

In and Around Toronto

SANCTUARY BEING DECORATED

The Sanctuary of the Church of St. Francis is undergoing a process of decorating. The Altar Society have the matter in hand, and the subjects of the designs will be different scenes in the life of the patron saint of the parish. It is expected that the work will be completed before the opening of the Mission which is to begin at Easter.

A DELIGHTFUL EVENING.

As an outcome of a contest in the Christian Doctrine Association of St. Peter's Parish, a delightful evening was passed in the parish hall on Monday last. The married women and the single women had lately completed a course of study by a written test, with the understanding that the defeated ones should give evidence of their grace in accepting defeat by entertaining the winners. The single ladies of the parish came off victorious, and the married ladies fulfilled their part of the contract by providing a fine musical programme, kindly directed by Mrs. Sullivan Mallon, after which refreshments and a social hour brought the evening to a close. Those who assisted with the programme were Miss Eleanor Kennedy, Mr. Frank Fulton, Mr. Jas. Wickett, Mrs. Hagerty and Miss Theils.

ANNUAL BANQUET AT DE LA SALLE.

The annual banquet of the Literary and Athletic Association of De La Salle Institute, held on Thursday, the 8th inst., was in every way a pronounced success. The lecture room of the Institute was the scene of the festivities and no pains had been spared to make it worthy of the event. A fine arrangement of flags decorated the walls and colored lights hung suspended from the ceiling. Copies of some of the world's masterpieces alternated with the flags, and portraits of the King and Queen, together with that of the venerated founder of the Christian Brothers, were given prominent positions. Many fine specimens of the work of pupils of the school were also in evidence. The chair was taken by Very Rev. Vicar-General McCann, and Brother Edward was master of the toasts. After the menu had been done justice to the toast of "The Pope" was happily responded to by Rev. Father Whelan. Other toasts honored were "The King," responded to by Mr. Wm. Prendergast, Inspector of Schools; "The Archbishop and Clergy," replied to by Rev. Father Doyle; "Canada," replied to by W. T. J. Lee. The toast "Catholic Education" drew forth addresses from E. O'Keefe and Prof. Kyle, and "The School Board" was attended to by Messrs. Callaghan and D. A. Carey. Mr. T. E. Klein spoke to the toast of "The Press," and "Our Athletic Association" and "Our Literary Societies" were responded to by short speeches from Thos. Boland, Chas. Read, Austin Dee and A. Leonard. The toast list was interspersed with appropriate musical selections and after a German song Mr. J. J. Seitz was called upon for a speech. James Doyle proposed "The Teachers," and Bro. Lawrence responded. The "Banquet Committee," whose work was everywhere before the gathering, came in for a due share of praise, gratefully acknowledged by Carroll March and John Burns. Some of those present were Brothers Otto Baldwin, Maxentius, Denis, Simon and Joseph, and Messrs. Seitz, Callaghan, Disette, Costello, Donville and Latremouille. The musical programme rendered was exceptionally fine, and the speeches, though short, were happy and to the point, "Catholic Education" being the keynote throughout. On the whole the evening ranks first as the most successful that had taken place for many years.

HAS NOT RETIRED.

The report that Mr. J. T. Loftus had retired from the contest for school trustee in Ward 4, was altogether without foundation. Mr. Loftus is still in the field and intends to remain there until the polls close.

FIRE AT ST. JOSEPH'S.

On Monday afternoon a fire broke out in the basement of St. Joseph's Church, Leslie street. The fire was extinguished after damage on furniture and vestments to the amount of \$600 had been done. The loss was covered by insurance in the Western Company.

C.Y.L.L.A.

The place of meeting of above Society for Monday, the 13th inst., will be at the home of Miss Milady, 365 Berkeley street.

A QUIET WEDDING.

On January 17th, at St. Paul's Catholic Church, Toronto, Miss Caroline, youngest daughter of the late Wm. Russell, became the wife of Mr. M. Sweesley of Kempsville. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. Father hand, who also celebrated the nuptial Mass. The bride was attended by Miss Margaret Byrne, while Mr. Frank Russell supported the groom. After the ceremony the wedding party repaired to the home of Mr. Wm. Russell, Berkeley street, brother of the bride, where with speeches, toasts and good wishes they partook of breakfast prior to their departure for Montreal and the east, where they will visit before returning to their home in Kempsville.

\$750 FOR CHARITY.

