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Happenings in Scot- land.

A NOTABLE JUBILEE.—From the columns of the Scottish correspondence of the London "Universe," we take the following interesting items of Catholic happenings in Scotland. The silver jubilee of the restoration of the Scottish Hierarchy falls in this month, and will be celebrated in St. Mary's Cathedral, Broughton street, Edinburgh, on the 5th inst., when High Mass will be celebrated by His Grace Archbishop Smith, the Metropolitan, assisted by the Bishops of Dunkeld, Aberdeen, Argyll and the Isles, and Galloway. The jubilee will also be celebrated in the cathedral churches of the various dioceses, in presence of their respective prelates. The date fixed for the Glasgow celebration is Sunday, March 15th, in St. Andrew's pro-cathedral, the presider being Canon Mackintosh.

It is interesting to note that of the original prelates appointed to the various dioceses in 1878 not one survives. Edinburgh has lost three archbishops since that time, Aberdeen two bishops, Galloway one. Dunkeld one by death and one by promotion to the Metropolitan See, Glasgow being the last to feel the hand of death, when on March 27th 1902, the venerable Archbishop Eyre (who was the doyen of the episcopate in Scotland) was called away to his last account, Argyll and the Isles, so far has lost none of its prelates by death, its first ruler, Bishop MacDonald, having been transferred to the Metropolitan See of Edinburgh before his death.

The re-establishment of the hierarchy here did not give rise to the same display of ignorant indignation that the similar event caused in England. The prelates of the Episcopal Church protested against Rome usurping their titles, but the "Glasgow Herald" voiced the feelings of the community when it said it was a question whether it had not stolen their titles from Rome. There was also a demonstration of Orangemen on Glasgow Green, where one Godfrey burned the paper containing the announcement of the establishment of the hierarchy, but these were about the only hostile demonstrations at the time. Needless to say, the Church has advanced during this time, notably in the West of Scotland, where for some years past almost every other week sees the opening of a new mission.

St. PATRICK'S, GLASGOW.—When St. Patrick's new church was opened some five years ago, it was thought that there would be ample accommodation for the congregation for generations to come. This has proved, however, not to be the case, and consequently the old church in O.K. Street is being renovated, with the view of being once again opened for worshippers in the lower reaches of the parish. We believe that the ecclesiastical authorities have it under their serious consideration whether or not they will have a new mission, with the old church as its base.

A NEW PARISH.—Another striking evidence of the progress of Catholicity in Glasgow is the fact that a new mission, comprising parts of St. John and Francis' parish will shortly be opened on the South Side in Govan Street. This announcement was made by Canon MacInnes recently.

SWEET CHARITY'S SHARE.—An evidence of what may be achieved through the co-operation of the laity in charitable work may be inferred from the following:—
At the public annual meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, held in the Diocesan Hall, Glasgow, presided over by His Grace the Archbishop, the annual report for the year was submitted. The income was £5,421, being an increase of £144 over the previous year, made up as follows:—Church door collections, £2,517; subscribers, £773; legacies and donations, £481; other concerts, £112. The outlay totalled £5,494, £2,811 of this being given in cash, and over £1,000 in provisions. Grants were given to refugees, homes and asylums, while £95 went to pay rents, £33 in assisting the poor to help themselves, £48 in free dinners, and £12 18s. in funeral expenses, the expenditure being £70 above the income. There are 27 more active, and 61 less honorary members than last year. Families relieved, 4,677, numbering 20,746 persons, visits at home, 50,109; 12,568 free dinners supplied and 130 poor people sent to hospital, comprised the rest of the report, which was adopted on the motion of Canon MacInnes, seconded by Father Stewart.

His Grace, at the close of the proceedings congratulated the society

in its work. He wished he could see a conference in every parish, and that the society would go on and prosper.

ARCHBISHOP ILL.—Several alarming reports as to the state of Archbishop Maguire's health have lately been in circulation throughout the city of Glasgow. Happily, however, says the "Universe" correspondent, there is no immediate cause for alarm. His Grace has never been very robust in health, and having overworked himself has been ordered a rest. We may state that it is his Grace's intention to join the great Scottish pilgrimage which goes to Rome a few months hence.

