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## NOTES OF THE WEEK.

**CAP DE LA MADELINE.** — The Holy Father has just given a remarkable evidence of his attachment for the Catholic people of Canada. On Friday last, Rev. Father Joseph Dozais, O.M.I., Superior at Cap de la Madeline, received a cablegram from Rome, announcing that Pius X. has accorded the privilege of crowning, with the usual ceremony, the statue of the Blessed Virgin in the old sanctuary at Cap de la Madeline. Rev. Father Lemius—the representative of the Oblates with the Holy See, has worked long and persistently to secure this favor. He at first applied to the Roman Congregations and finally to the Pope.

The Holy Father, seeing that the Oblates were desirous of commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the proclamation of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception, did not hesitate to issue a brief permitting the crowning of the Madonna of the Holy Rosary at the Cape. The date of the coronation has not yet been fixed, but it is expected to take place in September. The ceremonies will be exceptionally imposing and the Holy Father will be represented by the Apostolic Delegate, Mgr. Sbarretti. A rich crown will be placed on the statue in the Pope's name. In France the only statue of the Blessed Virgin solemnly crowned are those of Lourdes, Loretto, La Sallette and Ste. Anne d'Auray. In Canada there is a crowned statue of the Sacred Heart at Lanoraie.

**ROMAN RUMORS.** — We entitle this "Roman Rumors" for we have no other authority for them than a section of the press which is generally well and correctly informed but which, after all, is not infallible. The "Seicle" says that a well known Catholic represented to the Pope that many Catholics could not reconcile the meeting of Cardinal Svampa and King Victor-Emmanuel, at Bologna, on the 30th May last, with the Pope's pontifical protest against President Loubet's visit to the Italian King. The Holy Father made answer: "The note in question was directed against France only. I cannot renounce the unpressurable rights as long as no arrangement has been reached. I do not trouble myself with politics. I simply do for Italy that which Leo XIII. did for France. He ordered Cardinal Lavigerie to have the 'Marseillaise' played in his episcopal palace. I begged of Cardinal Svampa to listen to the Royal March at the City Hall of Bologna. That is all."

American despatches have created a mild sensation at the Vatican. These despatches ask if it be true that Dr. Lapponi had been dismissed as Papal physician because the Pope wanted to have the services of a Venetian doctor. Also they ask if it is true that Dr. Lapponi being a Freemason, had insisted that the Pope should leave the Vatican, contending that the Pontiff was no longer a prisoner. In an interview, Dr. Lapponi authorized the Associated Press to state that he had never been asked to resign, that he never dreamed of and has no intention of resigning, since he enjoys the Pope's entire confidence. He added that the Pope's Venetian doctor does not exist. The Pope had only one medical adviser, when in Venice—Doctor Pagliazzi—and that he is dead. Dr. Lapponi was appointed again physician to the Pope three hours after the election of Pius X. The doctor was never a Freemason and has no

intention of becoming one. His sixteen years of faithful service to Leo XIII. should suffice to show his loyalty to the Pope. He never mixed up in religious or political affairs of the Church; his advice and opinions never went beyond what concerns the Pope's health. He adds that, for health purposes, the exercise in the Vatican gardens suffices, and the climate of Rome, even in summer, is better than even the most favored countries in the world.

**CHURCH UNITY.** — In almost every section of the country great efforts are being made to bring together the various denominations of non-Catholics. However, the principal factors are the representatives of the Anglican, Methodist and Presbyterian bodies. In some localities the Baptists join in; but they are so radically different from all the others that it does not suit their purposes. In fact we can see in this general craving for unity the fundamental necessity of that great note of the true Church. They feel the need of it, and they equally feel that Protestantism, as a religious system, can never give it to them. Consequently they discard all idea of a doctrinal union and seemingly confine themselves to an economic one. Their great argument is that there are too many churches for the number of the people. But the moment there is a hint of unity of doctrine it is impossible to come to any understanding.

