a church at Athens, a part of the diocese of Kingston, where the number of Irish Catholics is very limited, the larger proportion of the population being Protestant. The good Catholic people of the locality cannot of themselves alone realize their desire of constructing a temple to God in their midst; therefore, they appeal, through their devoted pastor, to the generosity of their countrymen and co-religionists. To aid them in their noble design is to glorify the Creator. In such a case, none can refuse to give, in proportion to their means. Placed under similar circumstances, how pleased would we be to find a helping hand accompanied by a word of cheerful sympathy. It is to be hoped Father Kelly will not be forced to return without some quite tangible proof that the Irish people of Montreal truly appreciate the great sacrifice he is making in the interests of his faith and race. Father Kelly has already built a fine commodious church at Rockport, and improved another at Trevelyan, and alert to the educational advancement of his people, he has erected a spacious Catholic school at the latter place. How creditable it would be for those whom heaven has endowed with a wealth of worldly goods to contribute, in kind, an altar-piece, stat-

uary, vestments, etc., as well as money, while those in humbler circumstances will give their mite cheerfully.

By the graceful permission of the pastors of the different parishes, Rev. Father Kelly will on some special Sunday take up a collection in each church. In the meantime he will enjoy the hospitality of the pastor of St. Mary's, Rev. P. F. O'Donnell, 62 Panet street. The first collection will be taken up next Sunday, at St. Mary's.

DROWNED IN AUSTRALIA.

A MR. GEORGE KELLY, LATE OF MONTREAL.

A gentleman handed us a copy of the West Australian, dated 20th Dec., 1894, containing the account of an inquest held upon George Kelly, who met his death by drowning during the month of December last. The deceased had documents showing miners' rights issued in Coolgardie, 10th April last. Letters were found in his possession that indicate he had a brother living in Canada, the address being, "William Kelly, 18 Dupre Lane, St. Paul Street, W. Montreal, Canada." Should this information come under the notice of the deceased's brother or of any reader acquainted with him, or knowing his whereabouts, it might be of use to that gentleman to learn the particulars of his brother's death.

UNSANITARY SCHOOLS.

At the last meeting of the Catholic School Commissioners Dr. Desjardins reported that the Committee appointed to interview the Provincial Board of Health regarding the sanitary condition of Montcalm and Sarsfield schools had ascertained that it was not the intention to condemn the schools, but only point out defects. It was decided that Mr. Doran, the architect, report on what had to be done. Montcalm school will have to be provided with a new roof. Rev. Father Leclerc and Dr. Brennan visited three private schools. Father Leclerc reported that the one visited in St. James Ward was altogether unsatisfactory. Dr. Brennan said that some of these private schools received help, presumably to educate poor children, but they were all found in localities where the parents could pay. Mr. Monk thought, too, many of these small schools were subsidized. Father Quinlivan thought the recommendation of parish priests should only relate to character. It was finally resolved on motion of Dr. Brennan that in future all applications for a grant should be accompanied by a solemn declaration containing all the details affecting the school for which assistance is asked. An investigation is to be held into the usefulness, hygienic condition and grade of teaching of every school subsidized by the Board.

"RICHELIEU" IN BOSTON.

On Friday night, 25th January last, Mr. Joseph Haworth at the Castle Square Theatre, Boston, essayed the great role of Cardinal Richelieu for the first time on any stage, and it is speaking mildly when we say that he pleased and surprised the people and critics of Boston with his grand conception of the difficult character.

The Boston Herald speaks most highly of Mr. Haworth's debut in that difficult

role. The same paper also speaks favorably of the manner in which our young townsman, Mr. Richard B. Milloy, played Francois and predicts a brilliant future for him. His sister, Miss May Milloy, who is favorably known in local dramatic circles, left here last week on a visit to her brother, and she, no doubt, will feel honored at his rapid strides in acting and the satisfactory manner in which the people and press speak of his ability.

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BACK FROM A LONG TRIP.

Mr. H. K. Ritchie, stationery agent of the Grand Trunk Railway, returned last week from an extended trip to the South. Mr. Ritchie was accompanied by his wife and during their seventeen days' absence they travelled over 3,490 miles. Leaving Montreal on January 14 for New York, they proceeded thence to Asheville, N. C., and afterwards visited in turn Savannah, Spartanville, Columbia, Charleston and Augusta. Mr. and Mrs. Ritchie greatly enjoyed their trip and have returned fully recuperated in health.

C. M. B. A.

Last night's grand concert, held by Branch 226 of the C.M.B.A., was a great success. The concert was held in the Town Hall of St. Henri, and the following prominent and clever artists contributed to the entertainment:—Miss Hollnhead, who sang "Of Thee I Am Thinking," Mrs. Tighe, Miss McGreevy, Miss Milloy, and Messrs. J. J. Rowan, Bergeron, Desmarais, Tremblay, Beiques and Gray. The Lona Dramatic Club presented very cleverly the "Secret, or Hole in the Wall." Mr. F. X. Payette directed the musical programme.

The members of Court St. Christophe, No. 225, Association Catholique de Bienfaisance Mutuelle, Arthabaskaville, Que., have elected and installed the following officers for the ensuing term: Louis Rainville, president; Dr. E. T. Belleau, chancellor; J. E. Methot, first vice president; E. Blondin, M. D., second vice-president; H. Laurier, secretary; J. N. Gastonguay, financial secretary; J. B. Ouellet, treasurer; F. Spenard, marshal; H. Pepin, guard; committee, J. E. Methot, A. Picher, P. Mahen, C. Baril and H. Pepin.

MGR. FABRE TO OFFICIATE.

Mgr. Fabre has accepted the invitation to go to St. Boniface to officiate at the consecration of Mgr. Langevin, archbishop-elect. Mgr. Langevin has received all orders from Mgr. Fabre.

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