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No. 9

LAND SALE.

1890 - A. No. 653.
IN THE COUNTY COURT.

Between ADAM KIRK and ROBERT D. KIRK, Plaintiffs,
and
WILLIAM BISHOP, a lunatic or person of unsound mind, by Hannah Bishop, guardian of the estate of the said William Bishop, Defendant.

To be sold at Public Auction, by the Sheriff of the County of Antigonish, on Saturday, the 25th day of April, 1892, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

All the estate, right, title, interest, claim or demand of the said Hannah Bishop, as guardian of the estate of the said William Bishop, or of any person or persons claiming through or under her, or in and to all that certain lot, piece or parcel of

LAND,

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Newspapers in Foreign Languages in the United States.

Under the heading of "Newspapers Printed in Foreign Languages," Charles N. Kent, in *Printers Ink*, a journal published in the interests of advertisers, gives the following information, which may be of interest to the general reader. The Cherokees and Creeks might, however, we think, very reasonably protest against their languages being called foreign. Besides the Indian papers mentioned by Mr. Kent, there is, we learn from the *Ace Maria*, one published in the Sioux language at Devil's Lake, Dakota, edited by the Rev. Father Hunt, O. S. B.

The foreign element in the United States has become a most important one, deserving more attention from advertisers than it generally receives, especially as most of the nationalities represented here have newspapers—some of large circulation—printed in their mother tongue. These people—especially the Germans, French and Scandinavians—are, as a class, prosperous. They own their own farms, stores, mills or work-shops, and buy as freely as others from their earnings. Doubtless they read in their own papers and language, and hence are a class to be cultivated.

The Germans support in all 802 newspapers, of which 95 are issued daily and 561 weekly. The remainder are tri-weekly, semi-weekly, bi-weekly, semi-monthly, monthly, bi-monthly, and quarterly. The combined circulation of each issue of the 802 is put at something more than two and one-half million copies. Of these, 128 have over 5,000 circulation each; 61, over 10,000; 25, over 20,000; 5, over 50,000. There are two dailies in New York city each having over 50,000 circulation, and two others having more than 25,000 each. Chicago has one with more than 20,000 and another with more than 15,000. Philadelphia has one with 18,000. Baltimore, Pittsburgh and St. Louis each support at least one printing more than 10,000 copies, while in most of the other large Western cities one or more is found printing from 3,000 to 8,000 copies daily. There is one German agricultural weekly in Milwaukee circulating more than 75,000 copies, and a semi-monthly more than 25,000. There are also good mechanical and medical journals in some of the large cities. Surely such a constituency as these represent is worthy of attention. The French population is represented by 50 papers, three daily (one each in San Francisco, New Orleans and New York), four semi-weekly, thirty-eight weekly and five monthly. The New York daily prints more than 10,000 copies, the Sunday edition of the same paper more than 18,000, and the weekly more than 20,000. There are no others having as much as 5,000. Illinois, Michigan and Minnesota each has two weeklies, Kansas and Maine each one. Twelve are issued in Massachusetts, the largest number in any one State, while Louisiana and New York have but ten each. There are more French papers in Canada than in the United States.

The Scandinavian population has 118 newspapers—three daily in Chicago, one in Minneapolis, eighty-four weeklies, ten semi-monthlies and twenty monthlies. They are prosperous in appearance, are read by a thrifty class, and have above the average circulation. Twenty-three are accorded over 5,000 circulation, of which eleven have over 10,000, eight over 15,000 and two over 25,000. They are mostly printed in the West, although there are six in New York, two in Pennsylvania, one in Massachusetts and one in Rhode Island. An advertiser with three inches of space will require quite \$3,000 to use these papers well for one year.

In the Spanish language are printed thirty-nine papers. New York has the greatest number—thirteen, including one daily; New Mexico comes next with eight, and California and Texas each has five. There are twenty-seven Bohemian newspapers—two daily in Chicago, one in New York and one in Cleveland; the remainder are mostly issued once a week. Illinois has the greatest number. The Polish population is represented by 18 newspapers—one daily in Chicago and one in Milwaukee. The Italians support fourteen newspapers, including two dailies in San Francisco and three in New York. The people from Holland have ten newspapers—all weekly but one, and that a semi-weekly. In the other languages there are 9 Hebrew, 5 Welsh, 2 Finnish, 2 Icelandic, 2 Irish, 2 Swiss, 2 Portuguese, 2 Slavonic, 2 Chinese, 2 Lithuanian, 2 Russian, 2 Armenian and each in Hungarian, Greek, Cherokee and Creek.

Blessed His Mother First.
(New York Tribune.)

A touching incident marked the consecration of Bishop Horstmann, in Philadelphia, the other day. At the close of his sermon, Archbishop Ryan addressed a few words personally to the Bishop-elect. "May you be ever, as you have been in the past, the sentinel of the sanctuary," he said. "You are soon to give us all your blessing, but first to give us the first blessing of your episcopacy be bestowed upon your mother, who is present here to-day and is justly proud of her son." Every member of the vast congregation, gazed expectantly at Bishop Horstmann, when, after the mitre had been placed upon his head, he passed down from the altar and paused in the centre aisle before the first pew. A tall, gray-haired woman, her eyes beaming with such a proud love as

shines only in a mother's eyes, arose to receive his first blessing. The blessing done, she threw her arms impulsively about his neck and kissed him. All were affected by the touching scene, and many a handkerchief was raised to tearful eyes throughout the immense cathedral.

Interesting Items.

In Austria, out of a total of 9,588 miles of railroad 4,866 miles are worked by the state; in Hungary of a total of 7,229 miles, 5,945 are state railroads. Austria is about to acquire the lines of another company which measure 930 miles.—*Railroad Gazette.*

The fact that the science relating to electricity, because of its own is noted by the editor of *Our Language*, who proposes that it be called "electricity." The pair of words, "electricity" and "electrician," would be in analogy with optics and optician, mechanics and mechanic, mathematics and mathematician, and many others. At present the word electricity performs two functions similar to those which are separated in the case of light and optics, heat and thermotics, sound and acoustics.—*Popular Science Monthly.*

A company has been formed in Rio Janeiro, with a capital of \$5,000,000, to explore and develop the natural resources of the Amazon. Colonies are to be established and means provided for reaching a market for a region heretofore practically unexplored.—*Philadelphia Record.*

It is stated that there are more priests, monks and nuns in Jerusalem, in proportion to the population, than in any other city in the world. They belong to every nation of Europe and many of Asia, and are of every creed, form of worship and of dress. The Catholic nuns attract a great deal of attention, and receive the respect of all classes by their modest deportment and the general service that they render to all; but their are also quite a number of Protestant sisters, earnest, devoted Christian women from England and Germany, engaged on every hand in doing good.—*New York Independent.*

The largest pig-iron manufacturer in South Staffordshire has announced that from the beginning of this year he will grant a substantial bonus out of the profits to each workman. Certain manufacturers having works in England and Ireland have given notice that they will themselves take a smaller percentage of the profits and appropriate the balance for the purpose of forming the nucleus of a fund for division among their employes, such fund to increase according to the increase of profits. In these schemes the masters have taken the initiative, and retain the control. At Leicester, however, the men have inaugurated the largest and gloom factory in the world conducted on co-operative principles. A million dollars is required and the factory will produce fifty thousand pairs of boots a week.—*Catholic World.*

"Uncle Tom's Cabin" still retains its phenomenal popularity. Indeed, it would seem to be on the eve of the most remarkable epoch in its wonderful career. Houghton, Mifflin & Co. having arranged to bring it out in what they call a Universal Edition (in paper at 25 cents, and cloth at 50), began printing 100,000 copies, but the orders for it have increased in such a rate that they are obliged to make the first issue 100,000. As at the same time with this edition will appear another in larger type in the regular issue of the Riverside Paper Series, and a new issue of the Popular Edition with some illustrations, the public will obviously have ample opportunity to read or re-read this paper-famous story.

