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JAMES MAHER,
Peak's station.
Agent. Dec. 3, 1902 31

New Sulpician Superior.

According to custom, the Council of the Sulpician Fathers assembled at the Grand Seminary on Wednesday 3rd inst, for the purpose of electing a Superior, in succession to the late Abbe Cujin. The elections resulted as follows:—

Superior, the Abbe I. M. C. Leocq.

Vice-Superior, the Abbe Narcisse Troie.

Second assistant, the Abbe S. Lelac.

Third assistant, the Abbe Lelac.

Fourth assistant, the Abbe Gaudin.

The Abbe Leocq is at present Superior of the Grand Seminary, and he will continue to fill that post until the close of the scholastic year. Born at Nantes, France, on the 4th of November, 1848, Isidore Marie Charles Leocq, after a brilliant course as an ecclesiastical student, was ordained priest at Isey on the 24th of September, 1870. From that time, 1876, he occupied the chair of Philosophy at the Seminary of Isey, and while he was in that position the talented young professor was in correspondence with his friend the Abbe Vallet, who was the Professor of Philosophy at the Montreal Seminary, a position to which the Abbe Leocq was appointed in 1876, when he arrived in Canada. Some years afterwards he was appointed Professor of Dogmatic Theology at the Grand Seminary, of which he became Superior in 1881. He is a ripe scholar, a profound theologian, and an eloquent speaker; and he is noted for his unassuming manner and retiring disposition. He is the fifth Superior of the Sulpician Fathers who occupied the position of the Superior of the Grand Seminary before being elected to that high office. The other four superiors were the Abbe Bibeault, elected Superior in 1846; the Abbe Garne, elected in 1856; the Abbe Bayle, elected in 1866; and the Abbe Colin, elected in 1881.

The Abbe Troie, the new Vice-Superior was born at St. Rami, in the County of Napierville, on April 3, 1843, and made his classical studies at the Montreal college, taking his course of theology afterwards in the Grand Seminary. He then went to complete his studies in the Seminary of Isey, France, where he was ordained. On his return to his native land, the young priest was appointed Professor of Philosophy in the college in which he had himself studied that science. Afterwards he occupied the position of professor at the Grand Seminary, and when he had labored in this capacity for a period of eight years, he was appointed assistant priest at St. James Church, St. Denis street. On the death of the Rev. Father Russell, the cure, he was appointed as his successor. On the death of the Rev. Father Dugaire, cure of Notre Dame, the Rev. Abbe Troie succeeded him. The Rev. Abbe Troie is a priest of great learning and exemplary piety, and as Care of Notre Dame, as well as of St. James, he made countless friends by his unflinching devotion to his flock, and his amiability. He is esteemed and loved by the Catholic population of Montreal.—True Witness.

and other disturbing conditions. These creatures have favorite resting-places to which they return again and again. In the Bay of Fundy at every incoming tide fish return to certain spots, generally niches in the rocks, and remain motionless, and probably asleep, for hours. The exact location of each spot chosen and re-chosen, and the similarity in the appearance of the fish occupants, would seem to warrant the assertion that they were the same individuals. "Sparrows generally roost singly in summer, returning night after night to the same beam or shutter. In winter they band together, and as a city will sometimes come from blocks around and perch by thousands in one tree, the weight of the birds bending the branches, and the mingled chirps making a deafening chorus before sleep quiet them. "The little marsh wren, whose nests are so numerous in weedy swamps, are very fond of bedrooms, and while the female is sitting on her egg, the energy of the male bird, when not bubbling over in song, is expended in the construction of additional nests, some of which he may make use of for sleeping purposes. "In captivity, birds have many curious ways of sleeping which must hint of wild habits and causes unknown to us. We can understand certain parrots clinging with feet and bill to the sides of their cages, as it is known that when wild they spend the nights in hollow trees, banging to the roughened crevices on the inside. But even jays and some sparrows will sleep soundly supported on the perpendicular wire by their toes alone. When a number of different kinds of birds are kept in one cage, each species is always to be found by itself at night—thrushes in one row, mocking-birds in another, song-sparrows on their own individual twig, and so on."

Items of Catholic Interest

English exchanges record the death of Very Rev Canon Lynott, of St. Werburgh's, Chester.

His Eminence Cardinal Vaughan, of Westminster, is progressing towards convalescence slowly but satisfactorily.

The Right Hon Sir Marcus Samuel, Lord Mayor of London, presided the other day at the opening of a Catholic bazaar at Blackheath.

The Holy Father gave an audience on Sunday last to the Grand Duke Sergius, who announced to His Holiness the Czar's intention to visit Rome. The Pope said that he anticipated with great pleasure making the personal acquaintance of the Emperor of Russia.

On Sunday, November 9, the Archbishop of Florence inaugurated the new pupil erected at St. Joseph's Church in that city, in memory of the late Queen Victoria. The pulpit itself is extremely handsome, well suited to the church, richly carved, and on the panels are the rose, thistle, shamrock and eagle, the wood being walnut. This pulpit is a gift of the English to this church.

The Sentiment of Home Among Animals.

"We seldom realize how strong is the sentiment of home among animals," says W. C. Beede in the New York Evening Post. "Not home, in the sense of the place where the eggs or young are cared for, but the spot which is selected as a sleeping-place—where, after a long day's hunt or journey, the creature may return and rest itself. "Who would think of a butterfly as having a home? To see one of these insects flying aimlessly from one flower to another, memory of the place where the previous night was spent would seem improbable. And yet many of these little creatures do remember and return night after night to the same spot. A hibernating butterfly was found one cold February day, clinging with stiffened feet to the under side of a piece of bark on the ground. Held in the fingers and examined, it might have been a cabinet specimen, or not the slightest sign of life was exhibited. The butterfly was replaced, and a day or two later, when a thaw made the air spring-like, the insect had deserted its winter's bedroom and was not to be found. The following day it returned, and when found was quite limp, but speedily stiffening from the recurring cold weather into the deathlike trance of hibernation. "Fishes sleep, and very soundly, too. Although they have no eyelids to close, and no charge can be detected in the expression of the eyes, yet loss of consciousness is proved by the lack of notice taken of clouds acknowledged his responsibility.