How Belgian Girls are Taught.

Frances O'Brien, in the "Quiet Hour" describes the work of Belgian school girls. She writes:

"The Sister suggested that we might like to see their laboratory, and on our way thither she explained to us that the ease and pleasure with which the girls carried out the work of this section was due to the foundation laid in the 'Ecole Primaire.' There, in the first year after entrance, the initiation in science began in the 'exercice d'intuition,' or Object Lessons, with which exercises in language were always coordinated. This immediate alliance of language with intuition is a fundamental principle of the Belgian system. These lessons were continued in the courses of Natural Science, which immediately followed, and here on their common basis, began the correlated studies of domestic economy, hygiene and agriculture. Lessons on the care of animals were combined with notions of zoology; study of the soil and the means of improving it, with notions of mineralogy; the culture of different plants and vegetables with the study of the vegetable kingdom.

"We remarked to the Sister that such training required a large amount of labor and patience on the part of the teacher. She replied, 'Our role of teacher is like that of a guide—we do not explain what is apparent, but we stimulate the child's spontaneous mental activity by a course of judicious questioning. This, we find, is the surest means of imparting scientific knowledge and inducing a habit of self-help. On every occasion we insist that the pupils shall themselves participate in each experiment and explanation.' She went on to tell us that in the 'Ecole Moyenne' more time was given to reflection and experimentation with regard to the facts which have been assimilated in the 'Ecole primaire,' where the 'positive' method of teaching was chiefly in use.

"We were now in the laboratory, a well-sized room, fitted with every appliance. It was here, we were told, that the pupils of the 'Ecole Moyenne' made their 'intuitive' study of the chemical notions applicable to daily life, and which were of special service to them in their studies of cookery, of hygiene, and of laundry work. Here also girls of the agricultural course made the experiments necessary to their particular branch, and the more advanced pupils followed a practical study of bacteriology, to aid them in the dairying processes. Apropos of a remark from us that the Sister must turn out a formidable supply of 'femmes savantes,' our guide remarked, 'Our idea is not to turn out learned women (with a stress upon the adjective) but girls with habits of observation and reflection, and with a solid store of knowledge useful for daily life. Besides these more obvious advantages, the studies of the works of the universe, shining with God's truth and the beauty of His eternal ideas, afford them an education that is deeply spiritual.'"

A Wonderful Chapel.

In the great Church of Loreto, which stands on a hill overlooking the blue Adriatic sea, and about the middle of Italy, a Roman artist, Lodovico Seitz, has just finished painting a chapel. It is the chapel of the age, and the Catholic dioceses of Germany have contributed the funds to defray the expenses of glorifying with highest art this chapel dedicated to the Madonna. The shields or coats of arms of several dioceses contributing are painted on the borders of the fresco.

It seems as if the thoughts of the artist, Prof. Ludovico Seitz, were far from mundane themes; one might readily imagine he saw visions of celestial beauty and that his soul was dwelling amid other than earthly scenes. He is a member of the Commission of the Sacred Archaeology, and his counsel on questions of art to that body are invaluable. He was born at Rome, in 1844, but appears ten or more years

younger than this makes him out to be. When he was only 11 years old he obtained the prize at the Gregorian competition of the virtuosi of the Pantheon. His father was a painter who spent some time in Montenegro and delighted afterward in wearing in the streets of Rome the very picturesque costume of that country. Thus the young Lodovico may be said to have been born to art and to have had palette and brushes as the playthings of his childhood. From an early age he took to painting, but in this case the child was distinguished for his ability all along. Leo XIII took note of his work and determined to give him an opportunity of reaching his high aspirations.

A Jesuit Astronomer.