Among birds, the swan lives to be the oldest, in extreme cases reaching 500 years; the falcon has been known to live 162 years. An eagle died in 1819 which had been caught 104 years before, and was then quite old. A white-headed vulture, which was caught in 1706, died in the aviary at Schonbrunn, near Vienna, in 1824. Parrots live more than a century. Water birds have a long life, exceeding that of several generations of men. Ravens also live over a hundred years. In captivity magpies live from 20 to 25 years, and still longer in freedom. The common hen attains the age of 100 from 10 to 20 years. Doves live 10 years, and the little singing birds from 8 to 17 years. The nightingale's life is the shortest, 10 years being the longest, and next comes the blackbird, which never lives longer than 15 years.

Long-Distance Talking.

Within a year a long-distance telephone line will be completed between Chicago and New York. Before then it is expected that every one of the 8,000 telephones in Chicago will be replaced with copper metallic circuit instruments, by the use of which any sound can be transmitted for thousands of miles with perfect distinctness. These instruments will cost the American Bell Telephone Company and its auxiliary corporations several millions of dollars. The work of building the first line from New York across the continent was begun several months ago. Without following the route of any railroad, the line has been built straight across the country, over the Alleghenies and across rivers. Its western terminus is now at Cleveland, from which point it will be rushed rapidly westward to Chicago and beyond. Another transcontinental line is projected, and in fact already begun, which will pass through Pittsburgh and reach Chicago by another route.—*Cor. N. Y. Sun.*

K. D. C., the GREATEST CURE of the AGE, is

How to Save Boys.

Women who have boys to rear and dread the demoralizing influences of bad associates ought to understand the nature of young manhood. It is excessively restless. It is disturbed by vague ambitions, by longings for excitement, by irrepressible desires to touch life in manifold ways. If you, mothers, rear your sons so that their homes are associated with the repression of natural instincts, you will be sure to throw them in the society that in some measure can supply the need of their hearts. They will not go to public houses at first for love of liquor—very few people like the taste of liquor—they go for the animated, hilarious companionship they find there, which they discover does so much to repress the disturbing restlessness in their breasts. See to it that their homes compete with the public places in attractiveness. Open your blinds by day, and light bright fires at night. Hang pictures upon the wall. Put books and newspapers upon your tables. Have music and entertaining games. Banish the demons of dullness and apathy that have so long ruled in your household, and bring in with you cheer. Invent occupations for your sons. Stimulate their ambitions in worthy directions. While you make home their delight, fill them with higher purposes than mere pleasure. Whether they pass boyhood and enter upon manhood with refined tastes and ambitions, depends on you. Believe it possible, that with exertion and right means a mother may have more control over the destiny of her boys than any other influence whatever.—*Sacred Heart Review.*

Feats of Strength.

Louis Cyr, Canada's strong man, is surprising the people of England by his wonderful lifting powers. The following account is from a London paper:

When Louis Cyr failed to put up the 27 1/2 lb. dumb-bell at the Royal Aquarium on Thursday night, many people thought that he would have to take a long rest after his terrible ordeal, but instead of doing this, the gigantic Canadian practised the feat until he had it perfect, and last night he put the enormous weight above his head at the first trial. The judges operated of getting the bell up, was as follows: Grasping the 27 1/2 lbs. of iron with the right hand, he raised it to his thigh, and then got it to his shoulder. Then, putting a good grip on the bell, he slowly pressed it in the air, until the arm was perfectly straight and the athlete's body was erect. It was a splendid and clean performance, and the spectators and committee on the stage loudly applauded Cyr for his great record, which beats that made by himself in America (265 lbs) by 8 1/4 lbs. Cyr was not content with this performance, but he essayed another one—viz., that of elevating a bar bell weighing 201 lb., using two hands in the achievement of this new record. The bell was raised from the floor to the chest with one motion, and then slowly pressed to arm's stretch above the head. It is far ahead of anything ever shown by any other athlete.

After Cyr had taken a little rest he tried two more records. With one sweep from the ground he raised to arm's stretch above his head a dumb-bell weighing 174 lb. The right hand only was used. Then the same feat was successfully tried with the left hand, making two more world records. The bells were weighed on the stage in full view of every one, and a committee of twenty-five gentlemen watched the weights and scales. In conversation with the mighty Canadian, after his great exertions, he was asked if he thought he had reached the limit of his powers, and he replied: "By no means. I will not rest until I put up 280 lb. with one hand from the floor, and 325 lb. with my two hands. I will beat my records yet, and when I leave England I will put figures on the record books that will take many years to wipe out. I have come to the conclusion that no one will make a match with me, so I might just as well wipe out all other people's records, and have an unbroken list all to myself."

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Cardinal Manning's Successor.

Speculation is rife in England as to who shall succeed the late Cardinal Manning in the see of Westminster. We clip the following from an article in the Liverpool *Catholic Times*:

As to the selection of the Cardinal's successor the speculation in private conversation as well as in the press, is of course, endless. There can be no doubt that if the decision lay wholly with the clergy of Westminster it would be well high unanimous in favour of Mr. Gilbert. The choice of the people, almost without exception, would be the Bishop of Salford (Dr. Vaughan) were it not for what the majority of the Catholic body in these islands consider a grievous political mistake. The *Tablet* which voices the sentiments not of the masses but of a small section of the population, has alienated from him the Episcopate and people of Ireland and many of their friends and allies. More than once did the damaging character of the work which the *Tablet* has endeavored to perform bring from the broad-mitred prelate a now in his grave the

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remark, "The *Tablet* is a wicked paper." Had it not been for the feeling the paper has generated amongst the Irish clergy and people, both the one and the other would unquestionably deem Bishop Vaughan far and away the best fitted to fill the see of Westminster, for he is unselfish and apostolic in his zeal, has the singular wisdom to use all the forces that surround him, and instead of putting his hand on the drag, gives men of sterling merit scope for the exercise of their energies. A writer in one of the daily journals has asserted that his Lordship is hard upon his priests and unpopular with them. It would be well if a little more editorial vigilance were exercised in our newspapers, and if it were not so easy for gossip-mongers to make them the medium for spreading abroad very false reports. The Bishop of Salford is an ecclesiastic of such sterling qualities, and has so high a sense of his sacred vocation that we feel certain personal proclivities or preconceived ideas in politics would give way to a sense of enlarged responsibilities; and we are very much mistaken if he would not rise to the demands of any position in which God may place him.