He cheerfully excuses the murder on the plea of 'military necessity,' being himself the sole and exclusive judge of the existence of such 'necessity.' The fact that he never reported the case to his superiors, as the army regulations require, is on its face a damning evidence of Captain Brownell's criminality, but as the gentleman has severed his connection with the army, he is not worrying about that, since the War Department announces that he is no longer amenable to justice for any misdeeds done while in active service. Murders committed by former soldiers under the military administration of the Philippines are exempt from punishment, according to the position of the War Department in this case, as they can be reached neither by military law nor civil process. A charming study of affairs, truly."—Sacred Heart Review.

A great congress of Catholic workingmen's societies has been held at Montevideo, Uruguay. Archbishop Mariano Solar honorary president. The subjects treated were: "Sunday's Rest," "Savings banks," "Lodgings for Workmen," "Strikes," "Anarchy and the Catholic Workman," "Democratic Christian Instruction in Workingmen's Societies," "Practical Means of Establishing New Workingmen's Societies in the Republic." The Holy Father sent a special blessing to the congress. Archbishop Solar closed the proceedings, which extended over three days, with a masterly discourse, urging all present to persevere in the work of establishing Catholic workingmen's societies, which, he said, furnish the basis for social regeneration.

The New Century has several times expressed the opinion that drinking among women is on the increase. We notice that in its latest issue it reiterates this statement, saying:—"The annex to barrooms, where formerly no woman of respectability ever went, is now the special haunt of the young girl and her escort of her own or of the male sex. She drips unblushingly and as a matter of course, she can take care of herself." The worst of it is that public opinion does not condemn this. At any summer resort the compounds of wine are shamelessly consumed by women of apparently good position, on piazzas and pavilions. In the cities, in hotels and restaurants, they are the usual thing. If these practices go on and public opinion remains callous, fiction and the theatre—representing life—will be compelled to show us clubs of young men refusing to marry young women who taint their health with alcohol! For the practice of drinking has increased so greatly among apparently respectable young women that some measure of reprobation might reasonably be taken by prudent young men."

Writing of the unauthorized "prayers" which designing or misguided people put in circulation among certain classes of our Catholic people, Canon Progress truly says: "Of course, it is always the good pious people who are imposed upon by their circulation. They never give any concern to those on whom religion rests lightly. But good, pious people should shun them. Not infrequently are such alleged powerful prayers the work of some designing bigot. They are put forth with the express purpose of deceiving. It is the bigot's method of testing the orthodoxy of the devout and unsuspecting Catholic. They possess no more virtue than the paper on which they appear. As a final word, however, on the subject, we would say to all who seek authentic Catholic prayers that they should stick to the prayer-book. In these they will find those which have received the approval of the Church. If they desire to follow peculiar devotion, the prayers proper for it they will find in some approved manual. Here there can be no mistake, for all such books bear upon their initial pages the approbation that makes them authentic. Acept none without it and use only such as have it, and no mistake will be made."

At a special meeting of the deaf mutes of Dublin held the other day at the Deaf Mutes' Club, Marlboro street, Mr. P. Kilgallon, who accompanied the recent Irish pilgrimage to Rome as a delegate of the Deaf Mutes' Society, gave a touching description of his meeting with the Holy Father. Speaking in his own peculiarly expressive sign language, Mr. Kilgallon said: "When I had the great honor and privilege of kneeling at our Holy Father's feet, surrounded by Cardinals and Bishops, I presented our Holy Father, on your behalf and on behalf of the 600 members of our Society, with a beautiful illuminated address offering to him our cordial congratulations on the auspicious occasion

of his Papsl jubilee. The Pope looked at and admired the address. He allowed me to kiss his holy hands. The Cardinal beside me told the Pope that I was deaf and dumb and that I represented 600 educated Irish deaf mutes belonging to the Deaf Mutes' Society attached to St. Joseph's Church. Our Holy Father put his hand on his breast in heaven, shook hands with me and placed his hands on my head and said: 'I pray for the alleviation of the afflictions of those whom you represent.' The Pope then blessed 600 medals, one for each member of the Deaf Mutes' Society."

The amenities of religious controversy were hardly observed in a recent debate between a Campbellite and a Baptist, which took place near Marmaduke, Arkansas, and which is reported in the Arkansas Baptist. This report says: "Both men are fairly educated. Mr. Tucker (the Campbellite) has his lesson on Campbellism well memorized, and is regarded as a respectable man. He made strenuous efforts to save himself and his doctrine; but Brother Nannery (the Baptist) drove him from every position and turned Tucker's efforts at ridicule against him effectually. He had splendid self-control, but when Tucker realized his discomfiture he became desperate and called Nannery a liar, a thief and an infidel. I have never heard the Baptist fair more forcefully presented, and the way he exposed Campbellism was a caution."

At the close of the discussion, we were told the ladies of the church and community presented to Brother Nannery a number of beautiful "bouquets" and a basket of fruits and nuts. He responded in a very kindly speech. "Thus closed," says the report, "one of the most helpful debates ever held in this region." Helpful seems to us hardly the word to describe this strenuous polemical battle.—S. H. Review.

