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CREMATION.

The new crematory presented to Mount Royal cemetery, Montreal, by Sir W. C. McDonald, was used for the first time on Friday last, when the body of the late Senator Ogilvie was reduced to ashes. This is the first cremation that has taken place in Canada. In the United States there are crematories in many of the larger cities and towns and cases of cremation are by no means rare. In France, Italy, Austria and Holland the practice is regarded with much favour and in Germany and England several furnaces have been established, and the prejudice which was formerly so strong in these countries against the practice is gradually dying out. Even in Japan in the far east several crematories have been established and the cost of incinerating a dead body has been reduced to a mere trifle. The practice of burning human bodies is by no means a recent one. Cremation appears to have been a general practice in early times in all countries except in Egypt where bodies were embalmed and in Judea where they were laid away in sepulchres. We learn from the Book of Genesis that Abraham purchased the field and cave of Machpelah as a burying place that he might bury his dead out of his sight. But even the Jews used cremation in the vale of Tophet when a plague visited them. The practice of cremation in modern Europe was stopped by the introduction of christianity. The practice of burying the dead had the sanction of the Bible and was adopted in its stead. The clergy have been in the past and still are the strongest opponents of cremating the dead. For sanitary and other reasons the practice of cremation has gained many adherents and the prejudice formerly so strong against it is gradually disappearing. It has been shown that cremation destroys every germ of disease, while instances are numerous of infection resulting from the burial of human bodies. Waters near cemeteries have in many cases become contaminated and been a fruitful source of disease. The danger is greater in dry seasons when the water is low. Noxious gases are also to be feared and it is for this reason that trees and shrubs are planted in graveyards and cemeteries in order that they may absorb these gases. There is, it is claimed, near cemeteries a constantly increasing risk of contaminated air and water. Another argument used in favor of crema-

tion is that burning produces quickly what putrefaction takes a long time to accomplish and our bodies are thus saved from "the small, cold worm that fretteth the enshrouded form." This no doubt appeals to many who have a horror of the grave. These and other arguments in favor of this method of disposing of the human body have had a great effect in removing the prejudices against it and there are in nearly all countries societies formed for the purpose of advocating the general adoption of cremation.

CORRUPTION IN LARGE CITIES.

It has generally been supposed that the City of New York was several lengths ahead of any other city in the world in the matter of political corruption, but recent disclosures in the City of Saint Louis indicate that conditions in that saintly place are almost if not quite as bad as in New York. A grand jury has been investigating civic affairs and its report has brought to light what is termed "a shocking, shameful, humiliating record." The jury says that the conditions "are almost too appalling for belief." One alderman has been convicted of accepting a bribe of ten thousand dollars, two others have fled from the country rather than face a trial, criminal indictments have been preferred against at least half a dozen others and a number have been saved only by the statute of limitations. It seems that a systematic and far-reaching scheme of corruption has been carried on for years. Powerful corporations looking for municipal favors or competing for valuable franchises have introduced a system of corruption almost incredible in its extent. Instances are given where the sum of one hundred thousand dollars has been paid for an individual vote. It is stated that an official in receipt of a salary of three hundred dollars a year has managed to increase it by these means to twenty-five thousand dollars. Another official, according to the evidence taken, agreed with a certain corporation to do an official act for seventy five thousand dollars and afterwards accepted one hundred thousand dollars from a rival corporation to do the very opposite. One alderman received in cash fifty thousand dollars for his vote in a pending measure and afterwards returned it on the ground that the amount was too small. In many cases it was shown that aldermen who previous to their election were wholly without means, were soon afterwards in affluent circumstances notwithstanding the fact that their official salary was only twenty five dollars per month. The most surprising part of the report is that which states that many of these aldermen are "utterly illiterate and lacking in ordinary intelligence." It seems incredible that in the large, populous and wealthy City of Saint Louis, men of this stamp should be selected to look after the public affairs of the City, and suggests the idea that there must be something radically wrong in a system which permits such a state of affairs.

TORY CRITICISM OF THE INTERCOLONIAL.

The Montreal Herald recently discussed Tory criticism of I. C. R. management and answered the same thus:—  
"The latest charge against the Minister of Railways is that in