The 22nd annual meeting of the Toronto Savings Bank—"Charitable Trust"—was held at St. John's Grove, Sherbourne street, His Grace the Archbishop presiding, and with Messrs. Thomas Flynn, Hugh T. Kelly, William Dineen and M. O'Connor, members of the board of trust also present.

Financial report of investments of the year was received, and after the general business of the meeting was disposed of it was resolved that \$750 be taken from the year's earnings for distribution among the Charities, and the treasurer, Mr. M. O'Connor, was requested to apportion the same as follows: Orphanage of Sacred Heart, Sunnyside \$150.00 St. Nicholas Institute for boys 150.00 St. Mary's Industrial School for Girls 100.00 House of Providence 100.00 Monastery of Our Lady of Charity—"Good Shepherd"..... 100.00 House of Industry 100.00 St. Vincent De Paul Children's Aid Society 50.00

ST. HELEN'S SCHOOL.

The boys of St. Helen's School held on Saturday afternoon their annual winter outing. It assumed this year the form of a rink carnival. Owing to the exceptionally fine and inviting weather the boys knew how to profit by the same and held on their spacious school rink a most agreeable afternoon. The program, which was most successfully carried out, resulted as follows:

- Boys, 12 years and under, 220 yds.—1st, H. Glynn; 2nd, C. McCarthy; 3rd, V. Colgan.
Boys, 13 years and under, 220 yds.—1st, H. Tracy; 2nd, H. Woods.
Boys, 14 years and under, 440 yds.—1st, H. Torpey; 2nd, W. Artkin.
Open race, 1 mile—1st, H. Tracy; 2nd, W. Artkin; 3rd, W. Kerr.
Hurdle race—1st, W. Artkin; 2nd, H. Woods.
Backwards race—1st, E. Keating; 2nd, V. Pegg.
Backwards race, open—1st, E. Boisseau; 2nd, W. Artkin.
Lifting puck—1st, H. Pegg; 2nd, H. Woods.
Shooting puck—1st, H. Torpey; 2nd, H. Pegg.
The Reverend Pastor encouraged the boys by his presence and aided them to carry through their afternoon's sports.
The Rev. Father McGrath complimented the winners of the hockey match and conferred on them the laurels they had won.
At the close an agreeable luncheon was partaken of by the boys after which they departed, delighted with the day's enjoyment. Com.

MRS. THOS. H. WALL.

The death of Mrs. Thos. H. Wall, better known in Toronto by her maiden name, Miss Eva Ward, will be learned by many with regret and shock, for when visiting in the city but a few short months ago, she had every seeming promise of a long and happy life. Death came after a very brief illness, and the afflicted husband and little four-year-old daughter were left to mourn the loss of a beautiful and loving wife and mother.

Mrs. Wall was born and educated in Toronto, most of her life being spent in the parishes of the West End. Some years ago she moved with her husband to Buffalo, and later married Mr. Thos. H. Wall, Vice-President of the Buffalo Hardware-Lumber Co. With her husband she spent some years in Memphis, but latterly made a permanent home in Buffalo. Mrs. Wall will be remembered for her bright and vivacious disposition and for her clever work in the amateur dramatic work of our literary societies. She was an active and earnest member of the Catholic Young Ladies' Literary Society.

The funeral took place on Saturday last from the Church of the Annunciation a solemn High Mass of Requiem being sung by the Rector, Rev. Father McGrath, assisted by Rev. Father Quinn, Vice-Pres. of the University at Niagara Falls, and Rev. Father Carr, Assistant Rector at Annunciation. In a touching sermon Father McGrath made pathetic reference to the beautiful home deprived of the one whose graceful presence was the light of the household, and recalled her presence in the literary circles of his parish, where her brilliant intellect marked her out from all others. After the Requiem and De Profundis had been sung the funeral cortege which included friends from Toronto, proceeded to Prospect Cemetery, where the Mother and little babe were laid together in one grave. Rev. Father Quinn officiated. Mrs. Wall is survived by her husband and little daughter, by her father,

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DEATH OF MRS. DALY.

A few days ago death came to the relief of one who had suffered for many months, and suffered with Christian patience. Mr. Daly had been a victim of rheumatism for over a year and though everything was done to effect a cure, the disease proved fatal. When in health she had been one of the most earnest workers in St. Helen's Parish. For years the picnics and bazaars, at that time considered the best means to raise money for charitable purposes, had no better worker than the deceased lady. In cold and in sunshine she went about collecting, for the church, the afflicted or the orphan—whatever her hand found to do she did it and did it cheerfully. Now the prayers of those whom she assisted will be hers. Mrs. Daly is survived by her mother, and one sister, Mrs. Mulhall of Florence street. The funeral took place on Monday morning from St. Helen's Church, a large number showing regard for their old friend by following her to her last resting place in St. Michael's Cemetery. R.I.P.