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Bigots Rebuked.

Rev. Lyman Abbott, D. D., the late Henry Ward Beecher's successor in Plymouth Church, administered a stinging rebuke to the bigots and cranks who proclaim to the world their purpose to destroy the Catholic Church. "I cannot understand," he said, "the folly of men who would blot out the Roman Catholic Church in this country." John Jay, Dr. Miner, the Committee of One Hundred and the unsavory Fulton are the conspicuous persons who are guilty of this folly. Of the head of the Catholic body in this country the Plymouth pastor said: "Thank God for Cardinal Gibbons. Long may wear his red cloak and his red cap, and if there should be an election now, and you and I could vote, I would vote to make him the Pope. His word, hung out with courage and strong significance, has done more than any other word in this country, by politician or by preacher, to make the leaders of the Louisiana abomination call a halt and at least pretend a retreat. God give us courage to turn it into a rout." What a contrast between this broad Christian spirit and the narrow, sectarian view of the Know-Nothing cabal that infest Music Hall and parade a lot of disgraced and degraded "escapes" as exponents of anti-Catholic bigotry!—*Dorset Advertiser.*

There is no excuse for any man to appear in society with a grizzly beard since the introduction of Buckingham's Dye, which colors a natural brown or black.

Gladstone's Breadth of Knowledge.

An anecdote is told of Mr. Gladstone which illustrates strikingly the versatility and breadth of knowledge of that remarkable man. Two personal friends of Mr. Gladstone once laid a plan to amuse themselves, and play a joke upon him. They were to discuss in his presence some subject of which he might be presumed to be ignorant, and then, having pretended to disagree decidedly, to appeal to Mr. Gladstone to settle the point. The fun was to come when he was forced to confess that there was one subject which he had not studied. This plan they carried out; but it was not so easy to find the topic on which Mr. Gladstone must confess himself "stumped." At last there was discovered in an old newspaper an article on Chinese chess. The description of the game had been copied from a well known magazine. This seemed promising. The conspirators studied the article assiduously until they had become thoroughly familiar with it. Then they waited for their opportunity. It came when they were invited to a dinner where Mr. Gladstone was to be present. Seated on each side of their intended victim by arrangement with the host, they began to put their scheme in operation. Mr. Gladstone had maintained his reputation throughout the evening for being thoroughly acquainted with not only the leading questions of the day, but every subject which had been thus far introduced by those around him. His neighbors on either side began to discuss games of skill and chance generally. Every few minutes one or the other would appeal to Mr. Gladstone to clear up some particularly complicated point or disputed question. Between them they skillfully led the conversation up to Chinese chess, and soon found their opportunity to argue somewhat warily in regard to a certain matter connected with the game. They had studied the article so closely that they repeated much of it almost verbatim. Mr. Gladstone seemed interested, but said nothing. The two jokers, inwardly congratulating themselves upon their success, continued the conversation with more animation than ever. The host, who had been taken into the secret, was an amused spectator of what he thought was his honored guest's embarrassment. When they had finished their mock battle, Mr. Gladstone, who had not uttered a word, took a sip of coffee, replaced the cup in the saucer, and remarked, pleasantly: "Gentlemen, I observe that you have been reading an article on Chinese chess in the *Review* which I wrote."—*Ex.*

Joy in Sacrifice.

If mere children face torture and death with joy for Christ, can we begrudge the slight penance He asks us to bear?

Letter of a Japanese Exile.

"O, how happy should I deem myself, to be permitted to be among these glorious prisoners of Jesus Christ, whose blessedness is to die the martyr's death!"—*Letter of a Japanese Exile.*

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To Lenten Dispensation.

(Ave Maria.)

Ordinaries of those dioceses throughout the Catholic world in which the influenza, or la grippe, is prevalent, have been empowered by our Holy Father Leo XIII. to dispense the faithful under their jurisdiction from the obligation of fasting and abstinence; and this for as long a period as, in the interests of public health, the ordinaries shall deem advisable. As to the scope of the dispensation, it may vary in different dioceses according as the bishops think proper to modify or limit the exemption. In dioceses where the dispensation is simply "from fasting and abstinence until further notice," there exists no obligation to fast or abstain on any day or in any season,—one may take three meals a day all through Lent and meat on Fridays. It goes without saying, in according this privilege, the Pope desires that the faithful shall substitute additional earnestness in prayer, the reception of the Sacraments, almsgiving, and other works of Christian piety. In dispensing us from fast and abstinence, he wishes us to follow the counsel of the Prophet: "Render your hearts and not your garments, and turn to the Lord your God." While many Catholics will undoubtedly refuse to avail themselves of the privilege granted to them,—will continue their fasting and their Friday abstinence,—it is well to remember that interior mortification is a much severer test of genuine virtue. Abstinence from all kinds of detraction, for instance, probably costs the average Christian more than does the abstaining from flesh-meat; and if a satisfied stomach tends to increase the fraternal charity of our readers, we advise them to placate their stomachs and bridle their tongues.

The Calendar.

MARCH.

DATE.	FEAST.
1st	The Annunciation of our Lord.
3rd	St. Joseph, Patron of the Holy Church.
4th	St. Patrick, Patron of Ireland.
5th	St. Elizabeth, Patron of Hungary.
6th	St. Anne, Patron of France.
7th	St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bp. of C. S.

The Martyrs of Japan.

About forty years after St. Francis Xavier's death a persecution broke out in Japan, and all Christian rites were forbidden under pain of death. A confraternity of martyrs was at once formed, the object of which was to die for Christ. Even the little children joined it. Their constancy was soon tested. Christians were branded with the cross, or all but buried alive, while the head and arms were slowly sawn off with blunt weapons. The least shudder under their anguish was interpreted into apostasy. The obstinate were put to the most cruel deaths, but the survivors only evaded them. Five noble men were executed by the stake by 40,000 Christians with flowers and lights, singing the Litanies of our Lady as they went. In the great martyrdom, at which thousands also assisted, the martyrs sent up a flood of melody from the fire, which only died away as one after another went to sing the new song in heaven. Later on a more awful doom was invented. The victims were lowered into a sulphurous chasm, called the "mouth of hell," near which no bird or beast could live. The chief of these, Paul Whiborg, whose family had been already massacred for the Faith, was thrice let down; thrice he cried with a loud voice, "Eternal praise be to the ever adorable Sacrament of the Altar." The third time he went to his reward.