The following extract is from a lengthy and interesting communication on the "Shrine of St. Francis Xavier," from the pen of Rev. William L. Hornaby, S. J., published in the Western Watchman: "There is something not only touching, but inspiring and attractive, we might even say romantic, in the higher sense of the word, in such a death, as the close of such a noble life. For Catholic missionaries who have followed St. Francis to this part of the world, and particularly for his brethren of the Society of Jesus, the death place of their great patron and model has ever been the object of special devotion. This communication is from the latest pilgrim to the shrine, now but rarely visited. It is situated about sixty miles from Macao, the nearest foreign settlement, but from the mainland of China it is separated by only a little passage of from eight to ten miles in width. It is literally true then that the Saint died in sight of China; from the shore on which he breathed his last, he could turn his dying eyes to the hills of the mainland. The scene of his death is on a beautiful little bay. The vegetation along the shore and in the valleys is luxuriant, and there are some fine old trees of the banyan family, which may have been there in the time of the Saint. There is a simple but picturesque little chapel, erected over the spot where the Saint's remains found their first resting place. It is at one of the extremities of the bay, and stands a few paces up the side of a high steep hill. Behind the chapel, higher up the hill, there is a fine bronze statue of the Saint, standing on a pyramidal column of granite blocks, about thirty feet high.

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Pains in the Back
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The response from our subscribers to our request of last week has not been as prompt or as generous as we could wish. The weather, however, has been stormy, the roads have been bad and the mails have been somewhat irregular, and all these causes have no doubt prevented our friends from remitting their subscriptions with greater promptitude. The time for receiving the premium pictures is extended for another week. That will bring us up to Christmas and we expect that no subscriber will fail to remit by Christmas. The premium picture makes a very nice Christmas present, and the subscription money is the most desirable Christmas box that could be offered to us. We trust, now, that none will fail to carry out this arrangement and ensure mutual happiness for Christmas. Please don't delay! Remit promptly.

It is thought probable that Hon George E. Foster, ex-Finance Minister of Canada, will be nominated for the Commons by the Conservatives of North Ontario, now vacant in consequence of the death of Mr McLeod. This was formerly a Liberal constituency, but at the last general election it was carried by the late Mr McLeod, Conservative, by 500 of a majority. If Mr Foster accepts the nomination he will likely carry the riding with a good majority. As all know Mr Foster is one of the ablest parliamentary debaters in Canada, and his election at the present time would be an acquisition to Parliament, and would greatly strengthen the Opposition. As a financial critic Mr Foster will render invaluable service to the Opposition and to the country. Mr Foster is now a resident of Toronto, and no doubt he will soon be the leader of the Ontario Conservatives in the House of Commons.

The St James division protested election case in Montreal, came to a sudden end last Wednesday morning, when Chief Justice Tait and Judge Loranger intimated that they did not require to hear any more evidence, but had sufficient on which to declare the election voided. The prosecution asked for delay of a few days to decide as to what should be done towards asking for the personal disqualification of the parties concerned in the frauds. This the court granted. The case was continued on Saturday, when Mr Biscallon asked for the personal disqualification of Jos. Brunet, the liberal member recently elected at the by-election. The grounds for application were that Brunet had sworn his election expenses were only \$6.50, but had testified that he had given A. L. Grant \$2,000 to pay expenses. Biscallon figured that as a donation this money was not acknowledged as provided by law, the inference was that it had been illegally expended. The motion was taken on delibere.

Hon Raymond Prefontaine, after promising a \$1,000,000 expenditure of public funds, has again carried his old constituency of Maisonneuve and returns to the Commons a strong protectionist and a cabinet minister. Only a week before, five of his ministerial brethren, Messrs Fielding, Bernier, Paterson, Fisher and Fitzpatrick made strong Free Trade speeches in Yarmouth and Argenteuil. Mr Prefontaine, undaunted by his five stalwart opponents, will have all legitimate industries accorded a full measure of protection. How he is going to succeed in the face of such opposition is more or less of a mystery. It looks more promising than ever for the "fighting like blazes" policy of the present administration. Nothing is more certain than another big row, if all engaged in the present tariff mix-up are in earnest. It is worthy of note that Sir Wilfrid Laurier wired his impartial gratification, to both Free Trade and Protectionist candidates. Evidently the Premier is still equal to any occasion that may present itself.

Judgment has been delivered in the South Oxford election trial confirming Mr Sutherland in the seat, the court holding that the only charge proven was of such a trivial character as to have no bearing on the result. The Grits

had been very confident of their ability to unseat the Conservative member in this riding which for years had been a Liberal stronghold and resorted to the most disreputable methods to secure alleged evidence to unseat Mr Sutherland in the hope of being able to secure a revision of the constituency to its old allegiance at a by-election. In 1898 Dr McKay, a Liberal, was elected in South Oxford by a majority of 674. In 1900 Sir Richard Cartwright was returned by over 800 majority to the Commons, but this year Mr Sutherland secured the riding for Mr Whitney. The result in South Oxford is doubly a source of pride and satisfaction to the Conservative party in Ontario. Not only was the election in itself a great victory, but the proceedings at the trial showed that it was a clean win on its merits and that the allegations of corruption so freely made by the supporters of the government were without the slightest foundation in fact. More than that, the unscrupulous corruption employed in endeavoring to rob Mr Sutherland of his seat was fully exposed and recoiled upon the heads of the corrupt party machine which had been employed to manufacture evidence in the most shameless manner. It showed that the Ross government through its machine operators was ready to stop at nothing to bolster up its waning power, while it demonstrated to the public the falsity of the malicious charges that the Conservative party was guilty of resorting to kindred means to oust its conscienceless political rivals from power. -Ottawa Citizen.