A Plea for Catholic High Schools

To Editor Catholic Register: Dear Sir,—There is throughout the province a widespread feeling among Catholics that the time has arrived when something should be done in the direction of establishing Catholic high schools. So deeply do our people recognize the necessity of combining religious instruction with secular training that but comparatively few Catholic children attend the high schools and collegiate institutes. I believe I am safe in saying that the number is less than one-third of what our proportionate number should be. At an age when our boys should be at school the great majority leave to swell the ranks of the laborer the artisan and the parcel boy. This has been the experience of the past thirty years and there are no good reasons to expect that the results will be different in the future.

The matter is a serious one for our people. The high schools and collegiate institutes are excellent educational institutions and their students are given every opportunity for acquiring a first class secular education. Living in the midst of our fellow citizens who have these advantages, it behooves us to see that our youth enter the race of life as well equipped as those of other faiths. In this age of almost universal education, the young man whose mental training is in any way inferior cannot be expected to keep pace with those who are better prepared for the struggle. Hence the need of Catholic high schools has been gradually forcing itself upon the people—high schools enjoying the same rights and privileges as the other high schools and offering to their students equal advantages.

The question of Catholic high schools is, however, of importance not to Catholics only; it affects the entire province. The public welfare demands that education be diffused as widely as possible. A system of education that fails to reach a large section of the people fails to that extent to promote the public welfare. For upwards of thirty years the high school system has been on trial and so far as Catholics are concerned cannot be pronounced a success. It has failed to draw Catholic pupils; nor is the outlook for the future any brighter. So strongly is the Church opposed to an exclusively secular education that Catholics will never in considerable numbers attend high schools where no provision can be made for religious instruction and where the surroundings, the Church deems essential for the cultivation of the religious spirit, cannot be secured. It is therefore in the public interest that provision should be made whereby Catholics might avail themselves of high school education, without doing violence to their religious principles.

As an evidence of the benefit that would accrue from the establishment of Catholic high schools, the experience of Kingston may be cited. Previous to the reopening of Regiopolis College, which is practically a Catholic high school, the education of the Catholic boys of the city ended with the completion of the separate school course. A few found their way to the Collegiate Institute, but only occasionally did one remain to complete the high school course. There was no bond of union between the separate school and the collegiate institute. Now the Entrance Examination is no longer the height of the pupils' or the parents' ambition. The boys look earnestly forward to a high school course and the parents make laudable efforts to gratify their desires. While formerly not half a dozen boys of the city were receiving the advantages of a high school education, to-day the number reaches ninety. The experience of Kingston would, I believe, be repeated wherever Catholic high schools were established.

Is the establishment of high schools feasible? In several of the cities of the province, the collegiate institutes are already overcrowded and the boards of education are faced with the problem of providing additional accommodation and increasing their staffs. In those instances, therefore, a high school might be set aside for the use of Catholics without entailing any extra burden upon anyone and without lessening in the least the efficiency of the other high schools. To the establishment of Catholic high schools under those conditions, no reasonable objection could be taken. Again, in a number of other places, Catholics, in order to secure for their children the advantages of a high school edu-

cation, combined with religious training, would be willing to supplement their high school taxes by voluntary contributions. The withdrawal of the few Catholic students from the high schools would in no wise injure those institutions. In fact, many of them would be benefited, as their classes are too large for efficient work. The diversion of the taxes of the Catholic ratepayers to the Catholic high school could not afford a sound reason for opposition to their establishment. In a county where civil and religious liberty forms the fundamental basis of the constitution, the principle of taxing people for the support of schools they cannot conscientiously use is untenable. Nor do I believe that it is the desire of the majority to perpetuate a system which is plainly opposed to the general good.

According to the announcement of Mr. Whitney and his colleagues of the Provincial Cabinet, there is to be a general overhauling of the educational system during the approaching session. It is to be brought more into harmony with the times and the needs of the country. This then is an opportune time to bring to the notice of the Government our educational needs, to point out the defects of our system and to request that they be remedied. So urgent is the need of Catholic high schools that steps should be taken to direct the attention of the Government to the facts of the situation and to ask that provision be made to enable Catholics to avail themselves of the secular education which this province acknowledges its obligation to provide. As citizens of the country, Catholics are entitled to have their conscientious difficulties in the matter of education considered and respected.