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Shall we sharpen and refine the youthful intellect, and then leave it to exercise its powers upon the most sacred of subjects, as it will, and with the chance of exercising them wrongly; or shall we proceed to feed it with divine truth, as it gains an appetite for knowledge?—CARDINAL NEWMAN.

THURSDAY, MARCH 17.

The St. Patrick's number of the Catholic Weekly Review, just to hand, contains some very fine illustrations showing the Catholic churches and other religious buildings of Toronto.

Our esteemed contemporary, the Pilot, on an ordinary occasion a very astute paper—finds the remedy for all the evils that afflict European countries in the adoption of a republican government. Coming from a journal that considers anarchy preferable to hereditary sovereignty, the value of this testimonial to the all-curative powers of the republican specific may well be doubted. Let us hear from Brazil.

We know nothing of the details of the bill legalizing the solemnization of marriage by staff officers and commissioners of the Salvation Army, which passed its second reading in the House of Assembly on Monday, or on what officers it is proposed to confer the power; but considering the general standing of that organization, we cannot help entertaining fears that the measure will facilitate the contracting of hasty and ill-advised marriages—a result which would be deplorable indeed. Whatever tends to divert marriage in the eyes of the people of its solemn religious character is one of the very greatest evils.

The name of T. Jefferson Coolidge, of Boston, a grandson and namesake of Thomas Jefferson, is mentioned as a possible successor to Whitelaw Reid, late United States Minister to France. The number of applicants for this important diplomatic position is somewhat large; and the New York Sun, always willing to give the Government or any one else the benefit of its advice, after alluding to the desirability of having a Minister at Paris who can speak French, suggests that the applicants be required to undergo an oral and written examination in that language—a stipulation which it predicts would suddenly reduce their number to a very materiality. We have not yet seen any suggestion that the Government has adopted the suggestion.

In the House of Assembly on Thursday of last week a bill proposing to confer the franchise in provincial elections on widows and unmarried women owning real estate, introduced by Mr. Smith, M. P. P. for Hants, was defeated on second reading, 19 to 15. All the members of the Government present voted against it, as did also the leader of the Opposition. This is highly satisfactory for we are in the fullest accord with the majority of the House and with the views so well expressed by the Attorney-General as to the undesirability of the women of the country entering into the turmoil of political strife. The women of Nova Scotia—to their honor be it said—do not wish to franchise. When they do they will ask for it. The reasons for the appearance of this bill was expressed by its author when he said that he was "proud to have the honor of bringing it forward." But if ballots were put into the hands of women they would, in the heat of party warfare, be dragged to the polls to deposit them. In the matter of women in politics a noble example was given by the Catholics of Boston the other year. When the bigots of that city went mad and crowded women to the polls to deprive Catholics of the rights they held dearest, and when it was urged that the Catholic women should offset this movement, the Catholic leaders, foremost among them the noble John Boyle O'Reilly, said: No; rather than have our women enter such an atmosphere, we will submit for a time to be unjustly deprived of our most cherished rights. And the event has shown the wisdom of their action.

A great deal of interest is being taken, both in and out of Parliament, in our relations with Newfoundland. It is admitted on all sides and in both countries that these relations are far from satisfactory, and that it is the duty of the Governments of both to do what they can to bring about a settlement of the present difficulty. A very interesting meeting of the Halifax Board of Trade took place on Wednesday evening of last week, at which it was decided to co-operate with the Montreal Board in urging upon the Government the desirability of endeavoring to secure a modus vivendi pending the settlement of the matters in dispute. The Board further expressed its opinion that a removal, on the basis of mutual concessions, of the duties lately put in force against Newfoundland products would be advisable. The meeting very justly declined to adopt certain clauses in the report of the committee appointed to consider the matter, commencing Newfoundland from all blame and laying it entirely upon Canada. The committee seem to have put too much faith in a member of the Newfoundland Government who had addressed the Board on the previous day. The great ground of complaint against Canada in Newfoundland is her protest against the Bond-Blaine convention, which, while we admit it was naturally a great disappointment to Newfoundland, we believe impartial

students of the matter will recognize as the undoubted right if not the duty of the Government of Canada. We join in the general wish that the difficulties may soon be settled. Meanwhile the Minister of Marine and Fisheries has shown that Canada has yet another rod with which to punish Newfoundland if she does not relent, by announcing that the Government has under consideration the refusal of fishing privileges to Newfoundland fishermen in Canadian waters—a step which we hope an early understanding may render it unnecessary to take.

The Chronicle's Ottawa correspondent writes as follows:

The attitude of Mr. Blake is still a matter of curiosity. He is known to be anxious to return to parliamentary life, but not being quite in harmony with the views of either political party, nobly seems anxious to help him get a constituency. He cannot get a nomination at a party convention, and political lines are so closely drawn that a man seeking election on his own hook stands a very poor chance, no matter how great his individual merits may be.

How much truth there may be in the statement that Mr. Blake is anxious to re-enter Parliament we cannot of course say; but if, as the correspondent alleges, his refusal to follow either political party through thick and thin is to exclude a man of Mr. Blake's ability and integrity from the legislative halls of Canada, it is a fact that is not calculated to inspire hope in the future of the Dominion. Mr. Blake severed his connection with the party which he once led because he rightly or wrongly believed that the policy which it had adopted was not the best for Canada. He thus showed himself to be a man to whom his country stood first and his party second. It is such men as these that we want. It was the existence of large numbers of such men that the other day saved the Province of Quebec from disgrace. Party servility is one of the greatest obstacles in the way of good government. In proportion as the former increases will the latter most certainly decrease. This is one reason why many Canadians of both shades of political opinion would wish to see Mr. Blake once more in Parliament. It is not surprising that at a party convention, where the interests of party are first, last and always, he could not get a nomination; but if a constituency should reject him for no other reason than that he was not in perfect accord with a party, we think it would make a mistake. We may be told that such action would only mean that men voted for measures; but the history of both parties sufficiently shows that party followers find little difficulty in accommodating themselves to measures once the machine has moved.

Some ten years ago there was organized in the Archdiocese of Halifax a Society which is known as St. Mary's Union. Its object is to aid the pious works of the diocese with the approbation of His Grace Archbishop O'Brien. Masses and prayers are offered for members of the Society who contribute monthly a sum ranging from twenty-five cents to one dollar each. His Holiness Leo XIII. at the instance of Archbishop O'Brien, has enriched the Union with indulgences. This praiseworthy organization, which by great good fortune had till very lately escaped the notice of the Presbyterian Witness, is made the object of a most wanton and unmanly attack in the last issue of that paper. Catholics do not object to fair and honorable criticism of their doctrines and practices. But sneering allusions to "the untutored French," "the Dark Ages," etc., are as foreign to the aims and methods of such criticism as they are unworthy a religious journal such as the Witness professes to be. When will our contemporary learn to respect the convictions of Catholics since he is powerless to change them, and to allow a Christian people to worship their God in peace according to the rites of their Church and the dictates of conscience? "Masses," says the Witness, "are advertised, peddled, sold." Well, is it any business of the Witness even if they were? Must Catholics forsake their money? What impertinence! and what wicked calumny withal! The free offering of a certain number of Masses in return for charitable contributions to pious works is described as a process of sale and purchase. Do Presbyterians ever hold forth the promise of a spiritual reward to those who contribute to the support of church and pastor? When a Presbyterian minister is paid a handsome salary for his services, is this salary really the price his congregation pays for his preaching and prayers? Or, to take an example from Scripture, when our Lord promises a reward to him who gives a disciple but a cup of cold water in His name, is He to be charged with selling spiritual blessings for a paltry temporal favour? The article in the Witness is bad logic and worse manners.