The practical interest shown by Catholics in the new observatory that Harvard has established in a Catholic country is only an indication of the true interest our scholars feel in all scientific work, and of their readiness to show interest when such work is carried on in an honorable way. The affair is kindred to another which scientific Jesuits are about to undertake in South Africa, of which the Georgetown College Journal for February gives the following account: "Rev. Elmond Goetz, S. J., assistant astronomer in the observatory, left Georgetown on the night of Feb. 5. Father Goetz came to Georgetown about fourteen months ago from Sorbonne, the University of Paris, where he had spent three years in studying theoretical observatory work, geology, mineralogy, and other departments of science serviceable in a new country. His object at Georgetown was to study practical observatory work, and during his stay he has assisted Father Hagen in work upon the various publications in which the latter is engaged—in computing and publishing His Observations on Variable Stars, and in making a photometric survey of the northern sky. During the past year and a half Father Goetz has also been professor of calculus and tutor in French and German in the undergraduate school. He expects to sail from New York on 'La Bretagne,' on Feb. 12, for Havre. He will then go to London and Paris to purchase equipments for the observatory which he intends to organize at Bulawayo, Rhodesia South Africa. This is the central station of the Zambesi mission of the English province of the Society of Jesus. Two students from the Jesuit school there have been the first to qualify for the Cecil Rhodes scholarships at Oxford. Father Goetz intends to establish at Bulawayo a southern station of the Georgetown observatory to complete for the southern sky the work on the variable stars of the northern sky done in the Georgetown observatory. The photometric survey of the southern sky will also be begun and a meteorological and magnetic station be set up. The greatest need of the new observatory is a twelve-inch equatorial especially designed for work on the variable stars; the cost of this will be from four to five thousand dollars. Father Goetz hopes to find some one to donate this telescope. Before sailing he intends to consult Professor Pickering, of Harvard, about the work."

Items of Interest.

The "St. James' Gazette" of London, printed the other day a paragraph headed "Wealthy Clergyman," in which, after a reference to Dr. Parker's wealth, it was stated: "That poor people of Glasgow will be surprised no doubt by the revelation that the late Roman Catholic Archbishop, Dr. Eyre, left all but £150,000, gross—almost exactly the same sum as was left a year or two ago by a clergyman at Brighton." Referring to the above, the "London Monitor and New Era" says: "Many poor people in Glasgow would not be a bit surprised. A great many of the poor people of Glasgow are Catholics, and the Catholics of Glasgow know, and had good reason to know, that Archbishop Eyre was a wealthy man. He was a son and heir of a wealthy family. He inherited the wealth of that family and passed on to the posterity of the family as much of the family trust as confided to him as he deemed it to be his duty to bequeath rather than appropriate. At the same time the Archbishop took a fair slice out of the funds of the Eyre family, for he built and bestowed upon the Archdiocese of Glasgow an ecclesiastical seminary which cost him in figures about £40,000. Added to that, during the long years of his tenure of the See of Glasgow he took not one brown copper from the archdiocese for menial expenses

as he would have been perfectly entitled to do. In other words, for over thirty years he gave the Catholic Church in Glasgow an incomparable service absolutely without financial fee or reward, disabusing through all these years a stream of benefactions which God and His angels and the recipients may know of, but of which the world knows nothing and never shall know. So that the imputation in the St. James' Gazette is wholly groundless. Dr. Parker's wealth was acquired while he was in the Protestant ministry, and no doubt derived from his labors as a Protestant minister. We do not say one word against Dr. Parker for having amassed a fortune. Since the point is raised, however, it is only fair play to the Catholic priesthood to state that the Catholic priest usually dies worth as much as sufficient to bury him. Cases in point are numerous and ubiquitous, and have been frequently commented upon admiringly by the Protestant newspapers. A notable case lately was that of Dean Donohoe, of Melbourne, who died worth eight hundred thousand dollars, a fact which led a Melbourne Protestant paper to remark that the gentleman had always about eight hundred thousand, more or less, but that as soon as he found he had more, he parted with the surplus to the first poor man he met.

Tounging reports of the desolation brought into the inner circle of the ruling family of Saxony are reaching the press. On Epiphany the Crown Prince attended the court chapel, and when the officiating clergyman at the end of the "general supplication" prayed for the conversion of the Crown Prince, the desolate husband wept abundantly. The congregation were overcome with emotion. Recently the young princesses, who have been told that their mother is away on account of sickness, knelt down at her bed and jointly prayed for their mother's restoration to health.

