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Note and Comment

According to the Catholic census of New Orleans, which Archbishop Glennon, of St. Louis, has been compiling for several months, and which has been made public, says the Cincinnati Catholic Telegraph, the Crescent City has 181,549 Catholic communicants out of a total population of about 350,000. This report will form part of a larger one which the Archbishop of St. Louis will make on all dioceses in the country.

Ireland's oldest painter recently died in the person of Richard Hooke, of Manchester, whose death at a great age evidently escaped attention in Ireland. More than sixty years ago he was painting portraits in his native city of Belfast, and for many years he exhibited his pictures at the Royal Hibernian Academy. Finally he went to Manchester, where his reputation was enhanced by his numerous portraits of notable citizens of that city. Quite a number of works from his brush are in private houses in the North of Ireland. Though an exile, Hooke never forgot the country of his birth but took a keen interest in her doings.

The sixth Aonach, or Irish Industrial Exhibition and Sale of Irish Manufactures and Produce, held under the auspices of the Gaelic League of London, was formally opened on Nov. 17, at the Royal Horticultural Society's Hall, Westminster. Sir Horace Plunkett, in presiding at the opening ceremony, spoke in most hopeful terms of the prospects for Ireland's future, especially in view of the revolution in land tenure now going on throughout the country.

Mgr. Duparc, Bishop of Quimper, has been fined three hundred francs for an alleged infraction of the French government's law on teaching by religious congregations which had been dissolved. He provided a house after they had been secularized, and they set up school in it as ordinary French citizens.

Dr. H. Zeller, director of the Statistical Bureau in Stuttgart, has just published his religious census of the world. He computes the number of human beings in the world at 1,544,510,000. Of these, 584,940,000 are Christians, 175,290,000 Mohammedans, 10,860,000 Jews, 300,000,000 Confucians, 214,000,000 Brahmans and 121,000,000 Buddhists, with other bodies of lesser numbers.

According to news received from Sant'Agello di Sorrento, where F. Marion Crawford has a magnificent villa overlooking the bluest spot in the blue Mediterranean—the Bay of Naples—the great American novelist is obliged, if not to stop altogether, at least to lessen his work on the new story he is writing to be dramatized in America. Since his return from the Tyrol he has not been well, while a rising temperature, going every day somewhat above the normal, denotes the presence of fever. The doctors, including some specialists from Naples, have not been able exactly to establish the nature of the fever, but it is supposed to be rheumatism.

A number of names have been added to the official roll of honor of the Church during the week. On Sunday His Holiness Pope Pius X., amidst a concourse of Cardinals, archbishops and priests, conferred the title of Venerable on thirty-six sons and daughters of the Church, who, by the sanctity of their lives, have been adjudged worthy of this distinction. The most noteworthy name on the list is that of Jeanne d'Arc, the heroine of Orleans. The others are those of missionaries and

converts in China and Oochin China who were put to death for their belief in Christ. They were Fathers Etienne Eudes, Jean Geunot, Peter Nell, Francesco Nores, Theophile Venard, Chepolla and twenty-nine companions.

It is announced from Rome that His Holiness Pope Pius X. has entirely recovered from his recent indisposition, caused by his contracting cold during the great Jubilee celebration at Rome. Last Wednesday he resumed his audiences.

The preparatory work for the beatification of the Venerable John Duns Scotus, the great Franciscan champion of Our Lady's unique privilege, has, says the Franciscan Annals, just been concluded. It fills two large printed volumes. It now remains to be examined.

once more drew thousands of music lovers to the hall which has witnessed so many of her triumphs.

The Pope's appointment of Lord Denbigh as representative in England of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre, is an evidence of the high favor in which this important peer is held in Rome. The late Earl Denbigh was converted to the Church, and the present earl married into the Catholic family of Clifford of Chudleigh, which has given several nuns—sisters of Lady Denbigh—to the Church.

Rev. Thomas I. Gasson, S.J., president of Boston College, is already an honorary member of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians, Maine, and if he can but spare time for a little trip to South Dakota, he will be received into the Sioux tribe as

BETHLEHEM.

Two thousand years of time and ten thousand miles of land and sea separates us from the Bethlehem of the days of Christ.

The little town still stands. It is wrapped around with the love of Christian millions, crowding along its narrow streets, filling every sacred spot and clinging around every storied scene is the grateful memory of a ransomed world.

Hidden away among its palms, harvest-fields stretching their golden lengths before it, and gentle hills rising behind, Bethlehem awaited one night to listen to the choir of angels singing the birth of the Savior of men.

Fancy can scarcely paint that scene. Heaven and earth came close

Amazed at what they had seen and heard, the shepherds stood silent and in awe. But soon a voice broke in upon their wonder and bade them fear nothing, for "Behold we bring you tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people, for this day there is born to you a Savior, who is Christ, the Lord, in the City of David. And this shall be a sign to you. You shall find the Infant wrapped in swathing clothes and lying in a manger." Then they said one to another, Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this wondrous thing that has come to pass. And going with haste they found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

That night, and Bethlehem became the most sacred city in all the world. Henceforth it is the shrine to which the pilgrim from every land will bend his way. The cradle of Christianity in all times and in every land the faithful Christian looks back to it with all that love with which the tired wanderer regards the fire-side hearth around which in care- less childhood he loved to play.

In the course of the weary centuries that have gone by since the coming of Christ what mighty scenes were enacted around the cradle of His birth.

Emboldened amid its palms and within the shadow of Jerusalem the little town must share the joys and sorrows of the once proud capital of Judea. Through its narrow streets, over its varied places, across its fruitful fields went the war chariots of Rome and the tramp of her conquering legions. Her stately trees were cut away to make the battering rams that beat down the proud gates of Jerusalem. Her ruined houses supplied fuel for the tent fires of the soldiers of Titus. When all was over and the mighty hand of Rome had done its work the remnant of her people looked out upon the mighty ruin that should endure until He completed the course of all the nations.