The 9th was a very stormy and cold day. It was particularly cold for the Provincial Government, inasmuch as it was the occasion of their loss of two seats, won by the Opposition. The electors of the Cardigan and West River Districts presented the government with just such Christmas boxes as many other districts in the Province are prepared to give whenever they are afforded the opportunity. In another column will be seen the figures representing the votes polled. While the vote is not so large as it would probably be if the day were fine, the majorities of Mr Morson and Mr Currie are very respectable. Had the weather been fine, the probabilities are that their majorities would have been very much larger. The Patriot attributes the Government's loss to the storm and the split in its own ranks in the West River District. The Government had the fixing of the date of the election, and we may be sure it was not chosen to specially favor the Opposition. Moreover, the Government had the advantage of arranging the "human devices" such as bonded warehouses, etc., to suit themselves. But in the face of all these advantages they were defeated. It is very unfair in view of these circumstances to endeavor to put the blame on the storm. It was just as stormy for the Conservatives as for the Grits and it is not very likely that the polls were located to specially accommodate the Opposition. Public opinion is against the Government and they know it; but they are anxious to conceal this fact from the general public; hence the attempt to draw attention from the real facts, by blaming the storm. Their course regarding the guaranteeing of the bonds of the Dominion Packing Company is the last straw that will surely break the Government's back, no matter how they may try to wriggle out of it. Bravo Cardigan and West River!

THE Venezuelan affair has assumed a rather serious aspect; indeed, a state of warfare has been reached. In consequence of the refusal of President Castro to comply with the British and German ultimatum, the British and German ships prepared to blockade the Venezuelan coast, permitting trade at one or two ports, at which they would collect the revenues and thus reimburse their financial claims. This, with the seizure of the Venezuelan ships by the allied powers, exacerbated the populace and on Wednesday of last week a British merchant steamer, the Topaze, was seized by a mob in the harbor of Puerto Cabello, about 100 miles west of Caracas and La Guayra. After seizing the steamer they pulled down the British flag. This was an insult that could not be brooked, and the cruiser Charybdis and the German cruiser Vineta were immediately despatched to Puerto Cabello, arriving on Saturday morning. The captain of the seized British steamer Topaze visited the British Commodore on board the Charybdis and an hour later returned

with a detachment of marines who speedily took charge of the Topaze. After that Commodore Montgomerie sent a demand to the authorities for immediate satisfaction for having hauled down the British flag from the Topaze, and advised them that if such were not forthcoming in two hours the fortress and Custom House would be bombarded. No answer having been returned to this demand the Charybdis and Vineta opened fire at five o'clock and commenced the bombardment of the Fortress and Custom House. The Fortress returned the fire; but was soon silenced. There was no damage done to the town. Later advices from Berlin, state that Italy will participate in the blockade by agreement with the allies, and that a portion of the coast will be assigned to the Italian ships. Thus the proceedings against Venezuela will become in every respect tripartite. Lieut Commander Tuerk first officer of the German Cruiser Gazelle has taken command of the Venezuelan Gunboat Restanador which is now flying the German flag. As soon as the Restanador has completed equipment at Port Spain, Island of Trinidad, she will be utilized in the German operations against Venezuela.

Conservatives Victorious. As intimated in our last issue, the by-election for the Provincial Legislature held on the 9th, resulted in the return of both Conservative candidates, by respectable majorities. In consequence of the storm, only a small vote was polled. Following are the results: THIRD DISTRICT OF KING'S. Morson MacLaren. Baldwin's Road 42 27. Victoria Cross 16 23. Cardigan 38 25. Lorne Valley 39 39. Rosemeath 24 38. Montague Bridge 31 64. Dundas 80 55. Summerville 31 7. Majority for Morson, 23. SECOND DISTRICT OF QUEEN'S. Currie Maclean Wheatley. New Glasgow 6 2 3. North Rustico 7 4 4. South Rustico 21 8 0. Wheatley River 11 1 8. North Rustico 7 9 1. Kingston 7 9 1. Milton 6 6 4. North River 16 14 1. Nine Mile Creek 4 6 2. St Catherine's 108 72 58. Majority for Currie over Maclean, 52. Majority for Currie over Wheatley, 62.

Steamers' Movements. The steamers of the Steam Navigation Company, stopped running on Thursday last, 11th inst. On that day the Northumberland, which had gone to Point du Chene, from Summerville, on Wednesday, came to Charlottetown. On Wednesday the Princess made a round trip between here and Pictou, arriving here on return about 9 o'clock. These were their last trips for the season. The Minie, of the winter navigation steamer, went to Pictou on Thursday, and returned on Friday, bringing mails passengers and freight. She went to Pictou again on Saturday and returned Sunday. She is expected to continue these tri-weekly trips, as long as possible, before going to Georgetown. The Stanley left for Pictou, where she called up, and after towing out some vessels from that vicinity, she is to go to Summerville, under the winter route. The Coban arrived Wednesday afternoon with a cargo of coal for Peake Bros & Co. Fearful destruction on account of the accident, the Captain decided to make for Halifax, without discharging the cargo and left Thursday morning. The steamer was a long time getting through the ice in the harbor but managed to get clear about 12.30. The Cacana left Thursday for Pictou, with a cargo of 500 bushels of potatoes, 245 bushels of vegetables, 184 tons hay, 60 cases fowl and sundries. She stuck in the ice off the shore and was there at 2 p.m. The Coban got through in the track of the Minie, but the way was too narrow for the broader Cacana.

WINTER MADE SUMMER.

[The Garden of the Gulf after the lapse of thirty-one years] I Storm-swept, Prince Edward's loyal Isle, Lies buried 'neath the drifting snow, Forgetful of the vernal smile It wore that summer long ago When, sailing o'er the tranquil sea I viewed these shores with eager eyes And shared a joy, so pure and free, With one now robed in Paradise. II The Garden of the Gulf no rose Holds blushing forth, no blossom fair, To wreathe with the wind that blows And sweet perfume the ocean air; For Edward's Isle in death like sleep Rests from the joys of harvest time, And wintry gales unheeded sweep O'er hillside hoar with marbled rime. III Aye, cold the snow and keen the gale Descending on yon ship at sea While straining mast and shattered sail Write midst the storm's wild revelry Yet, storm swept Isle, thy people's heart With summer warmth benignly beats And winter, vanquished, shrinks apart When Islander the stranger greets. B. F. DeCosta. Ch'town, Dec. 9, 1902.