Five Sisters of Providence of Casimir have gone to Alaska from Montreal to attend to the needs of the miners.

The "London Daily News" is gathering statistics of church attendance in the metropolis. The work is not completed, but it tells a woeful tale. So far, out of a population of 2,469,416 souls, only 487,109, broadly speaking, go to a place of worship. What do the other two millions do on the Sunday?

The total number of founders of the New Westminster Cathedral—those who have given or promised £1,000 since May 1894—is now 89. The total expenditure up to date is about £175,000.

St. Mary's, Moorfields, England, has the "first fruit" of the secession of some of the members of the congregation of St. Michael's Anglican Church, Shoreditch. Father Chase has now entered on his books the names of eighty persons who personally requested instruction in Catholic theology at his hands. Some ten of these are children. Many are those of the heads of families in some cases representing from three to five individuals, comprising their wives and families. Father Chase anticipates 200 conversions altogether.

The learned, eloquent and courageous Bishop of Rotterdam has thrown a bombshell into the "liberal" Catholic camp by his speech, "Reform, True and False," of which ten thousand copies have been sold in Germany and which has been printed in the United States in English as a first number of the fortnightly, "The Catholic Mind." The more "reformers" became very angry and bitterly attacked the zealous Bishop for his timely utterance. But he had been richly rewarded by a letter from the Holy Father, by the unanimous adhesion of his own clergy of neighboring dioceses.

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Public Accounts.

The Provincial Auditor's report on the Public Accounts of the Province for the year 1902, was tabled in the Legislature on Monday afternoon. This report shows like all its predecessors since the Liberals assumed power, that debt and deficits are still rolling up. The receipts of the year are shown to have been \$324,670 and the expenditures \$336,792. This leaves a deficit on the years transactions, according to the showing of the Government, of \$12,122. This much, according to their own admission, the Government have added to the debt of the Province, which they set down at \$650,409, of course the true deficit and the actual Provincial debt are much more than the Government admit. They certainly have maintained their reputation for extravagance and recklessness by creating a deficit and adding to the Provincial debt last year, notwithstanding that they received an increase of subsidy from Ottawa and collected \$82,861 in taxes. We will analyze this report at length in our next issue. In the meantime let our readers not forget that the Government admit a deficit on the year's transactions of \$12,122.

Sessional Notes.

Almost a fortnight has elapsed since the beginning of the Legislative Session, yet nothing has been done except passing the address in reply to the speech of the Lieut-Governor at the opening, and simple matters of routine. The address debated on Tuesday the 24th was little more than an echo of the speech and by the mover, Captain Joseph Read, was padded out ad nauseam. Mr. Read discussed every question referred to in the speech and numerous subjects not mentioned therein. He delivered a homily on winter navigation and gave his hearers the benefit of a scientific disquisition on the process of ice-making. The illness of his Majesty the King at the time set apart for his coronation, the war in South Africa, additional subsidy from Ottawa and the matter of our Federal representation were all passed in review by the philosophic captain from the west. The improvement in our Agricultural industry was attributed by him to the Minister of Agriculture at Ottawa and the Commissioner of Agriculture here of course. The Dominion Packing Company and cold storage are things from which he expects great results. He dwelt at length on the matter of winter navigation, and blamed everything but the Summerside route for the disaster that overtook the steamers during the season. He expressed himself as in favor of a third winter steamer. The question of improved telegraphic communication was not allowed to escape.

Mr Benjamin Gallant was the seconder of the address. He referred briefly to the proposed readjustment of subsidies, the expected receipt of a share of the fishery award and to the question of our representation in the Federal Parliament. On the other matters in the address he touched lightly.