Centuries later and another drama was enacted amid these hallowed scenes. The same streets, the same fields, the same sacred places were crimsoned with the drops of Christian and Mohammedan blood. Turbanned chiefs and mailed crusaders met in combat, and for three hundred years the battle for the possession of the world was waged around the birthplace of the world's Redeemer. To-day the little town of Bethlehem stands as of yore. It may, indeed, be poor, and yet it is in no wise the least among the premiers of Judea, for out of it has come the One who will rule the people of Israel.

Out from the manger at Bethlehem went forth a power such as the world never saw before. Noiseless, indeed as the light of the morning, but resistless as though backed by the force of armed men. It went forth conquering and to conquer. It spoke to the poor and the lowly and told him that he was the brother of the king. It entered the prison and the dungeon, and spoke words of comfort to the miserable and oppressed. It struck the shackles from the limbs of the galley slave, and closed the mouths of the tigers and lions in every arena in the broad empire of Rome. It lifted humanity up from the low places into which it had fallen and said to man that he was the chef d'oeuvre of the earthly handiwork of God and that he was created a little lower than the angels. Such in its wide sweep is the Christian religion, and such is the mighty influence that saw its inception at Bethlehem nearly two thousand years ago.

Jerusalem.

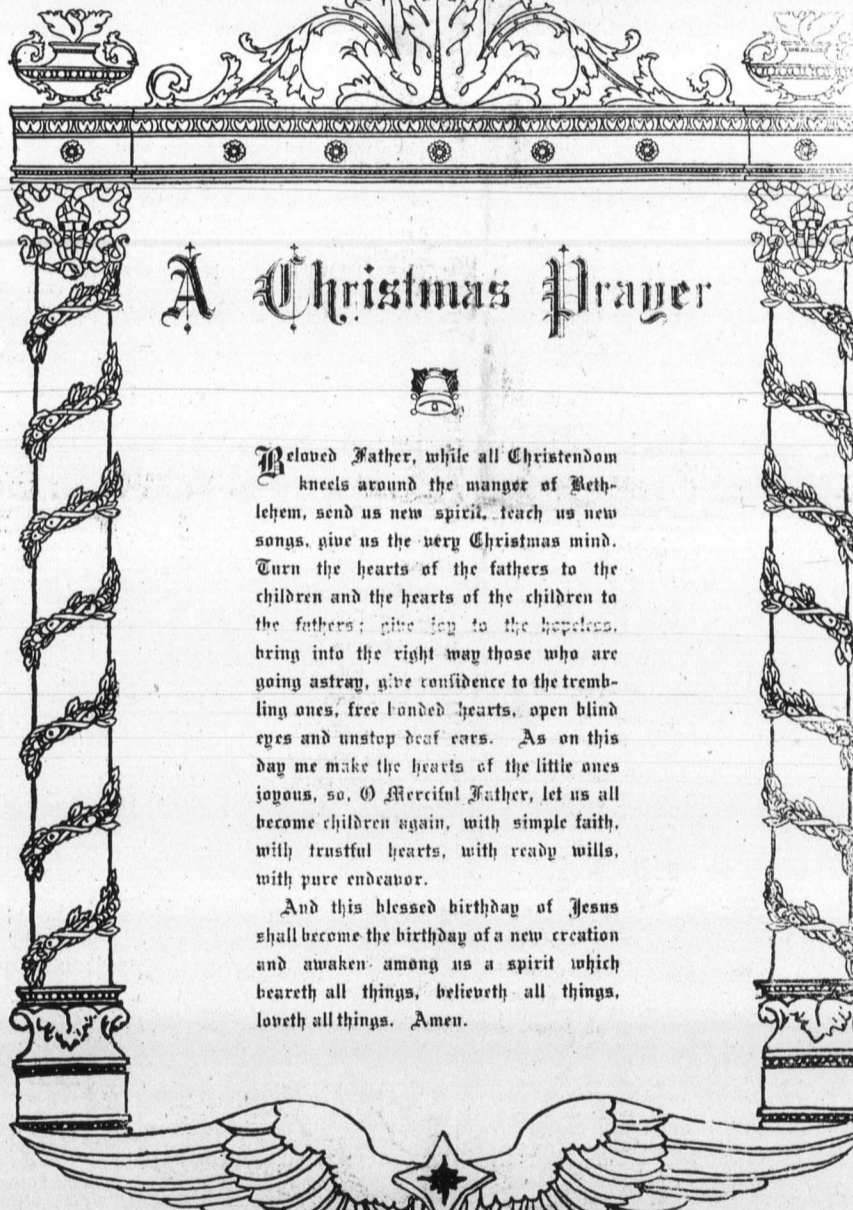
(Written for True Witness.)
Deep the snow lay on the ground,
As the shepherds gathered round
Jesus' stall,
Sweetly angels sang above,
Songs of "Joy and songs of love,
"Peace to all."

The sweet Virgin Mother mild,
Kneelt beside her Infant Child,
Full of grace,
And her heart with love ablaze
Held her long enraptured gaze
On His face.

Spouse of Mary, too, knelt by
And the love light in his eye
Spoke his heart,
Pouring forth their souls in prayer,
Pious shepherds lingered there,
Loath to part.

O dear Savior grant that we
Yet may have the joy to see
In heav'n above,
That sweet Babe, who in the stall,
Filled the hearts of mankind all
With His love.

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A Christmas Prayer

Beloved Father, while all Christendom kneels around the manger of Bethlehem, send us new spirit, teach us new songs, give us the very Christmas mind. Turn the hearts of the fathers to the children and the hearts of the children to the fathers; give joy to the hopeless, bring into the right way those who are going astray, give confidence to the trembling ones, free larded hearts, open blind eyes and unstep deaf ears. As on this day we make the hearts of the little ones joyous, so, O Merciful Father, let us all become children again, with simple faith, with trustful hearts, with ready wills, with pure endeavor.

And this blessed birthday of Jesus shall become the birthday of a new creation and awaken among us a spirit which beareth all things, believeth all things, loneth all things. Amen.

The Catholic Press was the one great vital subject overlooked at the Chicago Missionary Congress, says the Central Catholic. The accumulation of too many cares upon too few organizers can be the only explanation of this grave oversight.