Disastrous Results of the Storm.

The severe frost and very sudden setting in of winter caused great hardship and disappointment to shipping. A great many vessels were caught and frozen in at the different shipping ports. The schooner Precursor, loaded with oats, is frozen in at Crapaud. The schooner H. S. with 3,000 bush oats is frozen in at Ch'town. Both vessels were loaded by Carvell Bros. The schooner Citizen is ashore at Black Point, East Point on the North Side. She is supposed to have gone on on Tuesday night of last week and will likely prove a total wreck. She was loaded with coal and bound for Alberton. We understand that there is a possibility of saving part of the cargo. The schooner Citizen was a vessel of 85 tons, was built in Lunenburg in 1898, and was owned by William Miller, Alberton. The schooner Evolution loaded by H. C. Oatbridge for Bermuda with 8500 c. cargo of oats and potatoes is ashore on Governors Island. She had been towed to the bell buoy on Wednesday by Batt's tug. The captain and crew walked ashore from Governor's Island and came to the city on Friday. They report the schooner ashore about 1/2 of a mile from the Island. She is aground at low tide but floats at high water. She was driven to the present position by the ice which snapped the chains of both anchors. The ice is piled all around the vessel, and it is hardly possible she can be released until spring. When the Coban passed the schooner on Wednesday evening, the latter had signs of being asking to be towed back to Charlottetown. The captain interviewed Captain Finlayson with a view of having the Minie tow the schooner out but as there is not sufficient water for the steamer it is impossible to render aid. The schooner Swift Current coal laden for C. Lyons & Co. of this city, which left Hawkebury Thursday, company with schooner Vivian has not yet been reported. She was last seen by the crew of the Vivian at the point where they were off Soria Friday morning. The Vivian arrived here Sunday week. The Swift Current was a vessel of about 65 tons and was owned by Beck Bros, Murray Harbour, two of whom are aboard schooner. It is possible she may have sought shelter in the vicinity of Pictou Island and may yet be detained there.

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LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

PEDESTRIANS were crossing the ice from Rocky Point to the city on Friday and on Saturday morning Mr. John Smith crossed to the city with a horse.

PREMIER PATRICK and Hon. John F. Wear left here for Quebec on Monday, where a general meeting of Maritime Premiers is to be held on the 17th to discuss Provincial matters.

We are pleased to learn that Mr. John McSwain of this city has been elected a corresponding member of the Nova Scotia Institute of Science. Mr. McSwain certainly deserves the highest congratulations for this honor.

THREE lives were lost in a tenement house fire in New York on Monday last. The victims were Mrs. Mary Bond and two children. Edward, the husband and father, and a two years old child were badly burned.

The steamer Shelley sailed Wednesday from Charlottetown for Finland with a cargo of 136,600 bushels of wheat, loaded by Messrs. Curvell Bros. and Matheson & Toombs. The cargo is seed grain and was purchased by the Russian Government.

The steamer Lake Champlain, of the Elder Dempster line, which arrived at St. John from Liverpool on Monday with 1,000 passengers had one case of small-pox on board. The patient, a man, was landed at Partridge Island on Monday night.

Mr. Stephen Brown of York had a porker in the market on Friday last that weighed 659 lbs. dressed. This is the heaviest carcass brought to the Charlottetown market this season. It was purchased by J. P. Tanton.

The Department of Marine, Ottawa, on the 15th, asked for assistance from Sydney for nine vessels driven ashore at Sculpin Rock, near Lunenburg. Cargoes of 1500 barrels fish were lost, but the crews were saved. The vessels were bound from Newfoundland for Gloucester.

IDAS SIMARD, one of the best known hunters of Bale St. Paul, Quebec, is thought to have perished. He went on a fox hunting trip, the last week in November, and the other day his dogs returned home bringing their masters' snowshoes.

The All-Canadian football team had their first match in the old country with the North of Ireland team at Belfast on Saturday last. The game resulted in a victory for the Canadians, the standing 11 to 3 in favor of the visitors. The Canadian team are high in praise of the most hearty hospitality extended to them ever since their arrival on the other side of the Atlantic.

The Victoria Hotel, one of the principal hotels of Quebec City, was completely destroyed by fire on Sunday last. The fire was caused by a furnace. Many guests and a narrow escape. Two servant girls and one of the stokers have not been found since the fire. Some travellers lost very valuable goods. The loss is estimated at \$90,000, with an insurance of \$33,000.

On Monday last week, the unusually sad event of a funeral cortege following the mortal remains of two young persons took place to St. Teresa's church. The deceased were the twelve and fourteen years old daughters of Mrs. John McInnis, of Ruskin. Consumption had carried them off in their young girlhood. They were buried in the one grave. A widowed mother is left to mourn.

The exchequer court opened in this city on Thursday forenoon last, Mr. Justice Burbridge presiding. Solicitor General Carroll was in attendance on behalf of the Crown. A large number of cases were up for adjournment. They were all cases arising out of the spilling of land damages along the line of the Bell and Maritime Harbor Railway. The court continued Thursday and Friday. Some were allowed larger amounts than awarded by the valuator, some were settled by compromise and some were postponed to a future date.

ABOUT nine tons of poultry, from the six chicken fattening stations in this Province and from the station at Eggenville, N. B., the one at East Amherst, N. S., the one at Mabou, C. B., have been in cold storage in the Dominion Packing Company's establishment here for some time. This poultry now goes from here to Georgetown to be shipped to Manchester, England, on board the steamer Manchester Trader due to arrive at Georgetown tomorrow from Canada. The transferring of the poultry from here to Georgetown and its shipment on board the steamer is in charge of Mr. Donald David McInnis, Glenfennan.