THE NEW VICAR-GENERAL.

The Very Rev. Jas. M. Quinn, whose appointment to the position of Vicar-General was announced last week, is now in his forty-sixth year. He was born in Halifax on the 12th August, 1846, and was educated at St. Mary's College, in that city, and at the Seminary, Quebec, where he was ordained priest by Archbishop Ballgargan, May 22nd, 1869. In June of the same year he was placed in charge of the parish of L'Ardoise, C. B., whence he was transferred to Descousses parish in January, 1876. In 1880, when His Lordship Bishop Cameron removed his episcopal residence to Antigonish, Father Quinn was assigned to the charge of a parish of Arichat, which has since

been the scene of his priestly labours. The new Vicar-General is an untiring worker, a fluent and effective preacher, equally at home in French and English, and is in every way fitted for the position to which he has now been called. The Casket does but echo the general sentiment evoked by the recent appointment in wishing him, *Ad multos annos.*

SAVING FAITH.

"It is the doctrine of Scripture that every man, woman and child who believes in the Lord Jesus Christ shall be saved."—Presbyterian Witness, March 3.

On reading these words for the first time we took the meaning to be that the one essential condition of salvation for all is belief in Christ the Saviour, and that beyond this there is absolutely nothing necessary. So absurdly false a doctrine, though apparently borne out by one or two texts of Scripture, is excluded by a hundred other texts which lay stress upon charity, the observance of the commandments, etc., as being essential to salvation. We cannot, on second thoughts, believe that the editor of the Witness is disposed to pare down the teaching of Christ after this fashion, that he is willing to admit into Heaven every one who says Lord, Lord, while Christ denies them entrance unless they do the will of the Father. Besides, our contemporary is too staunch a Presbyterian to depart so widely from the doctrinal standards of his Church. The Westminster Confession teaches that saving faith "worketh by love," that by it "a Christian believeth to be true whatsoever is revealed in the word for the authority of God himself speaking therein," and, moreover, that repentance "is of such necessity to all sinners, that none may expect pardon without it." We shall therefore take it for granted that the Witness holds, in conformity with the Westminster standards, that every man, woman and child, in order to secure salvation, must not only believe in the Lord Jesus, but must also be prepared to believe all that He has taught and all that is revealed in Holy Writ, and this, too, with a faith that worketh by love and is accompanied with repentance.

Saving faith, then, according to the Presbyterian standards, embraces as its object the whole range of revealed truth. Now, we take it to be a rigorously logical consequence of this doctrine that he who wilfully rejects any revealed truth whatsoever puts himself beyond the pale of salvation, since it is written that "he who believeth not, shall be condemned."—Mark xvi, 16. The authority of God speaking in the Scriptures, to adopt the language of the Confession, vouches alike for each and all of the truths of revelation. Wilfully to reject even the least of these truths, is wilfully to resist the divine authority and thus subvert "the very foundation of divine faith." Such is the malignant nature of formal heresy or the wilful and obstinate denial of divine truth. The Presbyterian doctrine, therefore, if we rightly interpret it, is that any one who persists in the obstinate denial of any truth revealed in Scripture is not in a state of salvation. We do not see why, in comparison of this, the Catholic doctrine should seem cramped or narrow. The principle in both is the same; the difference is only in the application. Both agree in this that man must yield assent to every truth revealed by God under pain of forfeiting his soul's salvation. In the Catholic system God speaks through the Church the truths He has revealed; in the Presbyterian, He does so through the Bible alone. In neither system is it lawful to doubt, reject His authority even in a single instance. The Catholic position on the question of salvation is this: No one can be saved who wilfully and persistently rejects any revealed truth proposed by the Catholic Church for his belief. And to this corresponds the Presbyterian position: No one can be saved who wilfully and persistently rejects any truth revealed in Scripture. The two positions are identical in principle.

A Presbyterian, therefore, cannot consistently find fault with the Catholic Church for proclaiming that no one can be saved who stubbornly refuses to listen to the divine voice which speaks through her as its organ, since he holds the same to be true of the divine voice speaking in the Scripture. He may, indeed, in his ignorance deny that God does speak through the Church; he cannot in reason deny that, if the claim of the Church that He does so speak is true, her voice is to be heard by all as the voice of God Himself. The Church holds that, while Scripture is in very truth the Word of God, she alone is authorized to interpret it. Now is not the time, nor this the place to establish the claims of the Catholic Church to be the divinely ordained organ of revealed truth. Enough to point out that Christ founded the Church on Peter and invested her with authority to teach all nations before a word of the New Testament was written; that He commanded men to hear the Church under pain of being accounted heathens and publicans; that His injunction to the pastors of His Church was to preach the Gospel, and never a word about writing it; that the New Testament accredits the Church, but not itself; that the fourth century was already far advanced before the Church definitively determined what was Scripture and what not, selecting out of a mass of similar writings the books now found in the New Testament canon; that from the day of Pentecost unto the present day, the Church has ceased to assert and make good her claim to be the authoritative witness for Christ in the world; that her marvellous power of holding at all times in the most com-

plete unity of faith the millions of her children scattered all over the world, differing in race, in language, in customs, in bent of character and cast of thought, is a splendid proof that she is what she claims to be, the depository, guardian, and organ of divine truth; that the divisions and dissensions of Protestants among themselves on the most vital questions of faith and doctrine, are enough to invalidate and rule out the claim they set up for the Bible as the sole teacher of truth and supreme judge of religious controversy. The following words of St. Augustine are pregnant with meaning to those who are to-day without the Catholic fold:

"All the assemblies, or rather divisions, who call themselves churches of Christ, but which, in fact, have separated themselves from the congregation of unity, do not belong to the true Church. They might indeed belong to her, if the Holy Ghost could be divided against himself; but as this is impossible, they do not belong to her."—De Verbo Domini, Sermon 11.

We will add here that those who are separated from the visible communion of the Catholic Church, which according to St. Augustine, is the congregation of unity, are bound at the peril of their souls' salvation, (1) to examine her claims when they are set before them; (2) to submit to her authority and join her communion when they recognize her as the one true Church of Christ. Inevitable ignorance, which alone excuses those who are outside the Catholic Church from the obligation of joining her, cannot be pleaded by those who have some rays of light vouchsafed them as to their error. Once doubt comes, and the call to inquire, even delay is dangerous, neglect is fatal.