Dr. Thomas F. McParlan is the fourth New Yorker to receive Papal honors within the last month. Because of his charitable work the title of Knight of St. Gregory comes to him at the personal request of Archbishop Aversa, Apostolic Delegate to Cuba and Porto Rico, and has the hearty approval of Archbishop Farley.

Father Vaughan's concert at Albert Hall, London, resulted in the collection of £1080 for poor children. For this he is greatly indebted to the generosity of Mme. Pattl, who emerged from her retirement and

a warrior with a right to sit at its councils. Even these adoptions into families of the only indigenous Americans can hardly make Father Gasson a better American than he is; but he has been a devoted friend to the Indians of Maine, and it is pleasant to see the grateful appreciation of the Indians of other sections of the country.

Mother Matilda Tone, of the Ladies of the Sacred Heart, who died recently at the New York convent of pneumonia, was of a family closely connected with the distinguished Irish patriot, Theobald Wolfe Tone. Mother Tone entered religion at the age of eighteen, and after profession at the motherhouse in France and while still in her twenties, she was appointed to the responsible office of Mistress General of the famous Manhattanville Academies, which she filled in this and other academies with great success for twenty-two years.

together when mortal ear listened to angels' song, and mortal eyes beheld a heavenly light. It was midnight and the great moon silvered the little city and the plain. No breeze stirred, and the sacred stillness of that eastern night possessed the land. Out upon the neighboring hill the simple shepherds kept the night-watches over their combat, and for three hundred years the battle for the possession of the flocks. In low tones, no doubt, they spoke of that which was uppermost in the mind of all the people. They spoke of Quirinius and the enrollment. They spoke of the departed glory of Judea and of the approaching time when the promised Deliverer should be born in their own little city.

And as they talked, lo! a wondrous thing came to pass. A bright light lit up the hills around. It was a soft, ethereal light, not like that of sun or moon or stars. And suddenly the strains of heavenly music flooded the hills, the city and the plain. They listened and in the music was the voice of angels and they heard for the first time the Gloria in Excelsis Deo.

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THE THREE MASSES.

By Rev. T. J. Shahan, D.D. Of the ancient privileges of Christmas only two have survived in the Church law, one of eating meat when it falls on Friday, and the other, peculiar to priests, of celebrating

three masses in honor of the three-fold generation of Christ, viz., from all eternity to the bosom of the Father, in time in the womb of the Blessed Virgin, and in the souls of the just.

The practice of celebrating three masses had its origin at Rome, and it was so old at the beginning of the sixth century that the Liber Pontificalis, compiled at the time, referred to it as Pope Telesphorus, of the second century. The very old Mass books, called the Gelasian and Gregorian Sacramentaries, contain each three masses for the day.

The midnight vigil of Christmas is the last relic of a very common custom in the first Christian ages, of celebrating nocturnal vigils for the feasts of the saints. The attendant disorders discredited them, so that only the venerable Vigil of the Nativity escaped. In the early Middle Ages all the people were expected to attend midnight mass and to communicate, under pain of three years' excommunication, as a means of compelling the performance of what we now call Easter duty.

The King's Birth. Arise, Arise! Let cymbals ring. All hail the birthday of our King. Arise! Arise! All earth now cries.

Christmas Gifts. The custom of giving presents on Christmas, now so universally observed, is traceable to the New Testament account of how kings and wise men made rich offerings to the Infant Jesus.

The Children's Festival. The Christ-child's birthday comes again— And children's voices say:— Good will and Peace have come to men— God bless our Christmas Day.

Turkey Surprise. Flour and butter, each two tablespoonfuls, salt and pepper, each a quarter of a teaspoonful; stock, one cupful; cold turkey, a cupful and a half. Make one cupful of ordinary thick sauce, mixing the butter with the flour.

with the yolk of egg beaten. Bake for over twenty minutes in a hot oven.

CHRISTMAS TORPEDOES.

Cut up into dice three ounces of cold chicken, two ounces of cooked ham, and two hard-boiled eggs. Mix them with a gill of rich white sauce, stir in also some truffle peelings, salt and pepper to taste, and a teaspoonful of lemon juice.

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Brown sugar, two pounds; vinegar, one tablespoonful; butter, a quarter of a pound; cold water, one cupful; chopped pecan meats, one cupful.

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Good dates, one pound; cherries, half a pound; nut meats, two cupfuls; seeded raisins and figs, one pound each; some confectioner's sugar.

I SAW THREE SHIPS.

I saw three ships come sailing in, On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day; I saw three ships come sailing in, On Christmas Day in the morning.

Oh, they sailed into Bethlehem, On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day; Oh, they sailed into Bethlehem, On Christmas Day in the morning.

And all the bells on earth shall ring, On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day; And all the bells on earth shall ring, On Christmas Day in the morning.

And all the angels in Heaven shall sing, On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day; And all the angels in Heaven shall sing, On Christmas Day in the morning.

HOME-MADE HOLIDAY BEVERAGES.

During the holidays it is a pleasing departure to substitute for the usual cup of afternoon tea some other home-made beverage which partakes more of a festive nature.

Yule Punch.—To one pint of strawberry or currant syrup add the juice of five oranges, five lemons and one can grated pineapple.

Fruit Cocktails.—To half a pint of cherry syrup add the juice of an orange and of half a lemon. Pare and shred finely one large ripe pineapple. Dust with powdered sugar and chill on ice.

TURKEY SURPRISE.

Flour and butter, each two tablespoonfuls, salt and pepper, each a quarter of a teaspoonful; stock, one cupful; cold turkey, a cupful and a half.

cold water. Cook until of the consistency of cream, then take from the fire and cool. Serve in sherbet cups, putting into each cup a few drops of lemon juice and a little shaved ice.

HYMN FOR CHRISTMAS.

Oh! lovely voices of the sky Which hymned the Savior's birth, Are ye not singing still on high, Ye that sang, "Peace on earth?"

Funny Sayings.

Practical Tommy. Owing to his extreme youth and timidity, Tommy Jones—escaped going to church the whole year around except on Christmas Day.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT.

The solemnity of the meeting was somewhat disturbed when the eloquent young theologian pictured in glowing words the selfishness of men who spend their evenings at the club, leaving their wives in loneliness at home at this happy season.