purchasing the Drummond County Road in 1897 he did not get value for the public money paid out. Mr. Foster at that time questioned the fitness of the line to be made a part of the Intercolonial, and Mr. Blair's recent statement as to the need for strengthening the bridges is now taken as a vindication of the views expressed by the ex-Minister of Finance. The need for the strengthening of the bridges arises out of conditions which did not exist in 1897. At that time the Drummond County was equal in every respect to the main line of the I. C. R., it not better. There was not a locomotive in the service of the Government railway which exceeded sixty tons in weight, and the bridges of the Drummond County were quite capable of bearing that burden with safety. Now, however, Mr. Blair is equipping the road with modern engines, which exceed eighty tons in weight. Some of them run up to nearly ninety tons, and it is to carry these that the Minister is strengthening the bridges. In 1897 there was not a railway company operating in Eastern Canada which owned a single eighty-ton locomotive; so that the Intercolonial was at that time in just as good a position in relation to its bridges and motive power as any other road. It is also alleged that the wharves which Mr. Blair has built are lying idle. Mr. Blair has built but one wharf, that at St. John, and the complaint made down there is that it is not large enough for the purposes of the port. It has been in use constantly during the past winter, and steamers have frequently had to lie in the harbor awaiting a berth.  
"Exception is also taken to Mr. Blair's alleged purchase of an excessive quantity of ties during the year 1900. Those purchases were made in accordance with the judgment of railway experts, and in keeping with the policy followed by both the Canadian Pacific and Grand Trunk. Experience has demonstrated that it is a wasteful thing to put fresh cut and green ties into the ground; they decay more rapidly than do seasoned ties. It was therefore necessary, in the adoption of a change of plan, to purchase in the latter part of 1900 two years' supply, in order that half of them might be left to season along the line in readiness for 1902. It was this extra supply which was in evidence last year, and since the life of a railway tie in the ground is something like seven years, it is absurd to say that the new ties bought in 1900 would commence to rot in less than one year when not in place."

BOSTON, MASS.

Rexton will have many of her sons and daughters pay her a visit this summer. There will be a hot time in the old town.  
Miss Ellie Wood was presented with a very beautiful gold watch by her many friends of the R. H. White Co., where she is employed.  
Have noticed by THE REVIEW that Mr. Robert Gallant, of Bucouche, has made many improvements in his fine hotel. Well, Bob, keep a room for the old sports of last summer, we intend to give you a call and tell a few nice stories.  
We see where Mr. Criss Cadegan attended Mr. Richard Hebert's sale. Well, Criss old boy, don't go so far from home again.  
We read with deep regret of the illness of Mr. Mart Conway in South Africa and hope that the dear old REVIEW will soon give us some good news of poor Mart.  
We are having very changeable weather since April began, but that is thorough American.  
Miss Lena deOloqui gave a very successful piano recital at Mrs. Rogers' home on Commonwealth Ave.  
We are pleased to say Miss Kate Blanchard is recovering rapidly from her severe illness and intends going east for a visit. She was taken sick while on a busi-

ness trip to Florida.  
We regret to hear of the death of Miss Lauretta Lanigan, of Rexton.

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WEST BRANCH.

Mr. John Cail has commenced farming operations.

Miss Nettie Carruthers, of Newcastle, and Mr. David Lawson, of St. John, spent Sunday with friends in West Branch.

Janie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Curran, is dangerously ill of bronchial pneumonia. Dr. McWilliams is in attendance.

Mrs. McLeod, Sr., is very sick, she is a very aged lady.

Mr. E. Sinton is renovating his house and grounds and the place will once more resume the cozy appearance it presented in auld lang syne when Mr. H. Wathen was the occupant. Mr. Moody McMichael is also improving the appearance of Echoville Lawn by the insertion of trees, &c.

Mayflowers are appearing. A lady here was presented with a bunch in full bloom.

The Literati did not meet this week as some of the members were away.

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Mr. Thomas McDermott has returned from Nova Scotia.

Miss Katie McLeary is visiting her niece Miss Mary Mulrouy.

Miss Lizzie McDermott and Maggie Fearon are attending school again in Bass River.

Miss Janie Betts, of Boston, is visiting her parents in Brown's Yard.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Beers are re-joining over the arrival of a son.

Mr. David Betts and his son Alfred have gone to visit friends in Lewiston, Maine.

Mr. James McLeary, of Greenville, Maine, has been visiting his sister, Mrs. John Mulrouy, of Brown's Yard.

RICHIBUCTO VILLAGE.

This place was the scene of a very interesting event on the 21st inst., when Mr. Reuben S. Maillet was united in marriage to Miss Victoria Maillet. The witnesses were Mr. Magloire F. Maillet and Miss Evangeline R. Maillet. The nuptial knot was tied by Rev. Father Martineau. After the ceremony was over, the happy couple partook of a splendid dinner offered by Father Martineau in token of Miss Victoria Maillet's services rendered him as servant girl since his stay here. Among the guests invited was Father Robichaud, of St. Anne. After dinner the company proceeded to Mr. Maillet's home where a splendid supper was served, after which the company dispersed wishing the happy couple prosperity and long life.

Peddlers are getting a little too numerous, no fewer than six have passed this was the same day last week.

Herring are very plentiful at Richibucto Cape.

Several traps have been set last week but we have not as yet seen any lobsters in the village.

Mrs. Ambrose King, who has been sick since last fall, is slowly improving. She was taken to her father's home at Richibucto on Thursday, the 17th.

Mr. Joe. C. Richard, shoemaker of this place, starts to-day for Richibucto, where he is going to work for R. Phinney & Co.

P. R. Richard has rigged his peddler's waggon and starts to-day on his first trip this spring. One more peddler added to the list.

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SOUTH BRANCH NOTES.

Messrs. George and Thomas Mitchell of Jardineville, spent Sunday here.

We regret to hear of Mrs. Alex. Cochran's serious illness.

Mr. Fred McLean of McLean Settlement, spent Sunday visiting friends here.

Mr. R. N. Doherty has returned home from Vancouver, where he has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. W. Bowser.

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