YESTERDAY was about the first day on which there has been anything like decent travelling since the storm, and consequently there was a very good attendance at the market. There was a large quantity of pork which sold at from 7 1/2 to 7 3/4 per lb. Hay was not in very great supply and brought as high as 70c per 100 lbs, in the early part of the day and ranged from 60c to 65c during the day. Straw was \$6. a ton, and black oats were 34c per bushel, and white oats 32c. Green and white brought 8c to 8 1/2c per lb and turkeys sold for 10c to 11c a pound. Butter brought from 25c to 26c a pound and eggs were 24c to 25c a dozen.

THE many friends of Mr. Joseph McCullough, of Summerside, will sympathize with him in the death of his sister, which occurred at his residence on Friday night. After the death of her parents in 1870 she resided here for about two years and went to Boston where she was under hospital treatment for some months. She returned to Summerside last summer, and has since been in fairly good health. Her condition did not cause alarm until Thursday evening and the end came about 5 p. m. on Friday. Deceased was 23 years of age and leaves besides her mother in Summerside, one brother in St. John and one sister in Boston. R. I. P.

On Friday evening Mr. James E. McDonald, M. L. A., Cardigan, received a telegram from Capt John Fitzgerald, conveying the unfortunate intelligence that his schooner Carmena, is a total wreck at Lion's Cove, Lamaline, Newfoundland. The Carmena, sailed from Cardigan Wednesday, Nov 12th, for St. Pierre, with a general cargo of produce and cattle, and arrived there Nov 23rd. She is supposed to have left St. Pierre on return about Wednesday, Dec 3rd, two days before the big storm. The Carmena was 13 years old 98 tons registered. A short time ago she underwent a considerable amount of repairs and was refitted with new sails. We understand that she was insured, only to the extent of \$1,000.

LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS

The SS City of Ghent arrived in St. John Sunday at five o'clock.

At Georgetown, Dec. 15th, Alexander McMillan, in the 77th year of his age. R. I. P.

MURDER in the second degree was the verdict returned against Blondin, in Boston, on Monday night, for the killing of his wife.

It is intended to have a market on Wednesday, as well as Tuesday, of next week and the week following. These will be the Christmas and New Years markets.

The Minto arrived from Picton, at 11.30 yesterday, with a large cargo consisting of four cars of flour and four cars of way freight besides mails and passengers.

WANTED—\$200 in subscriptions before Christmas. Who will be the first on the list?

The All-Canadian football team was defeated by Trinity University, Dublin, on Monday, 23 to 3, in fine weather, and in the presence of 2,500 people. The game is described as a fast one, but the Canadians passed poorly, compared with their opponents and seemed surprised at their defeat in view of the victory of Saturday over the North of Ireland team. The ground was very slippery. Trinity scored thirteen points before the Canadians made three.

A paid up subscription is the kind of Christmas box we appreciate the most highly. We can stand any number of these, and our friends need have no hesitation about boxing us in this fashion.

C. M. B. A.—At the regular meeting of Branch 338, C. M. B. A., Verron River, held on Thursday night, Dec. 11th, the following officers were elected for 1903: Spiritual Director—Rev. Dr. Doyle. Chancellor—P. M. Brothers. Pres.—John J. McMillan (re-elected). First Vice President—T. A. Brothers. Second Vice President—A. J. Henry. Recording Secretary—Frank J. McDonald (re-elected). Assistant Recording Secretary—Frank L. McDonald. Financial Secretary—John A. McKenzie. Treasurer—Edwin J. O'Donnell. Marshal—M. J. Mahar. Guard—J. G. Hayley. Trustees—Jos Hayley, P. M. Brothers and K. V. McInnis.

The officers in Branch 254, Kensington, for the year 1903, were elected on Thursday evening the 11th inst. The Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary and Treasurer were re-elected by acclamation. The New Year will see the Branch under the management of the following staff of officers: Spiritual Adviser—Very Rev. Mgr. Gillis.

Chancellor—Chas E. McDonald. President—Joe A. Dracoll. 1st Vice President—P. Cash. 2nd Vice President—J. A. McEllan. Recording Secretary—J. A. Ready. Ass. Sec.—Joe J. McIntyre. Fin. Sec.—N. J. McDonald. Treas.—John A. McDonald. Marshal—T. Donahoe. Guard—T. Gorman. Trustees—G. R. McMahon, James O'Connor, Jas. A. Ready, Jas. A. McDonald, Ed. Pendergast.

The second commandment was the text of the advent sermon preached in the Cathedral on Sunday evening last by Rev. Dr. Monaghan. The Rev. preacher pointed out that this commandment: "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain," had a two fold significance. Not only should we not take our Lord's name in vain; but we should also be particular on all occasions to speak with respect and reverence of that holy name. He pointed out how prevalent the horrible sin of blasphemy was at the present day. We can scarcely walk the streets but we hear that sacred name spoken in the most irreverent and disrespectful manner. There are some who seem never to mention the name of our dear Lord except to blaspheme it. This sin of profanation and blasphemy is one of the most grievous, and must be avoided by all who wish to save their souls.

Taylor's book store is one of the best stocked and most attractive establishments in this city that one can visit during these Christmas holidays. Mr. Taylor's business has increased to such an extent since he started about one year and a half ago, that he found it necessary to have more room. For this purpose a new building has been erected in the rear of the store for his printing press and other machinery, and the space formerly thus occupied has been added to the store. This addition of about thirty feet gives the shop a depth of about seventy feet from the street back. His gradually increasing retail trade made this enlargement of the premises absolutely necessary. Every available portion of this large store is filled with books, stationery and toys of all descriptions. Certainly Taylor's book store is now second to none in the city. Nothing you can ask for in his line but you can have at reasonable prices. A noticeable feature of his present lot is the variety of the improved class of stationery. Those in search of first class stationery for Christmas times will find here just what they want. For fancy goods, toys or stationery Taylor's book store is the place to go. Victoria road opposite the front door of the Post Office.