TOO FAR BACK FOR HIM.

Tommy had been punished. "Mamma," he sobbed, "did your mamma whip you when you were little?"

ONE GIFT SHE MISSED.

Six-year-old Harry wanted to buy his sister a little Christmas present. His heart throbbled with joy at the thought, though he had in his pocket only ten cents.

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expressed that in proportion as they increase in numbers they will decline in virtue, and finally rebel against ecclesiastical authority; that the Order will some day become a tool of politicians, and so on.

Some Reasons Why the K. of C. Organization Should be Recognized.

Ave Maria, the excellent Catholic magazine published at Notre Dame, Indiana, by the Fathers of the Holy Cross, recently published an article which may serve as the best answer to those who are endeavoring to injure the Knights of Columbus by the publication of false rumors to the effect that the Order has been denounced by some member of the hierarchy in the United States.

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PAUL, Archbishop of Montreal.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1908.

CHRISTMAS.

No thought is so old and yet so fresh as the sweet thought of Christmas and its midnight cave. The pagantry of the world has passed along the highway of time but never with the thrill of Bethlehem's Babe.

A GREAT POPE.

The closing year has had no historical celebration so surrounded by personal merit and a universal exhibition of loyalty and unity as the golden jubilee of our Holy Father's priesthood.

It shows unselfishness, and at the same time adorns the power he sways with attractive grace. When others might repel the approachable ruler draws; when others discourage he exalts. No more fascinating figure could be found among the sovereigns of a whole century than Pius X.

anything could express approval and admiration for the greatness of Pius the Tenth it is the gathering of the Catholic world in Rome this fall at the festivities of the golden jubilee of his holy priesthood.

ATTENDANCE AT MASS.

Few things indicate more the prevalence of religious indifference than the carelessness of attending holy Mass. Any excuse will satisfy the conscience of numbers who would not be so discourteous to an earthly friend, let alone be disrespectful to any law of the land.

Corresponder.ce.

THAT SERMON IN THE STAR.

The following letter was received last week too late for publication: Mr. Editor: I have been following the Saturday sermons of the Montreal Daily Star of late, and have, at different times, intended to publish my opinions concerning them.

The first great mistake Mr. Gilroy makes is due to the fact that he takes himself too seriously for the sake of five dollars. His writing may be what Cardinal Newman would call an attempt at the fine, but his I's and my's leave the reader with as cold a heart as if he had spent a session of three hours in an ice-house with an electric fan to keep him warm, and that, notwithstanding good intentions to the contrary.

But our preacher is a thinker, too. He says, "the Gospel of Christ is neither a creed nor a theory, nor a theology—it is a power."

Another instance where the preacher shows himself a thinker, is when he exclaims, with all the solemnity of a lawyer pleading for the acquittal of a first cousin, "Men are not saved by the death of Christ, but by the power of God."

Now, we had never thought Ontario had such a theologian as is Mr. Gilroy. At that point in his sermon we were longing for a lifebuoy; the preacher had menaced to drown us in his logic-pond.

And so on. To end, let us ask when the Star intends to be mindful of the fact that thousands of Catholics are subscribers. True, we are accustomed to mean little quarter-columns in the reports of Catholic festivals, such as the Immaculate Conception; but we are willing to stand even that, if the paper will cease inflicting Freshman excuses for sermons upon us.

Spiritual Gifts of Ireland to the Pope.

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NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that at the next session of the Legislature of the Province of Quebec, Miss Johanna Malone, Miss Annie Watters, Miss Annie Fox, Miss Helen Gillespie and Miss Elizabeth Webb, all of the City and District of Montreal, will present a bill asking to be incorporated as a charitable and philanthropic corporation under the name of "St. Anthony's Guild."

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Mr. William Redmond intro-
duces Catholic Disabilities Act.

Mr. William Redmond, at the session of the British parliament which closed this week for the Christmas holidays, introduced the Catholic Disabilities Bill. This bill came as a surprise to many who heard the eloquent plea for its adoption advanced by Mr. Redmond, who made a moderate, convincing argument in support of his measure, meeting every possible objection, even that to the effect that the disabilities left in existence by the Emancipation Bill of 1829 have, to use the expression of Sir James Stephen, been treated as a dead letter. He showed that on several occasions in late years attempts have been made to make the said provisions effective, and pointed to the attitude of the Prime Minister himself on the occasion of the Eucharistic Congress to show that though Mr. Asquith had favored the abolition of these provisions he had recognized they were not obsolete as some contended.

The London Tablet reports as follows the debate on the introduction of Mr. Redmond's bill, which has had to go over to the next session: Mr. W. Redmond, in introducing the bill, said: "The Bill which I now ask leave to introduce is, with some additions, practically the same measure which has been before Parliament for many years.

The object which I have in view is plain and clear. It is simply to place the Catholic people on terms of equality with people of other religious denominations. (Cheers.) There is not, I need hardly say, the faintest idea upon the part of the Catholics or their representatives of asking for anything whatever in the shape of favor, privilege or advantage. It is equality, and simply equality, which the Catholic people ask for, and which they are, I am certain, in the opinion of every fair-minded man inside and outside of the House, entitled to have. It might come as a surprise to many people in England to learn that the Catholics do not enjoy equality with other denominations to-day. The popular belief is that the Emancipation Act of 1829 removed all the laws of which Catholics had reason to complain. As a matter of fact, the very act of so-called Emancipation in 1829 itself contains provisions of the most offensive and insulting character towards the Catholic people. The various statutes which it is sought by the present bill to repeal will be found set forth in the bill when it is printed before second reading. It is not, therefore, necessary for me to refer to all the objectionable statutes of which Catholics complain. I may mention, however, one or two. In the Catholic Relief Act of 1829 there are several sections of the most offensive character towards Catholics, and these it is proposed to repeal. Sections 26 to 28 provide frankly for suppression of the religious orders of the Catholic Church. Priests are forbidden, under heavy penalties, to exercise any rites or ceremonies of their religion, to wear the habits of their orders anywhere save in the Catholic places of worship or private houses. Furthermore, it is frankly stated that the object of the sections of the Act of 1829 is to make provision for the gradual suppression, and final prohibition in the United Kingdom of Jesuits and other orders. Section 28 states: "Whereas Jesuits and members of other religious orders, communities, and societies, of the Church of Rome, bound by monastic and other vows, are resident within the United Kingdom, and it is expedient to make provision for the gradual suppression and final prohibition of the same therein." Then follow provisions, which remain in force till this day, requiring members of religious orders to notify the clerk of the Peace of the county the place where the members of such orders reside, and providing for a register of such persons being kept, notices of such registers to be sent to the Secretary of State in the case of Great Britain, and the Chief Secretary for Ireland, in the case of Ireland. It is unnecessary, at this stage, to go fully into the provisions of the Act of 1829, and the other enactments which were, and are, highly offensive to Catholics; but it will be found that the Bill which I now ask leave to introduce simply has for its object the removal of all such obnoxious enactments against the Catholic religion. The only answer that can be given to the reasonable request for the repeal of these offensive laws is that they are obsolete, and never put in force. This may to some extent be true, but it does not in any way lessen the offence which Catholics feel is done to them in this matter.