**FRANCE'S ATTITUDE.** — The French municipal elections have taken place, and it is yet difficult to say how much consolation Mr. Combes can fairly draw from the result. Paris of course, is Socialist by a vast majority of the votes cast. But it must be remembered that the Catholics of Paris refrain from voting. They think it is no use, and the result is that the Ministry claims a great and almost unanimous approval of the persecution policy of the Government. In other places where the Catholic element stirred up and voted, as at Lille and Marseilles, Mr. Combes received a severe check. This only goes to show that if the Government is triumphant, it is, in great part, due to the apathy of the Catholic body. That fearful false doctrine prevails, that when the Catholic is sure of victory, it is a loss of time to fight against him. But that is simply playing into his hands. Even though the Catholics were to be in the minority in every department, they would have the satisfaction of registering a solid and powerful protest, and would thereby prevent Mr. Combes from being able to say that he has the actual support of the vast majority and the moral support of all France—since no one has raised any opposition. We admit that it is an uphill fight for the Catholic element, and one that carries with it an immense amount of discouragement. But there is nothing more suicidal under such circumstances than to apparently abandon principles and fall into a state of indifference. Indifference engenders apathy of the worst kind, and a political opponent who falls a victim to apathy is doomed to perpetual defeat. It is to be hoped that the municipal contests will be a lesson for the future for the Catholic element of France.

**THE SCAPULAR.** — While the rosary—the beads—on account of the prayers said upon them, may be

considered as being pretty generally understood by those who are not of the Catholic Church; but there is such a vague idea amongst them regarding the Scapular that they cannot comprehend its use at all. They believe, that is many of them, that the Catholic attaches some kind of mysterious power to the piece of brown or blue or white cloth that forms that ornament. It is not so in any sense. The cloth is merely the material, the tangible object, that serves to keep us in mind of the devotion that it represents. The soldier who wears the Victoria Cross, or the distinguished Frenchman who wears the insignia of the Legion of Honor, does not attach any very great value to the material that is pinned on his breast; it is the honor that the cross or button represents that he values. And that insignia will gain him admission to places of distinction and into certain select societies from which, without it, he would be debarred. It is, again, not the Cross or Button that opens the door for him, but the works and deeds behind the insignia which won the same for him, that become his passport. So it is with the Scapular. The Scapular is worn in honor of the Mother of God, and may be styled her livery. In 1257 the Blessed Virgin appeared to St. Simon Stock of England, and assured him that those wearing the scapulars with honor and devotion would never be punished with eternal torment. Much, however, depends upon the manner in which the wearer holds the badge in veneration. The Scapular alone will not protect us if we do not correspond by leading lives of virtue. So that, in the end, it is the virtuous life that is rewarded, but the Scapular serves as a means of grace by promoting that virtuous living.

**PREJUDICE YET.** — A New York editor of a so-called religious paper has been telling the world (that is to say, the small fraction of the world that sees his paper), that the highest thing to which Irishmen could aspire or attain in the United States was the post of policeman, Mr. Jas. Creelman fills up several columns of the "World" with the story of one Irishman who has completed the greatest contract ever handled by one man. He refers to Mr. John B. McDonald, the builder of the New York underground rapid transit road—which is looked upon as the most stupendous engineering feat ever performed. In commenting on this example, out of tens of thousands of successful Irishmen, in various walks, the writer says: "He is not a university man, or a college man, like the very superior editor who sneers at Irishmen, but simply an Irish farmer's son, brought up at a common school, who had to work for his living, day in and day out, ever since he was able to work. The fact that one man was found willing to undertake a thirty-five million contract of this kind was a thing that astounded everybody."

## OUR ARCHBISHOP AT POINTE AUX TREMBLES.

His Grace Archbishop Bruschi visited the Parish of Point aux Trembles on Tuesday last. A representative of the "True Witness" passed through the historic village on that day and was surprised on beholding the wealth of decoration of flags and banners, which were artistically arranged in and around the Church, the convent, and the houses of the parishioners. On making inquiries as to the occasion which urged the people to make such a magnificent display, your representative was informed by one of the Sisters of the Convent: "Our beloved Archbishop is visiting our parish to-day." The spectacle was indeed edifying and inspiring.

Point aux Trembles is situated on a picturesque point extending out into the mighty St. Lawrence. It has institutions of education, notably that under the direction of the followers of the saintly and heroic Mother Bourgeoys. The convent is beautifully situated and well appointed. To spend one's youth and school days amid such scenes as greet the view on every side is indeed a boon which but few can enjoy.

## OUR OTTAWA LETTER

(By our Own Correspondent.)

