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In and Around Toronto

MR. EDWARD STOCK.
 The Toronto Globe of Saturday gives an excellent photo copy together with a short sketch of the life of Mr. Edward Stock of Mimico, who has just celebrated his 90th birthday. The Globe tells us that Mr. Stock was born on April 25th, 1815, at Chorley, Lancashire, England, and with his two brothers came to Muddy York in 1829, being at that time 13 years of age. The father had preceded his sons in the previous year, and they all settled on the banks of the Mimico. Mr. Stock is a life long Liberal and a reader of The Globe since its beginning. He is also a Justice of the Peace and a director of the Home Loan and Savings Company from the weekly meeting of which he is rarely absent. As Mr. Stock is known throughout the city, the following which, in connection with a sketch of the Catholicity of Toronto, I wrote for the Montreal Witness about three years ago, may be of interest:

"This sketch of St. Michael's is accompanied by a photo of Mr. Edward Stock. Not that Mr. Stock is a member of the parish, or even a resident of the city, but because he has seen its growth for the past seventy years, and has witnessed in turn the birth and development of its parishes. Mr. Stock is and was during all this time a resident of Mimico, one of its suburbs. He was confirmed by Bishop Macdonell, the first Bishop of Upper Canada, in old St. Paul's church. As Mr. Stock has lived in none of our parishes and it has been for seventy years an attendant at one or another in turn, we introduced him to our readers with the Cathedral parish. He is one of an old English family. Coming to Canada when a boy he settled with his father within a quarter of a mile from his present home. He is 87 years of age, but apparently time has forgotten to touch him in his passing, for he is as alert in his physical and mental powers as men twenty years his junior. Twelve miles through the "bush," for in those days there were but two houses between Mimico and the Toronto Asylum, was the distance travelled by Edward Stock as a boy in order to get to a church. At that time there was no cleared road and when one was made an ox-team wagon was the only conveyance to be had, and as Mr. Stock says "one would rather walk" than avail himself of the heavy lumbering affair. All things in those days were very uncertain, so on the day on which he received the Sacrament of Confirmation no notice had been given of the date until he reached the church; here he was told he was to be confirmed. "Old Captain Elmley and I were confirmed together," relates Mr. Stock, "and I don't remember whether there were any others or not." St. Paul's old church was the scene of the marriage of this gentleman, and here too, everyone of his family was baptized, most of them on the day they were born. Is not this wonderful? A child to be carried a distance of twelve miles and back on the day of its birth to receive baptism. But the staunch Catholicity which prompted this has been the moving power of the entire life of this early pioneer. Mr. Stock's Catholicity is part of himself; it moves with him without display, but solidly and with decorum; integrity and the "golden rule" are the standards by which he has always lived, and to-day he is in the eyes of his neighbors and citizens, a man worthy of the highest esteem and love.

Mr. Stock was present at the excavation of the Cathedral, at which he worked hard and afterwards partook of the "Feast of the Ox." Among the remembrances of this gentleman is being present at the ordination of a priest, when the holy rite was conferred in a store. For some reason the Cathedral at that time was closed and apparently there was no other place available. A new church, that of St. Leo, is now building at Mimico, where Mr. Stock in his beautiful home eagerly awaits its opening. "Seventy years have I waited for this," said Mr. Stock "that he may live long to enjoy it is the sincere wish of his numerous friends."

This church has been opened now nearly two years, and in it the venerable pioneer has witnessed the marriages of three members of his family and from it the funeral of another, a dear little girl who died within that time. In it, too, he has had the privilege of assisting at the Forty Hours which closed there but a few days ago, a privilege which could not even have entered into the imaginations of the settler of the early days of Mimico. The Catholic Register joins the many in wishing for Mr. Stock continued health and still many years of usefulness and happiness.