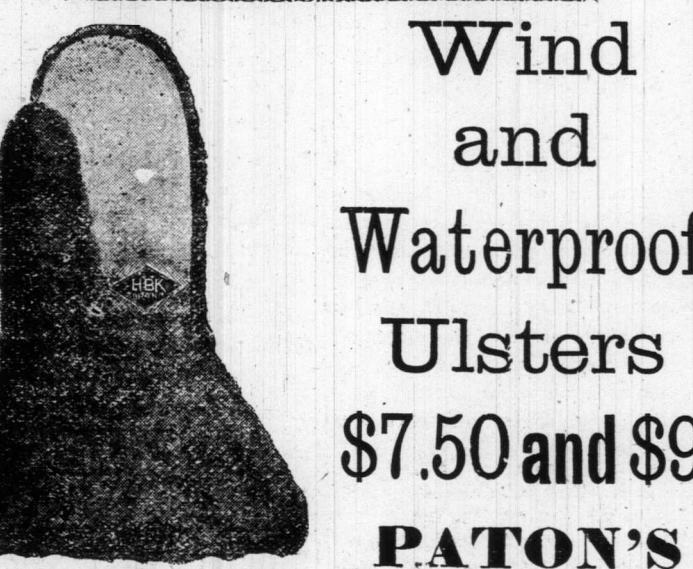
The double markets of Christmas and New Years' weeks will afford our friends an excellent opportunity of paying us a visit and settling up their little bills. We hope they won't forget.

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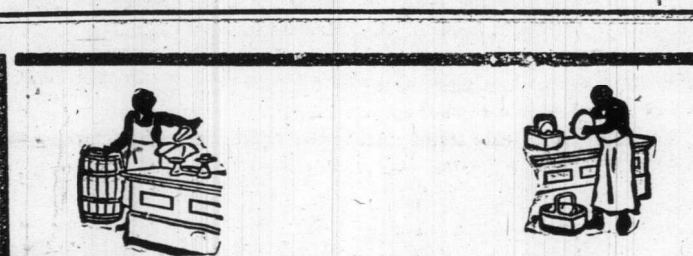
285 Men's ULSTERS \$3.75 to \$10.00.

Sheep Skin Coats \$4.50.

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Tryon Tweeds are the best on the Island, and they are made from P. F. I. wool—no shoddy; but pure, genuine wool. We have purchased a big stock of All-wool Tweeds, every yard guaranteed. Reid's double and twisted tweed weighs heavier, is better made, wool is better scoured, is better finished than any tweed imported into P. E. Island. That is why we buy and sell it. There is no better blanketing, drugged or yarn for the farmer made. In factory flannels we carry a stock of browns, greys and greens at 33 cents per yard. Wool is bringing a small price this year and so we are asking a small price for our goods. This quality of flannel generally brings 42cts. elsewhere. Our All Wool Drugged and Flannels for men's underwear we are selling at 35cts. Some people ask 45 cents for imported stuff that will not wear as well. Remember to encourage home industry every time when the price is lower and the goods better. Factory Blanketing in white union, two yards wide, 66 cents; Grey Union Blanketing 66 cents; White All-wool Blanketing 80 cents; sold everywhere at 90 cents; Tryon White Blanketing, two yards wide, no better made anywhere; 85 cents; Big snaps in Grey Factory Flannel at 33 cents; big shipment of Factory Yarn, heavy, suitable for footing leggings—big hank of Black, Grey or Red Yarn for 12 cents. Other people ask 15 cents for this yarn; Stanfield's famous Stockinette 25 and 30 cents per yard; Factory-made Stockings for ladies and girls or boys, will make a splendid overall, 25 cents a pair; Factory Cloth all wool Tweeds—from 35 to 50 cents per yard; Factory Tweeds—Tryon make—40, 50, 60 and 75 per yard, in a dozen different patterns; big shipment of the famous Double and Twisted.

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CHAPTER XXIX.

Nothing seemed changed on my return to Chartley; Sir Amias was as surely as ever, his prisoner as gentle and dignified in her manner towards me as heretofore.

The day following my arrival in Windor in the inn. I was astonished at the frank cordiality of his greeting, which, for all the constraint I put upon myself, I could not return civilly.

He changed color, and said nothing; I turned my back on him and walked away. He hurried after me and laying his hand on my arm, began by saying: "Keep your distance, sir! No Popish sneak shall trust me as a friend?"

"A sneak!" he exclaimed, flushing crimson, and laying his hands on the hilt of his rapier. "Remember I have as good blood in my veins as you have, and my religion gives you no right to insult me, seeing I have always professed it openly."

"I do not call you a sneak on account of your religion," I replied, "but because with your Jesuitical wiles you have perverted the young lady from her belief, and under cover of concern for her soul wormed a way into her affections. Out upon you for a hypocrite and sanctimonious dissembler! You shall answer for it one day!"

Restraining his anger, he said:—"Mr. St. Barbe, you are under a strange misapprehension, and do me grievous wrong. But you are too much excited now to listen to reason. Let me assure you of one thing; I never had the slightest idea that you paid your addresses to my affianced bride, or that you were even acquainted with her. I assure you on my word of honor."

"This was a little too much. Every lady at Court knew that I aspired to Miss Cecil's hand. We were as good as engaged, for both the Queen and her father were known to favor my suit. And this man had the effrontery to tell me he knew nothing of it! I turned on my heel and left him there, in the midst of his protestations. The next day I got a note from him; it was sent back unopened; nor when we met by chance would I return his salutation."