NEW SERIES.] COUNTY OF ANTIGONISH.

NO. XXXIII. The District of St. Andrews.—Heatherton.

Heatherton is a small village on the Eastern Extension Railway and about ten miles from the city of Antigonish. A Church, a Glebe House, a school house, five or six stores and shops, and a few private dwellings, exhaust the number of its buildings. Its original name was Pomquet Forks; in the year 1878 somebody substituted for the Indian name the present more appropriate appellation. As an electoral district it embraces Summerside, Bayfield, Fraser's Farm, New France, Black Avon, part of Afton, and part of Glassburn.

There was an old Church in the place, built in the year 1842. There were then only thirteen families that contributed towards the building and support of the Church. The mission was attended until the year 1863 by the pastors of St. Andrews. The clergy on their pastoral visits found a comfortable home in the well-kept stone house which was the home of cheer and hospitality. Many a weary wayfarer often found a much needed shelter and food under its roof. The proprietor, the late Alexander Chisholm (Donn), was the soul of honor and kindness. He raised a large family of sons and daughters, but they have all passed away to the other side of the veil, except the two priests in the family, the Revs. J. J. Chisholm, P. P., Heatherton, and Archibald Chisholm, P. P., of Judique, Cape Breton, who are still in the prime of life. After 1863 the mission was attended for some years from Pomquet. At that period Rev. Joseph Chisholm, P. P., Pomquet, took charge of the mission of Heatherton, conjointly with Pomquet. He bought an old house, near the old church, for his accommodation during his frequent visits to the place, until the spring of 1865, when he was succeeded in this mission by the late Rev. William Chisholm, of happy memory, who served it until the end of October, 1875. It was Father Joseph that took the first steps towards building the new church, which was erected 1867. The present stately glebe house was built in the summer of 1875. In November, 1875, the mission was erected into a separate parish, when the present incumbent, the Rev. J. J. Chisholm, became its first resident pastor. The new church was built in 1867 and finished in 1879.

Donald Chisholm, Gobha, the Gaelic poet, came out to the Lower South River and in the year 1863 settled on the farm occupied by the late Archy Fraser. John Chisholm, son of one of the first settlers in Heatherton, was one of the first settlers on the farm afterwards known as the Stonehouse Farm. The stone house grant containing 500 acres was issued in 1815 to Edward Solomon Wentworth. The lot was sold by Wentworth to John McDonald, Malcolm, whose people settled at the Gulf shore. This John Chisholm (Gobha), who served for seven years in Ireland in a company of the Glengarry Fencibles next settled on the farm on which the new church stands. He was brother of the late Rev. William Chisholm, who died in Cape George. This William Chisholm, when a young man came out to the United States and entered one of the Houses of the Jesuits near Baltimore. It was in the States that he was ordained priest. He then came to our diocese and labored for some years on the missions. The Jesuits lost sight of him and did not know where he had gone to. The late Jesuit Father MacEloy, who some years ago preached a retreat in Tracadie, knew Father Chisholm in the States, and was much pleased to learn something of his subsequent history in this diocese.

The next farm was granted to Donald Ban Gillis, a stepson of John McDonald, Adjutant, Meadow Green, and is now occupied by the heirs of John McDonald (red).

The adjoining piece of land containing 1875 acres was granted on the 5th of May, 1814, to John McDonald, and to nine others, all named of Dorchester in the county of Sydney; namely, Donald Mc-

Donald, Ranald's son, Archy McDonald, Donald og McDonald, Hugh McDonald, Donald McDonald, Ronald McDonald, Angus McDonald, Ronald McDonald, Malcolm's son, Alexander McDonald, John Talbot, a blacksmith by trade, settled on a grant of land at Pomquet Ferry on the eastern side of the district of Summerside. It is said there were a few French families living among the Indians near the Ferry at the time of the siege of Louisbourg. What was called the Campbell Grant in this place is now occupied by the heirs of Valentine Chisholm, Alex. Chisholm, Archy's son, Donald, Alexander and William Chisholm, sons of the late William Chisholm (Steele) and also by the heirs of the late Richard McKinnon. This lot was bought by William, John, Archy, and Donald Chisholm, four brothers. The lot contained 500 acres and was sold to the Chisholms by James Johnston, a brother of the Johnstons of Afton.

Alongside of the above lot there was another lot of 500 acres between Campbell's and the ferry and originally granted to Cogswell. Here 140 acres in the Indian Cove was reserved by the Government and given to the Indians. Long before there was any church in the place, the Indians, instructed in the Christian doctrine by the early Jesuit missionaries who had been among them, raised a cross in this place and used to assemble for prayer and instruction. John Sutton bought 100 acres of Cogswell. He set the land to Jacob Myers, James Chisholm (Kerry). Near them settled Alex. Chisholm, John Chisholm, sons of Christopher Chisholm, (More). This Christopher Chisholm was a sergeant in the Glengarry Fencibles. He died some years ago at Marydale. He was the father of the well-known Colin Chisholm, Christopher, St. Andrews. The rest of his descendants now reside in Summerside.

After John Chisholm (Gobha) had left the farm known as the stonehouse farm, the place was bought by the late Alexander Chisholm (Donn), from John Strahan, merchant, Halifax, N. S. In the year 1818, Alexander Chisholm (Donn) and his father John Chisholm left Beina a headman in Stratiglass, N. Britain, and came out to this country. At first they lived in a log house on the western side of the Pomquet River at Pomquet Forks. After a short stay here John Chisholm (Donn) and family moved up the said river a couple or three miles, where they settled and prospered. The first school taught in this district was kept in the old log house just now referred to, the teacher being Joseph Grant. About this time, Alexander, son of John Chisholm (Donn) bought the stone house farm and built himself a log house on the left bank of the Black River. Soon after the first merchant began business in this place. When Alex. Chisholm removed from his primitive log house to the new stone house, Patrick Power, afterwards member of parliament, fixed up the old log house as a store and began to sell goods in it. William Grant, uncle of John Grant, Heatherton, was the next to try merchandising in this place. After him came Angus McMillan and Roderick Chisholm, all of whom did business on the western side of Pomquet River, then known as Pomquet Forks. This is a mile westward of the present village of Heatherton, where the first store was opened about the year 1819 or 20, by Mr. Christopher McDonald. It was here he laid the foundation of his fortune, the result of enterprise and strict honesty and a wonderful capacity for business. He does business now in Antigonish.

The next settlers on the western side were William Grant, (grandfather of Father R. Grant), and Roderick McDonald (Burke), a Fencible soldier, Lauchlan McDonald, a native of Arisaig, Scotland, was the first settler in the Black River. Angus Campbell (pundair) a native of Lochaber, took up land at Malignant Brook, and after a few years settled for good in the Black River. Donald and John McIntyre soon joined them. Donald was for many years a servant on the farm attached to the College of Lisimore. A Miss Fraser, who became his wife, was a servant in the same college. They came out here about 1822 and settled in the Black River.