Government exists for the good of the people as a whole, irrespective of creed and it is therefore the duty of the Government to enact such legislation and to administer the laws in such a manner as to bring about, as far as possible, that end. High schools for Catholics would lead to a much wider diffusion of education and would therefore be a public benefit. Hence it is the duty of the Government to aid as far as possible their establishment. As already pointed out, high schools for Catholics, if several of the larger cities would impose no additional burden upon any one and therefore no valid objection could be taken to their establishment. To high schools in other places where Catholics would be willing to bear the burden of any cost above that which would be covered by the high school taxes and the Government grants no objection could reasonably be taken by those upon whom the burden would not fall. Rather patriotism should protect against a system that taxes a large section of the people for the support of schools they cannot conscientiously use, thus depriving them to a large extent of education the welfare of the country demands.

I believe, then, it is clearly in the public interest and therefore the duty of the Government to grant Catholics the privilege of establishing high schools wherever they can be efficiently maintained. Yours truly, WILLIAM BRICK, Kingston, 10th Feb., 1906.

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DIRECTORS' REPORT.

Your Directors, in presenting the duly audited financial statement of the Company's business for the year ended Dec. 31st, 1905, desire to call attention to the increase in premiums from \$315,796.48 in 1904 to \$300,594.68 in 1905, on 14,689 risks and \$17,595,171 insurance.

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The period for which the Directors were elected is now expired. They are eligible for re-election.

Your Directors bear testimony to the zeal and care of the agents, the office staff and officials of the company.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS CRAWFORD, WILLIAM GREENWOOD BROWN, President, Secretary.

REVENUE ACCOUNT.

Table with columns for Revenue Account and Balance Sheet. Revenue Account includes items like Accumulated Reserve, Premium Earnings, Interest earned, etc. Balance Sheet includes Assets like Capital Stock, City of Toronto Debentures, etc., and Liabilities like Capital Stock Subscribed, Fire Losses, etc.

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This is to certify that we have maintained a continuing audit of the books, verified the vouchers and examined the securities of THE EQUITY FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY for the year ending December 31st, 1905, and find they have been correctly kept and are truly set forth in the above statements.

(Signed) CHARLES ARNOLDI, F. ROPPEL, Auditors.

Toronto, January 31st, 1906. The members of the retiring board were re-elected, viz.: Thos. Crawford, M.P.P., President; C. C. Van Norman, Vice-President; His Honor Judge Morgan, H. E. Irwin, K.C., A. F. MacLaren, M.P., Wm. Henne, Jm. David Carlyle, Stephen Noxon, W. Vandusen, W. Greenwood Brown, D. Hibner, Wm. Govenclock.

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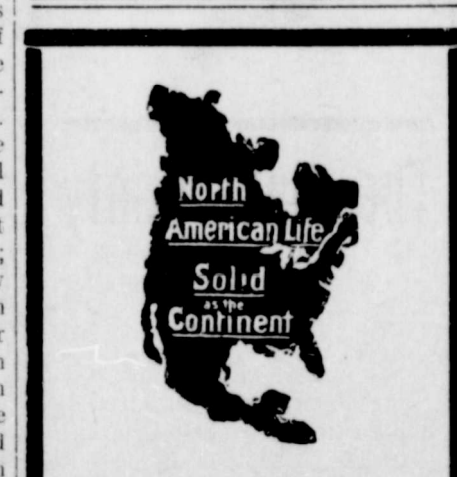
NOTICE

In the matter of the Estate of Mary Marvyn (nee Callahan) late of 480 Queen street west, in the City of Toronto, in the County of York, milliner, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 38 of Chapter 120, R.S.O. 1897, that all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the said Mary Marvyn, deceased, who died on or about the 17th day of January, 1906, are required to send by post, prepaid, or deliver to the undersigned solicitors for Joseph Patrick O'Callahan, the Administrator of the property of the said deceased on or before the 9th day of March, 1906, their Christian and surnames, and addresses with full particulars in writing of their claims and of their accounts and the nature of the security (if any) held by them duly verified by Statutory Declaration.

AND TAKE NOTICE that after the said 9th day of March, 1906, the said Administrator will proceed to distribute amongst the parties entitled thereto having regard only to the persons of whose claims he shall then have notice, and the said Administrator shall not be liable for said assets of any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claims notice shall not have been received by him prior to the said distribution.

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