Hon. Mr. Gordon, Leader of the Opposition, was in fine form when he rose to discuss the address from the point of view of the Opposition. He illustrated Captain Read's attitude by the story of King Agamenon, Commander of the Greeks at the siege of Troy. When Agamenon was about to set sail for Troy, Neptune ordered the god of the air to fill a leather bag with all the winds except the west, in order to facilitate the progress of the ships. Ever since then sea captains have been men of force, and the fact that the west wind was not bagged, no doubt largely accounts for the tremendous political blowing we have in the Legislative Assembly from this particular western member. Gracefully and eloquently he referred to the virtues and demise of the late Queen, and to the many noble qualities and the se-

vere illness suffered by his Majesty the King at the time appointed for his coronation. The bravery of our Island boys and the important part taken by them in defence of the Empire were not forgotten in his reference to the South African war and its successful termination, by which Great Britain had gained a vast extent of territory and a noble body of people to add to the greatness and strength of its world-wide empire. Referring to the transfer of the fishery award to the Provincial Government, he said his only regret would be lest our hardy fishermen should fail to receive the bounties they had been paid during recent years. He expressed his inability to perceive any great result from the Provincial Agricultural Department; but he was of opinion that Professor Robertson had done more for our agricultural advancement than all other Government officials combined. That our winter communication had been so seriously interfered with was a most regrettable circumstance; but he was not prepared to blame the officers engaged in it so severely as Captain Read had done. It was his belief that the stoppage was largely due to the fact of the Stanley's being taken from Georgetown to Summerside. He, of course, passed the usual compliment to the mover and seconder of the address.

Hon. Mr. Peters, Leader of the Government, forgot to compliment the mover and seconder of the address. He spoke at some length and attached great importance to the different sections of the address. The coronation of the King, and the loyalty displayed by the people of all sections of the Empire at the time of the coronation were referred to. The question of the Province being entitled to six representatives in the House of Commons was dwelt upon, and the fact was admitted or implied that the Provincial delegation that recently visited Ottawa had succeeded in doing nothing except obtaining permission to prepare a case for reference to the Supreme Court of Canada. The break in winter communication and the efforts of the board of Trade and the Provincial Government in bringing about the liberation of the steamers were dwelt upon.

Mr. Morson vigorously took up the discussion of the different questions referred to in the address and joined direct issue with the Premier on several points. This was particularly the case in the matter of guaranteeing the bonds of the Dominion Packing Company. He pointed out that if the Government were to borrow \$150,000 on the credit of the Province and lend it to the company they might make something on the difference of interest. But according to the arrangement that had been made, they were to furnish the money, receive \$3,000 a year and run the risk of having to pay the whole amount. Regarding the consolidation of the laws to which reference had been made by the Leader of the Government and others, he considered there was no more useful book in the hands of the lawyers of the Province than the consolidated laws issued and prepared for the Legislature by the commissioners appointed for that purpose by a former Government. The cost of the work was relatively much less, in his opinion, than what the city of Charlottetown is about to pay for the consolidation of its by-laws.

After some remarks by Hon. John F. Whear, Mr. John McLean took up the debate. He was quite willing to give the Premier whatever praise was due him for rendering assistance in relieving the winter steamers from their perilous position. When the trouble with our mails began, early in the winter, he (Mr. McLean) had expressed the opinion that the Provincial Government should provide special trains for the prompt delivery of our foreign mails, seeing that the Federal Government failed to do so, and charge the cost thereof to the Dominion treasury. In this respect, he had not changed his opinion. The whole question of winter navigation was of such importance to this Province that the Local Government should not allow the Federal authorities to fail as they had done during the season just closing without interference and protest. Continuing the discussion regarding winter navigation he said it had been alleged that little had been sent on the Stanley from Summerside, but dead heads and smelts, as the freight rates had not been properly attended to. This statement roused the combative propensities of Captain Read and he was on