**MOTHER ST. CECILIA.** — On the occasion of the celebration of her golden jubilee, Mother Cecilia, one of the Provincial Superiors of the Congregation de Notre Dame, was the recipient of a cable from His Eminence Cardinal Merry del Val, conveying to her a special blessing of the Holy Father. His Eminence, during his long residence in the Capital, while Apostolic Delegate, had celebrated his daily Mass at the Gloucester street Convent, one of the most important establishments of the Order in Canada, and over which Mother Cecilia then presided as Superior with so much success from every point of view. The thoughtfulness of His Eminence on such an occasion, in the midst of his many important duties, is a striking evidence of his kindness of heart.

**THE SESSION.** — This week is an important one in the House of Commons. The Budget speech came at last. At the present writing it would not be possible for your correspondent to give any estimate of the probable length of the debate on this, the principal financial exposition of the year, and on the length of that debate will depend the length of the session. While waiting the developments that the last days of the week will afford, we may as well turn to other subjects of interest, and, perhaps, of greater interest to your readers.

**McGEE'S MEMORIAL.** — Suggestions have been made, now and again, in the press, that it was time the great services rendered to Canada by the late Hon. T. D. McGee, should be recognized in a national manner. The question was placed on the order paper last week by Mr. Clancy, M.P., and the Premier made answer that it was the intention of the government to have a monument to McGee, as has been done for Sir John A. Macdonald, Hon. Alex. MacKenzie, and Sir Geo. E. Cartier. The proposed monument will naturally be in the form of a statue of the great orator, poet and statesman, and it will be erected on Parliament Hill, under the shadow of the great structure within whose walls he had made so many eloquent pleas for Canadian Confederation, and for the union of races on our soil. Later on I will have more to write on this very interesting and inspiring subject. For the present we have the great pleasure of anticipation, and we hope soon to have the greater one of realization.

**FINAL VOWS.** — A touching ceremony was witnessed on Saturday morning in the chapel of the Precious Blood, Elmbank, when Miss Louisa Palmer, of Buckingham, henceforth to be known in religion as Sister Mary of Jesus Crucified, made profession as a Sister of the Precious Blood, and pronounced her final vows in the sanctuary in presence of the Blessed Sacrament. His Grace Archbishop Duhamel of Ottawa presided, assisted by Rev. Father Charlebois, O.M.I., chaplain of the Community, and Rev. Father Archambault. "What profit is there in My Precious Blood?" was the text of a beautiful and impressive sermon by Rev. Dr. Emery, O.M.I., which will be long remembered by all those who heard it. Present in the Sanctuary were Rev. Canon Michel, godfather of the newly-professed religious Rev. Dr. Emery, Rector of the Ottawa University; Rev. Father Croteau, P.P. of Buckingham. Rev. Fathers Raymond, Perusse and Kunz. The Chapel was crowded with relatives and friends of the Sister, among whom were noticed: Mrs. Palmer, her mother; Mrs. Cochrane, her sister; Masters Jamie and Henry Cochrane, Miss Rose Palmer, Mrs. Fred. Gorman (her cousin), Miss Nellie Cosgrove, Mrs. Harris, Miss M. Keenan, Mrs. James Martin, and daughter, Mrs. A. D. Cameron, Mrs. Lonergan, Mrs. Kealy, Miss Wood, Miss McPike, Miss Maggie Lyons,

## LOCAL NOTES.

**THE SHAMROCKS WON.** — After a well contested struggle the "Boys in Green" defeated their old opponents, the Montreal team of the M.A.A.A., by a score of 6 to 2 goals. It was the opening game of the series, for the championship pennant. This result will make all future matches in which the Shamrocks are interested most attractive for all lovers of the National game.

**PROCESSION SUNDAY.** — While in many parts of Canada the bad weather prevented the carrying out of the elaborate preparations made for the celebration of Corpus Christi, by outdoor processions, in Ottawa, the feast was celebrated with accustomed solemnity in the afternoon of Sunday. It is estimated that four thousand persons—men, women and children—participated in the parade which extended from the Basilica three-quarters of the way to Ste. Anne's Church.

## An Irish Exile Gone to Rest.

(From our Own Correspondent.)

Mayo, P.Q., June 2.  
Daniel O'Callaghan, the oldest resident of St. Malachy, has passed away to his eternal reward. On Monday morning, May 16th, at an early hour, he breathed his last in his old home here. He had been ailing for the past couple of months, but his vitality was such, notwithstanding his very advanced age, that many entertained high hopes of his recovery and even restoration to comparative health and vigor again. The weight of well nigh a century of years, however, is almost enough of itself to sever the slender thread of life, and so his little ailment and advanced age brought him to the end.