RECENT ATTEMPTS AT ENFORCEMENT.

In 1902 an organization in this country endeavored to put the sections of the Act of 1829 into force against certain Jesuit priests in London. Summonses were applied for against three members of the order, but Mr. Kennedy, the police magistrate, in dismissing the application, observed that all these sections were practically obsolete, and quoted the words of the late Sir James Stephen, in his "History of the Criminal Law," who said that "these provisions, ever since they have been passed, have been treated absolutely as a dead letter." Application was then made to the King's Bench for a mandamus to compel Mr. Kennedy to issue the summonses. The application was refused by the Court, consisting of the Lord Chief Justice and Justices Darling and Channell. Mr. Justice Darling, in his judgment, said that whatever might have been the reasons for passing these statutes, which resented opinions and not acts, they were, to his mind,

Under the ten minutes rule only one member can speak in opposition to a Bill. Mr. C. M'Arthur and Mr. Sloan rose together, and the Speaker called upon the former.

Mr. Sloan rose to a point of order, saying that he had been elected more as a Protestant than as a party man, and he understood that he was to be given the right of reply. He had had placed in his hands however, a letter from Lord Balcarras, who was a junior Unionist Whip, and he wished to ask whether the official Opposition had communicated with Mr. Speaker, and made this a party question.

The Speaker: That is not a point of order. The hon. member will have his opportunity on the second reading.

MR. M'ARTHUR'S OPPOSITION.

Mr. M'Arthur said he should be the last man to support any enactment that was merely irritating or insulting to his Christian fellow-countrymen. He wished to point out that the language of the statutes that had been cited was not the language of the present day. One object of the bill was to legalize monastic institutions. The probability was that those who framed the act knew more of the true character of those institutions than we did. If members of the Order of Jesuits and similar organizations had altogether changed their character, why should they have been driven out of France. It was because they had been working in secret against the State, and were a danger to the Republic. Notwithstanding the prohibition in the act of 1829, the number of those institutions in this country had increased from 16 in that year to 1125 at the present time. If they were to be legalized in this country they should at least be inspected. In regard to Catholic processions, in the public streets, he held that their legalization would be most undesirable, and he would rather, that further restrictions in this matter were placed not only on Catholics but on other bodies. After all, this was a Protestant country and the particular doctrine represented in the Catholic processions was most offensive to Protestants. It would be most unseemly to flaunt such emblems in the face of Protestants. The Catholic community, while willing to accept toleration for themselves, had never been willing to grant toleration to others. The lot of the Protestant in Ireland was infinitely worse than that of the Catholic in England. The present bill did not deal with any immediate grievance, and he opposed the motion.

The House divided, when there voted: For leave to introduce the bill 233; against, 48. Majority for, 185.

Mr. W. Redmond then brought in the bill and it was read a first time.

REV. W. E. McDONAGH CELEBRATES FIRST MASS.

Rev. W. E. McDonagh, who was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on Saturday last, by His Lordship Bishop Racicot, celebrated his first Mass on Sunday at the Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel, St. Mary's Parish.

Rev. Father Frank J. Singleton, of St. Patrick's acted deacon, and Rev. Father Martin Reid, of St. Patrick's Orphan Asylum, as sub-deacon, while the Rev. Father Bastien, of the Grand Seminary, acted as assistant priest.

In the sanctuary were representatives of the priesthood from all the city parishes, and colleges, while the choir rendered Gounod's mass, Professor John J. McCaffery presiding at the organ, and Mr. F. C. Emblem leading the choir. At the offertory Mr. Walter F. Costigan sang the "Ave Maria" with good effect.

Donagh blessed all those who were present at the Mass, and in the afternoon he blessed the little children of the parish. In the evening after singing the Benediction he blessed the parishioners who had not received his blessing in the morning, and throughout the day blessed as many as three thousand people.

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CELEBRATION OF THE SILVER JUBILEE OF REV. CANON O'MEARA.

On Monday morning at 9.30 grand Mass was celebrated in honor of the silver jubilee of Rev. W. O'Meara, pastor of St. Gabriel's. The jubilee Mass officiated, assisted by Rev. Fathers O'Brien and Reid, both boys deacons. After the gospel, Rev. Father of the parish as deacon and sub-deacon Donnelly, P.P. of St. Anthony's and also a son of an old and respected resident of St. Gabriel, preached a powerful and eloquent sermon, in which he first touched briefly upon the sacred office of the priest, after which he paid due honor to the history of the parish in a general way. After Mass all repaired to the parochial residence and thence to the convent, where a banquet was served, thus affording each section of the parish its own special share of the honors. The various schools were represented in large numbers, accompanied by members of their staffs of teachers. The choir, all members of the Young Men's Society of the district, under the direction of Mr. J. J. Shea, the son of another of the old families, rendered with splendid effect a very fine musical Mass.

On the whole, the celebration was a splendid manifestation of the respect in which Rev. Canon O'Meara is held by the members of his flock and if we might be permitted to add a word to the felicitations received by the rev. gentleman, we would say may God give him yet many long years to enjoy the laurels so lovingly worked for and won.