his feet in a jiffy to offer contradiction. The clock struck six and the House adjourned, thus escaping a violent explosion from that unbagged west wind. After routine on Wednesday, Mr. McLean continued the debate. He refuted Captain Read's statement regarding freight rates by quoting Mr. Holman's letter and by reference to the fact that Summerside merchants had their freight shipped by way of Georgetown and Pictou. He strongly deprecated the abuse that had been fired at the captains and other officers of the steamers and laughed to scorn the pretensions of Captain Read, able seaman as he might be, to know more about ice conditions and how to fight them than Captains Finlayson and Brown. It was his opinion that a local committee should in future direct the winter steamers. This committee should be irrespective of party politics, and the Premier of the Province should for the time being be chairman thereof. He thought such a committee would give more satisfaction as regards the peculiarities and uncertainties of winter navigation than the department of Marine affairs at Ottawa. If the two steamers were kept on the Georgetown-Pictou route after other routes became dangerous on account of board and moving ice, a fairly permanent service could, in his opinion, be kept up. He was in favor of having a third steamer procured, and thought the service should begin on the 1st day of December in each and every year. He appreciated the benefits that might accrue to the Province from the operations of the Dominion Packing Company. This company had borrowed \$150,000 shortly after the promise of the Government guarantee had been given, and the interest on this loan is to be reduced to four per cent. after the guarantee of the Province would be placed on the Company's bonds. It would be more business-like to see the members of the company putting their own money into it. Whether they did so or not, the Government, in his opinion, could not do a worse thing than use the credit of the Province to give a preference to any corporation. He thought the Government should have consulted the farmers and people of the Province before making any agreement with the Company.

After Mr. Simpson had spoken, Mr. Currie, the newly elected member for West River, made a clear and forcible speech. He condemned the Government's action in promising to guarantee the bonds of a private company, without at least consulting the people. It was singularly unfair and glaringly wrong to aim at shutting off all competition by thus promising a Provincial guarantee to a favorite company.

Mr. McKinnon vigorously arraigned the Government for their numerous short comings. Numerous delegations had of late gone to Ottawa; but all the people had in consequence thus far was the payment of the expenses attached thereto. Last year the Premier assured the public that by this time the Province would have its share of the fishery award. But now all we have is a promise of "favorable consideration," with a prospect of having to fight for it in the Supreme Court of Canada.

Hon. Mr. Rogers spoke briefly and was followed by Hon. Mr. McLeod, who dwelt at some length on different questions.

Mr. A. J. McDonald, in the course of his speech, instanced the successful efforts of the people of Summerside to have the Stanley taken from Georgetown and placed upon the Summerside route. As the winter before last was unusually mild the Stanley did fairly well on the western route. Last winter was of average severity and she had made an utter failure. It would require a steamer like the Ernaack to be successful on the Summerside-Tormentine route; but the Ernaack had cost the Russian Government \$3,000,000 sterling, enough to build a tunnel. The general management of the boats was bad. The present Government had dismissed most of the willing competent men employed in the winter service by the late Government, and replaced them by political followers. The captains should not be blamed. They were capable and tried men of long experience. The Ottawa management was extravagant and bad. Continuing the discussion on Thursday forenoon, Mr. McDonald contended that if both steamers had been left on the Georgetown-Pictou route we would have had a fairly regular and satisfactory service. He knocked the wind out of Mr. Simpson's free trade pretensions when he showed that the great industry at Sydney, was established as a result of the iron duties and bonanzas in iron and steel production levied and paid by the Dominion Government.

Mr. Arsenault argued in favor of the Summerside winter route, and contended that a new and stronger boat was needed. He severely criticized the expensive action taken by the Government in the matter of tax levies. After some remarks by Mr. McLaughlin the House went into committee with Mr. McWilliams in the chair.

In committee Mr. Morson moved the following amendment to the paragraph in the address referring to winter communication: "And we respectfully ask your Honor in Council to request the Dominion Government to order an investigation into the causes which led to the stoppage in our winter communication; to the end that such measures may be adopted as will in future ensure efficient and continuous communication between this province and the mainland, by the appointment of a local board of control for the winter steamers, the thorough repair of the steamer Stanley, the providing of a third steamer of greater power, or otherwise, as the requirements of the case may demand."