I consider "Reader's" criticism rather captious. I have reason to believe, that this is the second attempt the same writer under a different mask has made to interfere in my work. In the article criticised I was expressly speaking of the old parish of St. Andrews. I cannot conceive how anybody could have mistaken my meaning. I followed the same plan in giving the list of the native priests of the old parish of Arisaig. I still maintain the strict accuracy of my list of the native priests of the old parish of St. Andrews. If "Reader" had possessed his soul in patience for a week or two, he would find that I had no intention to rob the "valley of the Black River" of any glory that may belong to it. When I come to speak of the parents of the rev. gentlemen to whom he refers, I intend to give their birth-places, now of course in the new parish of Heatherton.

In the second place, "Reader" seems to charge me with asserting that all the rev. gentlemen in my St. Andrews list had made their preparatory course at St. Andrews. On the contrary I expressly stated that there were exceptions. This his own short letter furnishes evidence that the over confident critic does not always succeed in excluding blemishes and inaccuracies.

I have never been over sensitive about misprints my last article contained the average number of them. In my MS. of last week I have Khylo, not Rhylo; Maggini, not Maggini, as the printer has it. S. A.

And what shall I say more? for the time would fail me to tell of all the virtues of Putner's Emulsion.

John Dillon met with a very painful accident on Wednesday of last week. He fell on the icy pavement in front of his house in Dublin and fractured his shoulder.

A. KIRK & CO. Are Opening up this Week, Goods from London, per SS. "Tichulva," as Follows: VELVET, BRUSSELS, SCOTCH, WOOL AND TAPESTRY CARPETS. ENGLISH AND FRENCH PRINT COTTONS. TAPESTRY AND WOOL RUGS. Six Cases Christy's Celebrated London Felt Hats. FULL ANNOUNCEMENT NEXT WEEK. A. KIRK & CO., AGENTS FOR THE CELEBRATED MELISSA WATERPROOF CLOTHS AND GARMENTS.

Stock Taking Sale AT THE WEST-END WAREHOUSE We wish to state that we are now Stock-Taking, and as we never wish to carry over Old Goods and Remnants, we have placed a lot of there on the BARGAIN COUNTER And they will be disposed of for Cash at a great reduction from Regular Prices. On this Counter will be found some nice DRESS GOODS, Suitable for the Season, and although not this season's importation, will give just as good satisfaction, and you will get them at prices which will surprise you. You will also find on this counter some lines of Clothing, such as Ladies' Ulsters, Jackets, Jerseys, Men's Coats, AND SOME Boots, Shoes and Slippers, BOTH IN LADIES' AND MEN'S WEAR. And we can assure you it will pay you to look at these if you ever CARE FOR A REAL BARGAIN. Some more Ends of Print at 5 cents a yard. You will see here also some Remnants of Brussels, Wool and Union Carpets Which we offer a great deal less than Cost. A few more of those Kid Gloves at 25c. a Pair. Some Horse Rugs at 50 cents. McCURDY & CO.

New Advertisements - Ale and Beef - Hattie & Mylius - Spring Importations - A. Kirk & Co. Property for Sale - Mrs. Robt. Hunter.

Local Items. Agents - Robt. Phalen is the Agent of THE CASKEE at North Sydney, and John W. Francis at Sydney Mines.

ANERIOD BAROMETERS, storm glasses, and thermometers for sale cheap at J. R. Hellyer's. - adv.

MISPRINT. - A blunder of the printer causes a rather absurd heading to appear on our first page. The heading should of course be "The Lenten Dispensation."

AUCTION SALE. - The Meadow Green farm at St. Andrews was put up for sale by auction at the Court House last Friday. It was bid in by Finlay Chisholm, of Beaulieu, for himself and brothers. The purchase price was \$4,100. This is one of the best, if not the best, farms in the County.

PERSONAL. - Rev. Fathers Arch. McKenzie, Low Point, and M. McKenzie, East Bay, C. B., were in town Monday. They left here by Tuesday's express for Montreal. Rev. Fr. Grant, of Iona, was in town Tuesday, and returned by express the same day.

J. H. McLean, representing the Toronto Empire, who is making a tour of the provinces in the interests of that journal, paid THE CASKEE a visit yesterday. He is sending descriptive articles of the various towns he visits to his paper.

Dr. Torey will be away four weeks from Antigonish after April 14, to visit Guysboro and Canoe. - adv.

HYMNAL. - Miss Louise Tupper, a member of the teaching staff of St. Ninian Street School the past three years, left Antigonish on Saturday last for her home at Truro, where she will become the bride of Capt. McDougall, of Maitland, N. S., to-day. The ceremony over, the couple leave for New York, where Mr. McDougall's vessel, the barque "R. Morrow," now lies. The vessel sails to Japan on her next voyage, and the Captain will be accompanied by his bride. Miss Jennie Tupper succeeds her sister at the St. Ninian School.

REV. DR. THOMPSON'S LETTER. - The Rev. Dr. Thompson, of the College, has an able letter in the Herald of the 14th, in reply to a Rev. Mr. Duxton, of Halifax, whose criticism of His Grace Archbishop O'Brien's Lenten Pastoral, bristling with misrepresentations of Catholic doctrine and practices, appeared in that paper some days before. As published in the Herald Dr. Thompson's letter contains several typographical errors seriously affecting its sense. We shall therefore give it to our readers with corrections next week.

A YOUTHFUL TRAVELLER. - The Truro Daily News of March 8 says: "John Cameron, Montana, registered at the Parker House yesterday. Cameron is a little boy only about 8 years old, and he has come all the way from Montana alone to visit his father's family at Antigonish. His mother is dead and his father lives out in Montana, but formerly belonged to Antigonish. The little fellow had the misfortune to lose his overcoat at St. Paul, Minn., but otherwise experienced no serious mishaps."

This little boy came in company with Mr. H. H. McCurdy from Bangor. His father's people live at Two Mile Lake, St. Mary's.

LONGEVITY. - The New Glasgow Enterprise in a recent issue announced to its readers that Kenneth Forbes and his wife of that place had just celebrated the 65th anniversary of their marriage, the former being 88, the latter 84 years. This is indeed longevity of rare occurrence, but there lives at S. W. Margaree, a venerable couple, Alexander Gillis, aged 91, and his wife Ann Gillis, aged 85, who were married in Moray, in the year 1826 and they are still quite hale and hearty. They had a family of 8 sons and 4 daughters, 71 grand children and 18 great-grand children. It may be also remarked that Mr. Gillis was a man of thick, substantial build and of uncommon physical strength. - Con.