On Sunday last the married ladies of St. Gabriel's, on the occasion of Rev. Canon O'Meara's silver jubilee, presented him with a handsome set of vestments and an alb. The presentation was made at the Holy Cross convent and Mrs. James Ca-



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His Excellency the Governor General Visits the Hotel Dieu.

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The driving storm delayed their Excellencies and party so that it was a little after 3.30 p.m. before they reached the Hotel Dieu. They were received at the entrance to the electrical department, which is situated in the new wing, by Lady Shaughnessy, Lady Lacoste and Mrs. J. G. H. Bergeron, with the Reverend Sister Paquette, superior of the Hotel Dieu, Rev. Sister Morrissey and Rev. Sister Dufoir, who is in charge of the electrical department. Dr. H. A. Desloges, who presides over the electrical department, also greeted the distinguished visitors.

The visitors and the other guests present were then shown through the various sections of the departments, which is the most complete electrical installation for medical purposes in Canada. Eleven rooms are devoted to this department, and the various forms of treatment by electricity, including the static, high frequency, vibratory, oscillatory and other methods are in daily practice with striking results. Last year over ten thousand patients received treatment in this section of the hospital, and the figures for the present year will, in all probability, exceed 17,000.

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BOYS and GIRLS

TWO LITTLE STOCKINGS. Santa Claus Assistant.

It was not long after midnight. The wee small hours of Christmas Day were just beginning to arrive, and down in the library, where the tree was sheltering a profuse array of toys, stood, an unexpected guest. He was ill clad, unshaven, and his hair looked as though it had never carried a comb. In his right hand he carried a dark-lantern, and slung over his left arm was a sack, a common jute bag, and he had entered a window that looked out upon the street. The family had all retired, and for the most part were asleep. That is why the unexpected guest chose this time to arrive.

Stealthily he crossed the room, and, drawing the portiere silently across the broad doorway that opened into the hall, he slid back the front of his lantern, and lighting a match in the flame, he turned on the gas and lit it, so that he might better see the exact character of his surroundings.

"Hum!" he said, as he observed the tree. "Quite a fine layout. I don't know but what, after all, it's a good thing that parents give their children expensive things these days. It's a great help to our profession. You can't raise much on candy, balls and two-penny dolls, but these silver-plated engines and purses with ten-dollar bills in 'em come in handy. Gold sleeve-buttons too," he added, as his eyes took in a few further details of the scene before him, "an' a gold watch as well. This is luck."

And then, as he bent over the group of toys and presents of a more expensive nature intended for Bobbie, his eyes glittering with joy at the prospective value of his haul, the heart of the unexpected guest stopped beating for an instant. There was a rustling behind him.

With a quick movement he slid the cover of the dark lantern to, by mere force of habit; but it was unavailing; the room was still lighted out to steal, and the only thing I

in his hand kissed it.

"Don't don't do that," said the man, huskily. "It's not-not clean."

"I shouldn't think it would be," laughed Bobbie, "climbing in by sooty chimneys can't be very clean work. Do you know, I always wonder why there's never any soot left on the toys."

"Oh, we take care of that," said the assistant. "You see, this bag keeps the soot off. But I didn't catch, hastily, observing that there was no soot on the bag either."

"You're all through, aren't you?" said Bobbie, looking at the bag.

"How do you know that?" asked the man.

"Your bag is empty. Isn't there any else for you to take a toy to?"

The unexpected guest buried his face in his griny hands, and a great lump rose up in his throat.

"There was one other," said the assistant, "but there's nothing for him—and it's all my fault, I neglected to look after him."

"And won't he get anything?" asked Bobbie.

"No," said the assistant, roughly, rising, and taking a step toward the tree.

"He can have one of mine," cried Bobbie. "Here, take him this. I've got plenty, thanks to you." He handed him one of the treasures beneath the tree.

The unexpected guest looked at the boy for a minute, and then he slowly reached out his hand and took the proffered toy.

"I'll see that he gets it," he said, "and God bless you for it! Good-bye, little one. I must be off or he'll wake up and be disappointed."

He moved toward the door, when Bobbie ran after him, and holding up his little face said: "Won't you take a kiss for Santa Claus from me?"

"That I will," said the other, and he bent over, and, kissing the child fled precipitately out through the window and disappeared in the darkness of the street.

"Well," said the unexpected guest the following morning, as he watched his own pallid-face little youngster playing with the first Christmas present he'd ever known, "that was the rummiest thing I went out to steal, and the only thing I

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Away went the elves, but down from the gloom Of the sooty old chimney came tumbling low A child's whole wardrobe, from head to toe.

How Santa Claus laughed, as he gathered them in And fastened each one to the sock with a pin!

Right to the toe he hung a blue dress.

"She'll think it came from the sky, I guess," said Saint Nicholas, smoothing the folds of blue, And tying the hood to the stocking, too.

When all the warm clothes were fastened on, And both little socks were filled and done, Then Santa Claus tucked a toy here and there.

And hurried away to the frosty air, saying: "God pity the poor, and bless the dear child Who pines for them too, on this night so wild."

The wind caught the words, and bore them on high Till they died away in the midnight sky.

While Saint Nicholas flew through the icy air, Bringing "peace and good will" with him everywhere.

though dimly.

"Hullo!" said a soft voice from the portiere and at the same moment the curtains parted and there stood Bobbie, clad in his nightgown. "Is that you, Santa Claus?" he added, peering curiously at the unexpected guest.

The man gave a short laugh.

"That's the first time I've been taken for any one that's half decent," he said to himself, and then he answered, in a whisper loud enough for Bobbie to hear: "Well not exactly, sonny. I'm only his assistant."

"His what?" said Bobbie.

"Sh! Not so loud, my boy—you'll wake the family; and if you did that I'd vanish like the mist," said the man. "I said I was only Santa Claus's assistant. You see, my lad, there are so many more children now-a-days than there used to be that the boss has to get outside help Christmas Eve, or he'd never be able to finish up his work in time. So he sends for me an' a few others like me—heaven help us! and we do his distributing for him. I'd just lain these things out here when you surprised me."

"Oh, isn't it beautiful!" he cried. "All these things for me! A watch too, just the very thing I wanted!"