This rather bothered the members of the Government. They tried to show it was out of order. But Hon. Mr. Gordon pointed out beyond doubt that it was perfectly in order. One o'clock relieved the perplexity of the Government. When the House reassembled at 3 o'clock the Government members thought the amendment might be in order; but to accept it would mean non-confidence in the Government and that would never do. Consequently they made a motion that he have leave to withdraw his amendment. That was carried by a party vote and the amendment was killed. The committee reported the address and the House adjourned. On Friday forenoon the address was presented to his Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, in the Council Chamber. He made the usual reply, which was read in the Assembly. The House then adjourned till Monday afternoon, March 30th.

LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

Hon. Lordship, Bishop McDonald returned from Chatham, on Saturday evening.

Governor Boyle, of Newfoundland, last Friday gave the Royal assent to the French Shore modus vivendi bill, which has been law for the present year.

Last Friday at Glouce Bay, after a consultation of various local company officials and managers, it was decided to flood the pits at Dominion No. 1.

REPRESENTATIVES of the Transvaal, the Orange River Colony, Cape Colony, Natal and Rhodesia, have agreed a custom convention providing for ten per cent. preference in favor of Great Britain and re-proposing the colonies.

The Sunset Limited Express on the Southern Pacific, and a passenger train, collided at Looe, eighteen miles west of San Antonio, Texas, last Friday night. Three passengers were killed and nine injured. The bodies of the dead were buried.

The Toronto Opera House on Adelaide St. west, which in its time was the scene of probably the best performances and grand opera ever given in this country, passed out of existence last Wednesday morning. Fire completely destroyed the theatre, and all but caused the sacrifice of six lives. The loss is \$71,500.

In the Legislature of Kingston, Jamaica, at last Thursday's session, the Governor, Sir Augustus Hemming, announced that the proposed reciprocity convention with the United States had been abandoned owing to representations from Washington that it was hopeless to expect its ratification by the United States Senate.

WHILE the German Empress was galloping through Grantwell Forest, three and a half miles southwest of Charlottetown last Saturday afternoon, her horse was started by a dog that ran across his path, and whirled, throwing her off. She broke the fall with her left arm, and one of the bones snapped just above the wrist.

SPEAKING of the Irish Land Bill John Redmond says: "The Land Bill in many respects is a far reaching measure. The Bill does not fill all the requirements of the case. It does not provide good terms either for landlords or tenants as proposed at the recent land conference, but it makes an enormous advance on any measure of its kind hitherto proposed by any English government."

Major General Hector McDonald, commanding the British forces in Ceylon, and one of the foremost officers in the British army, against whom charges based on immoral acts were filed some time ago, committed suicide, by shooting himself with a revolver, at the Hotel Regina, Paris, on Wednesday last. He was on his way back to his command from London, when he committed the rash deed.

The Norwegian steamer Argyle, bound from Glasgow for Sydney, has been posted as missing. She is now two months and twelve days out. She is a small steamer of 900 tons register. Grave fears are also entertained for the steamer Spolia, which has frequently visited Maritime ports. She left Mobile, Ala., on a voyage to Antwerp, calling at Norfolk, Va., on Feb. 10. It is not improbable that she struck on an iceberg and sank.

GUILTY of murder in the first degree was the verdict returned on the 19th by the jury at Dover, Me., after an hour's consideration, at the conclusion of the trial of Edward Ballard for the murder of Martin Stanton, on the Eagle Lake road, 35 miles from Patten, Oct. 11, 1902. The trial occupied three days. Justice Powers imposed the sentence of life imprisonment at hard labor, which was heard by Ballard with much calmness. He showed little emotion except when handcuffed and taken from the court room. Then he appeared to realize his position. He was taken to the local jail and removed to Thomaston next day.

The funeral of Bishop Rogers at Chatham on Thursday last, was very largely attended. Archbishop O'Brien, of Halifax, Bishop Cameron, of Antigonish, Bishop of Blain, of Rimouski, Bishop McDonald,

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In Holy Ghost Hospital, Cambridge Mass., on March 21st, from an accident Peter McAuley, aged 52 years...

Life Guards.