GOLD MINING. - Application was made to the Local Legislature on Monday to incorporate the Antigonish Gold Mining Company. The applicants for the charter are J. C. McDonald, Charles N. Wilkie, C. E. Harris and J. D. Copeland, who have been operating their mine since last summer with highly encouraging results. The mine is situated at Country Harbour, Guysboro County, and has the largest gold-bearing belt in the Province - 14 feet wide at one end and 9 at the other. The yield for February was 182 ounces (\$3500), and since the new year about \$8,000. If the mine continues to pan out any length of time as it is now doing, it will develop into one of the richest properties of its kind in the Province. A 10-stamp mill is used, and some thirty men are employed.

FATAL ACCIDENT. - A correspondent sends us the following account of the accidental death at Pt. Chester, N. E., of a former Antigonish man: "John McNeil was one of a division of W. U. Tel. Co. linemen engaged on Saturday, March 5, in transferring the poles and wires of that company to conform with the line of a new railroad route being laid through the village of Pt. Chester, N. E., and had just descended from a pole when a passing Boston express train struck him. He was removed to the hospital, where he died in a few hours, after receiving the attendance of priest and physician. His funeral took place on Monday, 7th, under the management of Undertaker Drows and Hugh, brother of deceased, and was attended by John McNeil, ex-Supt. East Dyke West Union Tel. Co., W. J. Chisholm, W. V. MacKenzie, and a large number of his fellow workmen. Deceased was strictly temperate and highly esteemed by all of his acquaintances."

The victim of the above sad accident was a son of the late Donald McNeil (Captain) of the Hollowell Grant. The family moved to Morristown some time ago, where a brother and sister of the deceased now live.

K. D. C. is guaranteed to cure any case of Indigestion or Dyspepsia or indigestion refunded.

General News. Mr. Gladstone is in excellent health and full of vigor since his return from the south of France.

Erasmus Wiman has resigned the Presidency of the Great North-western Telegraph Company.

The Local Government has increased the royalty on coal from seven and one-half to ten cents per ton.

A carload of men from Cape Breton passed through here on Wednesday, 16th inst., to enter the Gloucester fishing fleet.

The town of Port Hawkesbury is to borrow \$5,000 for the purposes of erecting a hall and paving sidewalks.

New York city has a population of 1,795,905, not including inmates of public institutions, according to a census return just completed.

The western portion of the State of New York and the States south of the Great Lakes suffered severely from a blizzard last week.

The University of Edinburgh, from which Sir Charles Tupper holds the degree of M. D., is about to confer upon him the honorary degree of LL. D.

The Lord Mayor of London has opened a fund for the relief of the families of the Newfoundland fishermen who lost their lives in the recent disaster of Grand Bay.

A committee of the Assembly of the State of New York has reported in favor of a bill providing for the abolition of execution by electricity and the return to the old method of inflicting the death penalty, by hanging. Should the change be made, it will doubtless be owing in great measure to the bitter hostility of the press to the electrical execution law, caused by its prohibiting the newspaper to publish the details of executions, and to the consequent impression that there was something in those events that required concealment.

A serious hitch has taken place in the Behring Sea question. Lord Salisbury has refused assent to the proposal of the United States for a removal of the *modus vivendi* pending the decision of the arbitrators. Salisbury's counter proposal is the prohibition of seal-fishing within thirty miles of the Pribiloff Islands, the breeding-ground of the seals. The United States authorities claim that this would be utterly inadequate to prevent the destruction - in fact they say, the extinction - of the seals, and protest very strongly against what they call Salisbury's breach of faith. In retaliation Senator Morgan has introduced a bill to deprive Canada of the privilege of transporting goods in bond over United States territory.

One of those terrible colliery disasters, by which, every now and then, the whole civilized world is shocked, occurred at the Alderley mine, Cheshire, in Belgium, at 8 o'clock on Friday morning last. A terrific explosion, which shook the whole neighborhood, like an earthquake, took place while 270 persons were at work in the depths below. The terrified people rushed to the mouth of the pit, for there was scarcely a family in the place but had one or more of its members in the mine. As soon as it was safe to do so, a rescuing party descended. All day an immense crowd surrounded the pit's mouth, and the scenes were heartrending. A despatch from Brussels on Sunday reported 63 persons rescued unharmed, 29 injured, and 153 killed. 31 of the dead were buried on Sunday, their funerals being attended by 20,000 people.

In the House of Commons, on Tuesday or last week, Sir John Thompson introduced his bill relating to the criminal law, which was read a first time. Mr. Bowell introduced a bill providing for reciprocity in salvage and wrecking between Canadian and United States vessels, as agreed upon at the recent conference in Washington. Sir John Thompson promised Mr. Laurier that all the records of the conference would be laid before the House at an early date. The Minister of Marine and Fisheries introduced several bills, one of which provides that lobster-fishers shall take out licenses. Another renews the *modus vivendi* with the U. S. in the Atlantic fisheries. A third provides for the union of the departments of Marine and Fisheries under one deputy. The Prohibition Commission has been appointed, and Patrick A. Monaghan, of Halifax, is its secretary. Most of the sessions during the last week were short and unimportant; but on Monday an important sitting was held. Mr. Tupper, in reply to Mr. White, Shelburne, N. S., gave a great deal of information concerning the difficulty between Newfoundland and Canada. The estimates were brought down that day. Last week the Government carried all the by-elections in Ontario and Quebec.

The House of Assembly was occupied on Tuesday afternoon and evening of last week with the discussion of Mr. Cahan's motion for a committee to investigate his charges in connection with road moneys. The Government opposed the motion on the ground that Mr. Cahan had not specified the charges nor the members against whom they were made. An amendment refusing the appointment of the committee until the charges were made specific was carried by a vote of 21 to 11. Mr. Lawrence of Colechester, voting with the Opposition. The House passed a resolution calling for the consolidation of the amendments to the Liquor License Act of 1886. On Wednesday Mr. Longley moved the second reading of a bill providing for the incorporation of small towns and villages. During the week he also introduced the bill to amend the Municipal Assessment Act, which deals chiefly with the powers of the board of revision. On Monday the bill to amend and consolidate the law relating to mines and minerals was read a second time. On the same day an animated discussion took place, on Mr. Fielding's bill to permit certain officers of the Salvation Army to perform the marriage ceremony, which passed its second reading on division, 18 to 13.

The Will of the Late Rev. Ver. Neil McLeod. To the Editor of THE CASKEE. Dear Sir: - A couple of days ago I casually took up a copy of the *North Sydney Herald*, and to my surprise I saw therein a letter heading "Neil McLeod," abstract or summary of the will of the late Monsignor McLeod published at my instance in THE CASKEE. The said epistolary summary was, I may say, published by you in the *North Sydney Herald*, and I am, I think, entitled to say that I furnished you with that abstract without consulting my co-executors, Rev. M. McKenzie, P. P., and Alex. McDonald, Esq. But, meeting the former very shortly after, I apprised him of what I had done, and my co-executor expressed his approval, which is probably worth more to any man than that of the deceased. The *North Sydney Herald*, for Mr. McKenzie's interest, expressed his disapproval, and I am, I think, entitled to say that I furnished you with that abstract without consulting my co-executors, Rev. M. McKenzie, P. P., and Alex. 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