The man drew back as the boy spoke, and with a queer light in his eyes sat down in one of the chairs suddenly.

"Are you tired?" asked Bobbie, leaving the tree and crossing to Santa Claus's assistant.

"Yes," said the man. "Very."

"I'm sorry," said Bobby, affectionately, as he took the other's hand

bagged that wasn't really given to me was a kiss. It was a rich haul but I think I'll get a more decent job-at New Years."—Harper's Magazine.

The Playmates of the Infant.

It is all about a brother and a sister who lived together in a castle. They were only children, and knew no harm, but not very much good either. Their father was a great Lord, and they saw little of him but their mother was always with them, and kept them as gulleless as angels, and almost as happy.

One day when the sun was very bright and hot, they played noisily in the garden, till they were quite tired, and then rested on a grass plot, over which a sycamore stretched out its shady arms. In the middle of the plot a flower-bed was cut, and in the middle of the flower bed stood a pedestal which supported a white marble statue of the Madonna, holding at her breast the Infant Saviour.

The children had from the first been so used to this statue, that they had never thought of putting any questions regarding it. But today, as they looked out from the shade of the sycamore, and saw the sun shining on the face of the infant, it came into Walter's curly head to inquire: "Who is the child that is always smiling down at us so sweetly from his mother's arms? And how kind she is: just like ma-

St. Joseph's Home Fund

The actual date of Father Holland's birthday has passed and we had hoped that a goodly sum would have been realized to present to him on Sept. 19th; but so many have been out of the city during the summer that our appeal failed to reach them and consequently nothing like the necessary amount came in. However, every day is a birthday—somebody's—so if each one contributed, his number of years either in dollars or cents, quite a comfortable sum in a little while would be realized. We thank those who answered our appeal and trust that those who have not already done so will send in their mite to help a worthy cause—To pay off the debt on the St. Joseph's Home for Working Boys. A cent will be as welcome as a dollar and will be acknowledged in issue following receipt.

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And God's holy will was done. It was His holy will that Walter should receive his reward early. Before the last sleep stole upon him, he saw in his dream a beautiful child like the beloved Infant that looks towards the sycamore tree in the garden; and the child stood beside his little bed, smiling, and bringing him fruit, oh, so delicious to the taste and exquisitely cool and refreshing. And still smiling into the face of the dying boy, He kissed his lips, and smoothed his damp hair, and wreathed his forehead with flowers that smelled very sweetly, and looked very fair. But it was not the fruit or the flowers, but the deep love which shone out of the child's eyes that brought joy and strength to the little fainting heart of the dying Walter.

Then poor little Walter woke up from his beautiful dream, and his pale, thin face looked bright and happy. The bright smile never faded from the face till he closed his weary eyes again, only to open them at the loving welcome from the eyes of Jesus in heaven.

But Alice—it was many years before she followed him to heaven who had been the playmate of her childhood. Many a prayer she had to say, many a good deed to do, many a kind word to speak, many a holy thought to cherish in her virgin heart, many an act of love to offer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. In her

eighteenth summer, she became the affianced bride of Christ, but many a year of patience and prayer, of grace and merit did she live on earth before her Divine Spouse called her to Himself in His kingdom. His living image had reigned alone in her heart, even since the days of her early childhood when she and Walter sat on the grass under the sycamore tree, and looked up at the Infant's marble image, and cried: "Come down, and play with us."—Messenger of the Sacred Heart.

MY BABY DEAR.

By Samuel Abbott.

Sleep, little one, in thy tiny bed:
A white star is hovering overhead:
A bird flies west through the dark-
ening day:
Sleep, little one, while I kneel and pray—
Mother of Jesus, may thy tear
Never be mine for my baby dear.
A spirit waits at the door of
dream,
With lips asmile and with eyes
gleam,
To lead thee into the woods that lie
Beyond the gates of the evening sky.
Mother of Jesus, roads are wide;
Bring him back if he leave my
side.
Go. Fly with him where the bird
has flown
And see the field with the stars
o'erstraw;
And I will bide in my Land of Bliss
To bring thee home with a morning
kiss.
Mother of Jesus, thou dost know
Why it is that I love him so.

Parish News of the Week

Subscriptions to the Father Noel-land Holiday Fund.

Table listing names and subscription amounts for the Father Noel-land Holiday Fund.

ORGAN CONSECRATED.

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Unlike the majority of poets, he prefers autumn to spring, and in a quaint simile calls it the 'gentle grey friar' that 'comes to us so quietly, so solemnly, without noise or laughter except the sighing of gentle winds through the changing foliage of the trees.'

Always some apt comparison brings Canon Sheehan's thoughts home to us with forcible reality; for instance when he speaks of the tenor days being 'drawn in gradually, but swiftly, as you would close up the folds of a camera or the joints of a telescope.'

OfTENNYSON, Canon Sheehan says that, like Turner, he creates an atmosphere all his own, that as a consummate word painter and etcher he has had no equal, but that he never touches great sublimities.

Wordsworth is recommended as an opiate for tired nerves and wearied brain-workers. Meditative and restful, he soothes in virility, and as we regain strength his philosophy begins to pall.

MONTHLY CALENDAR

12 December, 1908.

- 1. St. Edward Campaign & Camp. W. 2. St. Bibiana, V. M. Th. 3. St. Francis Xavier, C. T. 4. St. Peter Chrysologus, App. C. D. 5. St. Saba, Ab.

Second Sunday in Advent. 6. St. Nicholas, App. C. 7. St. Andrew Bobola, M. T. 8. The Immaculate Conception. W. 9. St. Leocadia, V. M. Th. 10. St. Eusebia, B. M. 11. St. Olympia, W. V. M. F. 12. Expectation of St. V. Mary. S. 13. St. Cormac, Ab.

Third Sunday in Advent. 14. St. Lucy, V. M. M. 15. St. Andrew Bobola, M. T. 16. St. Flotina, Ab. W. 17. St. Eusebia, B. M. Th. 18. St. Olympia, W. V. M. F. 19. St. Nemesio, M. S.