The Life Guards are two regiments of cavalry forming part of the British household troops.

LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

FRESH herring were caught in Georgetown harbor by Capt. Henry Gostelle yesterday morning.

Ottawa Weekly Letter.

WEEK IN PARLIAMENT. The week in Parliament was an interesting one. On the budget debate, Mr. R. L. Borden and Mr. F. D. Monk criticised the Government's actions and demanded that its fiscal policy should be announced.

WORST YEAR YET FOR INTER-COLONIAL.

The year 1902 was the most disastrous in its history. Hon. A. G. Blair fairly scolded himself, his capital expenditure reaching the enormous dimensions of \$5,102,558.

GOVERNMENT DEFENDS BRUNNEN'S PARDON.

Parliament has been promised particulars relating to the pardon of Arthur Brunen, the rascal who stole Mr. J. G. H. Bergeron's seat in St. James' Division, Montreal.

MINISTERS WITHOUT PRINCIPLE.

The debate on the explanation of Hon. J. Israel Tarte's resignation from the cabinet brought out most important inside history of the Liberal party's attitude towards the tariff.

THE IRISH LAND BILL.

The Irish secretary Wyndham, introduced the Government's long anticipated Irish Land Bill in the House of Commons last Wednesday afternoon.

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WHAT freaks the mails take! Yesterday three steamers crossed between this Province and Pictou, still we had no foreign mail last night.

THE steamer Hillborough is now running on the Southport Ferry. She started on Thursday last, but could only get about two thirds of the distance across.

THE steamer Princess of the Steam Navigation Company, left here yesterday morning for Pictou and broke the track out of the harbor for the winter steamer Minio.

MA. JOHN A. McDONALD has resigned the clerkship of the Legislative Assembly, and is succeeded in the office of clerk by Mr. Robert H. Montgomery.

RELIGION on labor was the theme of Rev. Dr. Morrison's sermon in St. Dunstan's Cathedral Sunday evening last.

WE regret to record the death of Mr. James E. McLean, which took place at Souris on Thursday last, after a lingering illness.

EXPENDITURE TAKES ANOTHER JUMP. Another chapter is added to the story of Liberal extravagance. Despite the warnings from all sides, that the seven fat years should be made spenser for the inevitable seven lean years, the Laurier government continues to add to the expenses of administration.

SHIELDING THE CRIMINALS. The charges made by R. R. Gamey in the Ontario House have developed to a greater degree than ever the apathy shown by the Ross Government for fair play, when their own disgraceful methods are called into question.

BLAIR DOES NOT RESPECT THE LAW. The cool way in which Hon. A. G. Blair overrules the law and illegally spends public account funds has developed into a standing scandal.

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Cardinal Vaughan's Letter on Religious Training of Children

AN IMPORTANT LETTER by His Eminence Cardinal Vaughan on the religious training of children was read in the churches of the archdiocese of Westminster on a recent Sunday...

DUTIES OF PARENTS.—Proceeding to deal with "the Honor and Responsibility of Parents," His Eminence says: "In the early centuries of the Church the work of training and catechizing children devolved entirely upon the parents..."

In a period succeeding the early centuries, children were taught religion chiefly by the priests and by members of religious orders. But on merging from the Middle Ages into the modern period the Church found herself in the presence of new conditions...

forwarding the execution of this duty... Cardinal Vaughan's letter... The task of attaching children to their religion, so as to make religion a living force on their part...

THE PAST CUSTOMS.—We must now beg your special attention to the following considerations:—The task of attaching children to their religion, so as to make religion a living force on their part...

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DETECT IN METHODS.—The following would seem to be the two defects in our method which tell most heavily against the influence that religion ought to have upon the young:—I. First, Catechism and Religion are too much identified in the minds of children with ordinary school work...

SUGGESTED REMEDIES.—I. We suggest the following way of dealing with the first defect. But let us say at the outset there can be no question of dispensing with the service of the day school. They lay necessary and sound foundations...

And that's the way with children. They are like young plants. Same food, same home, same care but some grow big and strong while others stay small and weak...

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