Mr. O'Callaghan was born on the 10th June, 1809, at Tomgraney, near O'Grady lake, in the County Clare, Ireland. His paternal home was within sight of Slieve Bernagh, or Bernagh mountains, and not far from the historic Lough Derg. He left his native land in 1839 and was accompanied across the ocean by his two brothers, Patrick and John, and his only sister, Bridget. He landed at Quebec, and located himself in the township of Buckingham, shortly after his arrival. A year later, he was married to Mary McDonnell, who was also an exile from Erin, having come from County Mayo a few years previous. Mr. O'Callaghan's two brothers later in life moved off to the United States. Both have preceded him to the grave. His brother Patrick died a few years ago in Norway, Mich., and John, a little earlier in the State of Illinois.

Mr. O'Callaghan moved into the place where he spent the remainder of his life, and his last hours, in the year 1858. He had a family of two children, a son and a daughter. The latter died in Ottawa last fall. With his son John he spent his declining years here. He received all the consolations of religion while he was still in full possession of his faculties, and was surrounded in his last moments by his grandchildren and a number of neighbors.

Deceased was a genial conversationalist and an interested listener to all the novel changes of the latter day world in religion, science and politics. He will be missed by all who knew him, and none will have aught but a kind word to say of him. His funeral service took place Wednesday, May 18th, and as was to be expected in the case of such an aged resident in this vicinity, a large number came to assist at the last sad rites. His bereaved son and family have the sympathy of all in the loss they have sustained. May his soul rest in peace.  
M. C. B.

**C.M.B.A.** — St. Agnes' parish was recently the scene of a public installation of officials for a new branch of the C.M.B.A. of Canada, to be known as number 383. Prominent officers of the Order had the direction of the functions and much enthusiasm was displayed.

**FETE DIEU.** — Owing to the unsettled state of the weather the public procession was not held by the central parishes on Sunday last.

**PERSONAL.** — Mr. and Mrs. Chas. F. Smith leave this week for a trip on the continent.

**CORPUS CHRISTI.** — A most imposing procession was held by the parishioners of the Church of the Blessed Sacrament on Corpus Christi. The electrical display in front of the Church was most elaborate, while the interior of the sacred edifice was decorated with palms, flags, banners and bannarets. The main altar with its artistic and gorgeous display of colored electric lights, and tapers forming various religious mottoes, presented a spectacle seldom witnessed in Montreal.

**PERSONAL.** — Rev. L. W. Leclair, acting upon the advice of his medical adviser, will continue to occupy his quarters at the Hotel Dieu during the summer. The venerable member of the Order of St. Sulpice had intended spending his vacation at Oka.

**PASTOR OF ST. MICHAEL'S.** — Rev. Father Kiernan leaves for the diocese of Pembroke for a few weeks during which he will accompany Bishop Lorrain on his pastoral visits to various parishes.

**MOUNT ST. LOUIS.** — The Literary Union of this well known educational establishment, under the direction of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, held its last public reunion on Sunday evening in the presence of a large number of relatives of the students and friends of the institution. The programme was of a high order of merit, essays on the works of great dramatists as well as clever interpretations of musical compositions both instrumental and vocal, were the features. The members of the Union are to be congratulated on their studies and their professors deserve all praise for guiding the young minds to appreciate the works of scholars whose names are famous in history. Mount St. Louis is one of the notable Catholic seats of learning of Canada; its progress has been truly wonderful since its foundation. In its class rooms during the term now drawing to a close 580 students were enrolled, 260 of whom were boarders.

**MARRIAGES.** — Sometimes remarks are heard that marriages are few in our parishes compared with previous decades. Those who indulge in such expressions of opinion have no knowledge of the facts. This week no less than twelve marriages were held in St. Patrick's Church in which the contracting parties were all young members of the old parish.

**SOUVENIR FOR BEAUPRE.** — Miss Cassidy, President of the Sodality of the Holy Rosary, St. Patrick's parish, is soliciting subscriptions for a memorial banner to be placed in the chapel dedicated to St. Patrick in the Basilica of St. Anne de Beaupre, on the occasion of the pilgrimage of that parish, which takes place on the 18th instant. All subscribers will have their names inscribed upon the banner, which is intended to be of a most elaborate design. Those intending to subscribe may register their names and contributions at the Presbytery, Dorchester street.