Fourth Sunday in Advent. 20. St. Christmas, D. M. 21. St. Thomas, Ap. T. 22. St. Zeno, Ab. W. 23. St. Victoria, V. M. Th. 24. St. Theresita and Emiliana. S. 25. Christmas, D. M. S. 26. St. Stephen, First Martyr.

Sunday in the Octave of Christmas. 27. St. John, Ap. Evangelist. M. 28. St. Thomas J. Apost. V. M. F. 29. St. Thomas J. Apost. V. M. F. Th. 30. St. Sylvester, P. C.

CANADIAN PACIFIC Christmas AND NEW YEAR EXCURSIONS

Toronto \$10.00, Quebec \$4.50, Hamilton 10.00, Sherbrooke 4.50, Montreal 12.95, Ottawa 10.00, St. John, N.B. 14.30, and all other stations in Canada.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM Christmas AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS

Quebec \$4.50, Toronto \$10.00, Sherbrooke 4.50, London 12.50, Ottawa 10.00, St. John, N.B. 14.30, Montreal 14.70.

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Going Dec. 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 1908, and Jan. 1, 1909, Return Limit, Jan. 4, 1909.

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BONAVENTURE UNION DEPOT CHRISTMAS AND New Year Holidays

12 NOON

St. Hyacinthe, Drummondville, Levis, Quebec, Riviere du Loup, St. John, Halifax, and Campbellton, Moncton, Sydney, through connections to Newfoundland.

Province of Quebec, District of Montreal, Superior Court. No. 1582. Dame Betsey Sidler, of the City of Montreal, said district, wife common as to property of Mayor Lithner, furrier, of the same place, and duly authorized to appear in judicial proceedings, has instituted a suit against her husband for separation from bed and board.

words and acts of our divine Redeemer, furnish the reasons of faith and give the assurance of our assent. We adore the Word made flesh though our eyes are hidden to the splendor of the divine majesty which lies veiled under the vesture of human nature.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL.

In the bleak midwinter Frosty wind made moan, Earth stood hard as iron, Water like a stone; Snow had fallen, snow on snow, Snow on snow, In the bleak mid-winter Long ago.

Our God, Heaven cannot hold Him Nor earth sustain; Heaven and earth shall flee away When He comes to reign; In the bleak mid-winter A stable-place sufficed The Lord God Almighty Jesus Christ.

Enough for Him whom cherubim Worship night and day, A breastful of milk, And a mangerful of hay; Enough for Him whom angels Fall down before, The ox and ass and camel Which adore.

Angels and archangels: May have gathered there, Cherubim and seraphim - Through'd the air, But only His mother - In her maiden bliss, Worshipped her Beloved With a kiss.

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Thousands will buy Gloves here. On Thursday we expect to beat every record we've ever made for glove selling. Here are some of the values that will do it: - LADIES' GLOVES

'Countess,' French Kid Gloves, made especially for us all popular shades; sizes 5-12 to 8. Special pair, \$1.25 'Le Brabant,' French Kid Gloves, made especially for us; great value pair, \$1.45 Kid Mitts, wool lined, fur top, all sizes, black and tan, very warm, Pair, \$1.00

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Great Holiday Handkerchief Sale. White Lawn Handkerchiefs, embroidered, hemstitched or scalloped border, bought at seconds, worth 15c. Thursday, 8-1-2-3 White Lawn Handkerchiefs, hemstitched, in boxes, 3 in a box. Reg. 25c. Thursday, 15c

White Lawn Handkerchiefs, 6 in fancy box. Reg. 50c. Extra special, 36c Two Embroidered and one plain hemstitched. Reg. 75c. Thursday, 50c

33 1-3 p.c. off all Men's Winter Cloth Overcoats Sale of Boys' Clothing.

Boys' Heavy Tweed Winter Overcoats, warmly lined, Chesterfield cut, worth \$5.00. For \$3.59 Boys' Navy Nap Reefers, flannel-lined. \$2.35 to \$6.00 Boys' Blanket Coats, seams piped with red, capuchin. \$3.65 to \$6.00 Boys' Mohair Skating Caps, the correct thing for outdoor sport, new colors, at 28c, 33c, 42c and 65c

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Appication to the Legislature. Public notice is hereby given that the College of Physicians and Surgeons of the Province of Quebec will apply to the Legislature of the Province of Quebec, at its next session, for the consolidation and revision of the law creating it, which is contained in section two, chapter four, of the revised statutes of the Province of Quebec, entitled 'Physicians and Surgeons,' and moreover for the purpose of changing this law, notably in that which concerns the creation of a medical board of examiners for the obtaining of the provincial license of medicine, the creation of various commissions with authorization by the Board of Governors to delegate their powers to these commissions, the repression of the illegal practice of medicine, the internal direction of its administration, the prolongation of the term of office of the governors, the annual contribution of the members of the College, the admission to the study of medicine, the privilege of more extended powers to the registrar, and in general for all purposes concerning the good working of the College.

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the Honorable L. A. Taschereau, Minister of Public Works and Labour, P.Q., will be received at the Parliament Building, Quebec, on the 23rd of December, instant (1908), for the completion of the new jail of the District of Montreal.

Each tender must be accompanied by a cheque for sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000.00), drawn on a duly chartered bank and accepted by the same. Such cheque to be made payable to the order of the Minister of Public Works and Labour, P.Q., and to be forfeited to the Government should the tenderer refuse to fulfill the conditions of his tender. The other cheques will be returned to those entitled to them not later than the 30th December next.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any of the said tenders.

By order, ALPHONSE GAGNON, Secretary, Department of Public Works and Labour, P.Q.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that at the next Session of the Legislature of the Province of Quebec, application will be made by Dame Catherine Mitheson, widow of the late Stanley Clark Bagg, Esquire, B.C.L., both of this cityMMM WM B.C.L., both of the city and district of Montreal, in their quality of executors under the last will and testament of the late Stanley Clark Bagg, for an Act amending the Statute 38 of Victoria, (Quebec), Chapter 94, and enlarging the powers of the Executors of the said Estate S. C. Bagg, and to provide for their remuneration, and for other purposes. Montreal, December 1st, 1908. HICKSON & CAMPBELL, Attorneys for Applicants.

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