RETREAT AT ST. JOSEPH'S.
 A retreat was just closed at St. Joseph's Academy. It was conducted by Rev. Father Doyle, C.S.S.R., of St. Patrick's, and was attended by the two hundred or more pupils of the institution. The retreat began on Thursday morning and had its solemn closing with Mass and Benediction on Monday morning. The exercises were much appreciated by the large number

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RECEPTION AT ST. PAUL'S.
 A reception into the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin will take place at St. Paul's church on the last Sunday of May. A procession will be held on the same evening and an exceptionally large number will be received into the association.

The Encyclical of His Holiness on the teaching of Christian Doctrine was read in some of the city churches on Sunday last.

SERMON ON MATRIMONY.
 On Sunday evening after Vespers Rev. Father Urbin, C.S.S.R., of St. Patrick's delivered an interesting and practical sermon on matrimony. The Rev. speaker urged upon the young men of his congregation the advice by illustrations of the happiness arising from early marriages entered into with the proper dispositions. One of the secrets of retaining happiness in the home was given as the faculty of each looking at the faults of the other through the fingers, rather than with an unimpaired vision. Many of the congregation were very much impressed with the wisdom of Father Urbin's remarks.

OBSERVANCE OF FEASTS.
 The Feast of the Patronage of St. Joseph was observed throughout the diocese on Sunday last. On Monday the Feast of Saint John Baptist De La Salle was a special day of devotion particularly for the pupils of the schools under the care of the Brothers. High Mass was sung in many of the churches of the city at which the Brothers, the children of the parish and the parents assisted.

AT ST. CECILIA'S.
 At St. Cecilia's church, Toronto Junction, the Forty Hours began on Sunday morning after the High Mass and ended on Tuesday. Rev. Father Gallagher, P.P., assisted by Rev. Father Doherty, officiated at the opening and in the evening Rev. Father Welch, C.S.B., gave an explanation of the origin and meaning of the devotion then in progress, after which he preached his most earnest sermon, taking for his text the vi. Chap. of St. John, the 51st to the 56th vs. Father Welch prefaced his discourse by some eulogistic references to the encyclical of his Holiness on the teaching of Christian Doctrine, commenting that it was in keeping with all the acts of Pius X., since his coming to the Papal Throne, and that the taking of the name Pius must surely have been inspired by heaven as it typified so well his endeavor to bring the world back to the pure condition of the primitive Christians. On Monday and Tuesday sermons were preached by Rev. Father Rohleder and Rev. Father Murray respectively. The little church was crowded throughout the exercises, the singing was very pleasing and the sanctuary and altar were attractive with many lights and beautiful flowers.

HOUSE OF PROVIDENCE PICNIC.
 The following ladies have charge of the different parish tables at the coming picnic in aid of the House of Providence: St. Michael's, Mrs. Ferguson; St. Mary's, Mrs. Curran; St. Patrick's, Miss Phelan; St. Watson and Mrs. Lowe; St. Helen's, Mrs. Henderson; St. Francis, Mrs. Carey; Holy Family, Miss Turner; St. Joseph's, Mrs. Nolan; Our Lady of Lourdes, Miss Wickett; St. Basil's, Mrs. O'Neill and Mrs. Grant; St. Peter's, Miss Heck.

LECTURE AT ST. FRANCIS.
 On Tuesday Mr. J. T. Loftus lectured before the young men of St. Francis' Literary Association. The subject "Literature," was well suited to the ends and aims of the association and was much enjoyed by those present. The programme was added to by a spirited recitation by Mr. R. Power and a vocal solo pleasingly rendered by Mr. W. Kirke.

FIRST COMMUNION AT ST. MARY'S.
 The First Communion of the children of St. Mary's Parish took place at the children's mass on Sunday last. The class consisted of about sixty boys and girls whose demeanor showed that they had been well prepared for the solemn event. Very Rev. Father McCann, V.G., celebrated mass and addressed the children on this, the great day of their lives. The church was fairly crowded and the utmost, many interested outsiders being present in addition to the usual congregation.

RETREAT AT ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE.
 A retreat given by Rev. Father Van Antwerp of Detroit has just closed at St. Michael's College; it opened on Sunday and ended this (Thursday) morning.