About a week passed without anything noteworthy occurring. I heard of Windsor's goings on from the waiter at the M. S. flower. He went out a great deal to Babington's place at Dethick, and the principal towns in the neighborhood; from all I heard, I gathered that the conspirators thought the time for action was come, and were collecting their forces to strike. I thought it advisable to take some precautions against the meditated blow. Without attracting attention, the garrison in the Castle was strengthened, and a body of men-at-arms were ordered to take up their quarters in the neighboring town of Barton. The watch at the city gate had directions to keep a sharp look out, and should they at any time see a flag hoisted on the tower of Chartley, they were to hasten to the assistance of the garrison. Thus all was prepared on both sides, when one evening the fat brewer sent me word that Babington's epistle had been delivered to the royal prisoner, and she had let him know through her secretary that she should have an answer in three days time.

On the day when this letter from the Queen was expected, I betook myself, as agreed, to the Green Dragon in Burton, where I found Phillips and Gregory, whom my uncle had sent down from London. As soon as it arrived, they were to open and decipher this letter, which, as Walsingham said, would reveal to us Mary Stuart's heart.

It was with keen anticipation that we waited until the brewer should return, bringing with him the document upon which so much depended. Phillips and Gregory sat at a table

on which pens and paper, small sharp knives and other implements lay ready for removing the seal and copying the contents of the letter. The two rogues were playing a game of cards to while away the time, while I paced impatiently up and down the room. Gifford was waiting below, prepared to carry the epistle to London the same night, after it had been resealed with all the skill for which Gregory was noted. It makes me sick now to think of those fellows. Gifford soon received the reward of his iniquity. Before twelve months had passed, he was thrown into prison in Paris for some criminal action, and there ended his days after the manner of his unhappy Judas.

At last the heavy dray rolled into the yard, and we heard the empty casks taken out. I began to think that no letter was forthcoming, for more than an hour elapsed before the heavy tread of the obese brewer was heard ascending the stairs. He entered, and sinking into the nearest seat, began to wipe the perspiration from his brow, remarking that it was really too much for him to mount so high. If Jacob's ladder, reaching to heaven, about which his favorite preacher had recently discoursed with suchunction, were half as steep as that staircase, he must decline the ascent altogether.

"It is not very likely that you will require a ladder, when you go to your own place," I interposed impatiently. "We want the letter, not to hear about your preachers."

"I pray you have a little patience, sir," he rejoined. "Do not be hard on a good Christian, who has given up this world and the next in the service of her Majesty and the pure Gospel."

"At any rate," I replied, "you make a good thing of it as far as money goes. Give us the letter and leave us alone."

He went on grumbling about the evil times, and how much it took to pay the hungry preachers with their wives and families; meanwhile he unwittingly unbuttoned his doublet, and drew forth a thick packet of letters tied up in parchment. As soon as he had carefully counted and pocketed the price of his treachery, he left the apartment.

Quickly and deftly Gregory loosened the silken string, leaving the seal intact, and I was able to read the superscription of the various missives. They were addressed to the French Ambassador, and to different prelates, princes, personages of note both in France and Scotland. But with these I was not concerned, the one of interest and importance was the last, addressed: "To our trusty and well-beloved Anthony Babington, Esquire, Lord of Dethick, etc." I looked closely at the seal. It bore the impress of the Queen's ring; a square shield, quartered with the Scotch lion, the English leopards, the Irish harp and the French lilies. On each side of the shield were the letters M. R. (Maria Regina.) I banded the letters to Gregory, and watched him

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The letter was a long one, the contents showing that the whole scheme had been expounded to her. It was in French, for Mary Stuart preferred that language to English, and was written by one of her secretaries in cipher. Phillips had deciphered so many of her letters that he was able to read it as fast as I could write from his dictation.

The letter—as far as I can recall its contents at this distance of time—began with an eulogium of the 22d Babington displayed for the cause of religion in general, and of the captive Queen in particular. The number and weight of the Catholic party was daily dwindling, and unless measures were soon taken by the Catholic potentates, it would be too late to prevent the extinction of the faith in England. The interests of religion were the determining motive that induced her to sanction the scheme; she was content to waive her own rights, except in so far as they were bound up in those interests. She impressed upon her friends the importance of attempting nothing rashly, without due deliberation and careful arrangement. It was necessary to ascertain what forces on foot, as well as on horse, could be raised, and who were to be the captains appointed for them in every shire; which towns, ports and havens could be depended upon to grant succor to auxiliaries from the Low Countries, Spain and France; what place might be thought fittest for landing the troops; what monies, armor, ammunition and provisions were at their disposal; by what means did the six gentlemen intend to proceed in the work of liberation. All this must be well considered; she advised them to consult Mendoza the Spanish ambassador in France, in whom she had the greatest confidence. Not until they had certain promise of adequate succor from abroad, would she give her consent to the enterprise, otherwise the result would be as disastrous as that of the recent rising in the North. Another thing to be thought of was that she should be provided with a sufficiently strong escort, or conveyed to some fortress where she would be in safety, for were the Queen to get her again into her power, she would thrust her into a dungeon whence there would be no chance of escape, if she did not dispose of her in a yet more summary manner. And far more than her own evil fate, would she deplore, in case of failure, the misfortunes that would befall her faithful adherents.

She then proceeded to name several Catholic noblemen, who might be enlisted in the project; adding a warning against traitors, who might even be found under the disguise of Catholic priests. Finally she said that in all probability at the end of the summer she would be removed to Dudley Castle; they might find out when that would be, and arrange for her to make her escape then. Or if she remained at Chartley, one of the three plans might be pursued. If she were allowed to ride out on the lonely moor between Chartley and Stafford, a body of some 50 or 60 horsemen could carry her off, as her guard seldom exceeded 20 men at arms. It would be possible to set fire to the granary near the castle in the middle of the night, and in the confusion that ensued, it might not be difficult for the conspirators to penetrate into the castle and carry her out. It might be so contrived, that one of the wagons which bring provisions to the castle in the early morning, should be overturned in passing through the gateway, so that the gates could not be closed, when a troop lying in ambush closely might enter and make themselves masters of the castle.

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