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Amongst other things, we have no doubt that your Grace will be called upon, on no distant day, to take action upon a subject with which we have been long conversant. We are all anxiously fitted you to deal—that of male education, especially in its higher branches.

All the matters which shall engage your Grace's attention in the discharge of your duties, we trust, will be met with the earnest assistance of such assistance as we may be able from time to time to render, and the hearty co-operation of the deliberations and labors of your Grace may be under the constant guidance of the Holy Spirit.

We beg, in conclusion, to ask you to accept the accompanying small testimonial of our gratitude to his Grace for his visit to us, and a heartfelt welcome to our city, to wish you many years of honored prosperous life, and to bid him adieu on the occasion. We subscribe ourselves on behalf of the Catholic city of the metropolis,

Yours Grace's most obedient and devoted servants,  
(Signed) STEPHEN TORNS, Chairman,  
Wm. CONNOR, Secretary.

The address was accompanied by a purse of money, which was presented to the committee for their address and expressed regret that he had not had time to prepare a more elaborate offering. The committee, having addressed the congregation, paying a tribute to the late Archbishop Hamilton, further the work of the Archdiocese and cordially asked all to assist him. His Grace was accompanied by a number of ladies, whose remarks produced a most favorable impression.

VISIT TO THE CONVENT—On Monday afternoon the Archbishop of Halifax, accompanied by his Grace's wife, visited the Convent of the Sacred Heart, when they were handsomely entertained by the nuns. The convent is a large and comfortable building, and is well decorated. Over eighty pupils dressed in white took part in a musical programme specially arranged for the occasion. The Halifax Herald says that the pupils of the school presented his Grace with three magnificent offerings. The first was a letter from the nuns, in which they expressed their affection for his Grace, and his Grace replied in a very pleasing manner. The exercises being concluded, the company were entertained to dinner.

Several mistakes made by the composers so marred the beauty of the Sonnet to St. Cecilia written by the present Archbishop of Halifax, that the biographical sketch of his Grace, published last week, that it may be well to republish it.

SONNET TO ST. CECILIA.

A shell lies silent on a lonely shore,  
High rocks and low land stand around her  
Hither no freighted ship e'er turns its prow;  
And the white-robed sea-gull loves to soar;  
But pure as victims to a nation's vow,  
She waits for the angel's hand to move  
His music chains and sadens reigns no more.

His Sonnet, in poetry, thus on paper catches  
For ages must have lain thy sacred lyre—  
Untouched since from the prophet's hand it  
"Till fair Cecilia, taught by angel hosts,  
Attuned his music to the heavenly choir,  
And gave a Christian voice to Clio's shell.

We have repeatedly said that there are two ways, and only two, by either of which the Dominion of the Dominion of the winter ports of the Dominion. Both belong essentially to the system of protection which would by legislation force trade out of its natural channels and encourage people to engage in manufactures in which labour is of less value than it would be otherwise. The Dominion of the Dominion is to impose export duties on all Canadian merchandise going out of the country over railroads or through seaports not Canadian, and differential duties on all merchandise entering the country through foreign seaports, &c. The other is to impose duties on all merchandise coming into the country, and to make it so cheapen the cost of transporting merchandise over Canadian railroads, &c., as to make it undoubtedly the interest to export and import through Canadian ports, &c. Mr. John A. Macdougall, of Halifax, in a letter to the St. John Globe, enters into a long and interesting discussion of the subject. He says that the Dominion Government purchased the railroad from Levis to Richmond, P. Q., and carried grain over that at the same rate at which they offer to carry it over the Intercolonial. It would cost less to get grain from Toronto to Halifax than it costs to get it from Toronto to Montreal, and it would cost 20 cents or 15 cents, or grain could be brought over the Intercolonial free. It is time that this winter port question was settled.

What a number of fearful calamities we have had to record within a few weeks! The dreadful floods which devastated the Rhineland and Hungary, destroyed thousands of houses, property almost incalculable, and many lives were lost. The city of Brussels was so suddenly sent to the bottom, caused the loss of several valuable lives, but the loss of that occasion was small compared to the fearful loss of life caused by the sinking of the Cimbric, when probably near four hundred persons were lost. The sinking of the hotel at Milwaukee, attended by such a fearful loss of life, was followed within a few days by the burning of cities in Russian Poland, in which at least two hundred lives were lost. Many other hotels in the United States, and in Canada, have been destroyed, and many lives have been lost. The fire which has been lost, the train climbing a steep grade in Canada stopped to uncouple a locomotive, was, by some means, started on the down grade, and when it attained a fearful rate of speed, some of the cars were thrown over an embankment, and the passengers were killed or mangled, were killed or rendered incapable of the wreck immediately took fire, and many were burned to death. A similar "accident" occurred in Virginia, but loss of life was not so great. Many of the accidents less shocking are reported.

OTTAWA, JAN. 22.—Mr. McPherson, Speaker of the Senate, is severely and dangerously ill. He was taken from the throne days in the Senate Chamber and cutting it down for his own use. He was taken to the hospital on the morning of the 12th, and was taken to Montello Station, on the Central P. R., where he was taken to the hospital. A dozen Chinese seamen men, and robbers of all varieties and locked them in the tank house; they then awaited the arrival of the train, and when the engine of the highwayman jumped on the track, overpowered the engineer and fireman, and the train was stopped. The robbers then attacked the express car, but were met by a rapid fusillade from the express men, and the robbers were killed or rendered incapable of the resistance more spirited than they expected. The passengers were not molested, and no one was hurt.

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