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Barney Maglone
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 Barney is remembered by the older people in County Fermanagh, where many amusing anecdotes are related of him in illustration of his inimitable wit. The "Almanac" above referred to is treasured by the very few who possess a copy.
 In 1894 a collection of his best poems was published in Belfast, edited by F. J. Biggar, M.R.I.A., and John S. Crane, with an introductory memoir by D. J. O'Donohue. The little volume was entitled, "The Reliques of Barney Maglone," and is now out of print. In this volume are found the poems of Maglone which are now being printed, and to Mr. O'Donohue's memoir we are indebted for the few particulars of the poet's life, given above. They will help to keep his memory green among his countrymen.
To Join the Carthusians
 It is announced that the Right Rev. Monsignor Canon John S. Vaughan (youngest brother of the late Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster), who is at present in Rome, has decided upon entering the Carthusian cloister. He joins the Order in the Certosa of Lucca, where the General lives. Needless to say, the Carthusians' institute is the strictest of all the Orders. Each monk observes perpetual silence, except for one hour in the week, abstains always from flesh meat, and, with the exception of the choir in the church, remains secluded in his cell. The Monsignor, with his brother, Mr. Frank Vaughan, has just had a private audience of the Pope.

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ENTRY
 Entry may be made personally at the local land office for the District in which the land to be taken is situated, or if the homesteader desires he may, on application to the Minister of the Interior, Ottawa, the Commissioner of Immigration, Winnipeg, or the Local Agent for the district in which the land is situated, receive authority for some one to make entry for him. A fee of \$10 is charged for a homestead entry.

HOMESTEAD DUTIES
 A settler who has been granted an entry for a homestead is required by the provisions of the Dominion Lands Act and the amendments thereto to perform the conditions connected therewith, under one of the following plans:
 (1) At least six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each year during the term of three years.
 (2) If the father (or mother, if the father is deceased) of any person who is eligible to make a homestead entry under the provisions of this Act, resides upon a farm in the vicinity of the land entered for by such person as a homestead, the requirements of this Act as to residence prior to obtaining patent may be satisfied by such person residing with the father or mother.
 (3) If a settler was entitled to and has obtained entry for a second homestead, the requirements of this Act as to residence prior to obtaining patent may be satisfied by residence upon the first homestead. If the second homestead is in the vicinity of the first homestead.
 (4) If the settler has his permanent residence upon farming land owned by him in the vicinity of his homestead the requirements of this Act as to residence may be satisfied by residence upon the said land.
 The term "vicinity" used above is meant to indicate the same township or an adjoining or cornering township.

A settler who avails himself of the provisions of Clauses (2), (3) or (4) must cultivate 30 acres of his homestead, or substitute 20 head of stock, with buildings for their accommodation, and have besides 80 acres substantially fenced.
 The privilege of a second entry is restricted by law to those settlers only who completed the duties upon their first homesteads to entitle them to patent on or before the 2nd June, 1889.
 Every homesteader who fails to comply with the requirements of the homestead law is liable to have his entry cancelled, and the land may be again thrown open for entry.

APPLICATION FOR PATENT
 Should be made at the end of the three years, before the Local Agent, Sub-Agent or the Homestead Inspector. Before making application for patent the settler must give six months' notice in writing to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands at Ottawa of his intention to do so.

INFORMATION
 Newly arrived immigrants will receive at the Immigration Office in Winnipeg, or at any Dominion Lands Office in Manitoba or the North-west Territories information as to the lands that are open for entry, and from the officers in charge, free of expense, advice and assistance in securing lands to suit them. Full information respecting the land, timber, coal and mineral laws, as well as respecting Dominion Lands in the Railway Belt in British Columbia, may be obtained upon application to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa; the Commissioner of Immigration, Winnipeg, Manitoba; or to any of the Dominion Lands Agents in Manitoba or the North-west Territories.
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