



Holiday Gifts. In Ladies', Gentlemen's and Children's FURS!

Weekly Herald. SATURDAY MORNING, FEB. 16.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Our Local Legislature opens on the 20th inst.

An article on City Accounts and other matters will appear in our next issue.

George Cruikshank, the famous English caricaturist is dead.

Garibaldi is reported very ill. He is one of all who played such a conspicuous part in Italian contemporary history, the only one left.

A cable dispatch says that Cardinal Howard is to be created Archbishop of Edinburgh and Primate of Scotland.

It is rumored that Humbert I. is anxious to get back Nice and Savoy, ceded to France during the reign of the late king of Piedmont.

The Dominion Government have promised certain amendments or modifications of liquor laws in force. The exact nature of the Government action in this delicate matter is not yet known.

We direct the attention of our readers to the splendid edition of the Concise, etc., written by the late distinguished Cardinal Wiseman. Under present circumstances, the extracts we make from "Recollections of the last four Popes," will be found doubly interesting.

A brutal murder, evidently preceded by a crime as brutal, occurred at Little River on Wednesday. The evidence is strong against the man Vaughan. When ever the guilty party may be, as soon as convicted, he should suffer the full penalty attached to the commission of crimes that happen rarely among us.

Rev. Principal Geo. Grant's lecture on "Norman Macleod," delivered in Toronto on Monday night is highly spoken of by the press of that city. The reverend lecturer characterized Norman Macleod as the greatest preacher since the death of man he had ever known—one who, while he was alive, made the world brighter and better, and whose words and works, now that he is dead, are a living instrument of his character and ability.

It is to be hoped that the new street from Paradise Row to Fort Howe will soon be an accomplished fact. The report of the Committee was so favorable that we have every confidence that as soon as the highlands of Parliament will, as soon as the necessary legislation can be obtained, the road will be promptly opened. The gentleman engaged in furthering this laudable undertaking are certainly public benefactors, who deserve well of the community at large.

The second lecture of St. Malachi's T. A. Brotherhood was delivered by Rev. James M. Deery, Spiritual Director of the organization, in St. Peter's Hall, Portland, on Sunday evening last. The lecture was argumentative and convincing throughout, and was evidently closely followed by the large and enthusiastic audience assembled in the hall, despite the storming without. We are pleased to hear that new names were added to the roll of St. Malachi's Society as one of the result of the Rev. Mr. Deery's address. The officers of this truly admirable Society hope to hold their next regular monthly public meeting and lecture in the new St. Malachi's Hall which will soon be completely furnished for the use of the different societies.

In France each inhabitant drinks, on average, three quarters of a gallon of spirits annually. Sudden deaths, the consequence of drink, are most frequent in those departments in which spirits are drunk; they are rare where only wine is consumed. Cases of intoxication, sufficient to bring the drinker under the notice of the law, are also five times more frequent in the departments which consume much alcohol than in those where wine is consumed. Soberly, with alcoholic drink, the number of cases stands in an exact direct relation to the amount of spirits consumed; and particularly to the amount of manufactured spirits taken. Venice and Clermont present the only exceptions to the rule, as there is a large quantity of white wine, which is almost as dangerous as brandy, is drunk.

The losses by fire in Chicago in 1877 foot up a total of \$1,672,791, which was insured to the amount of \$1,019,921. The net loss over insured was, therefore, only \$652,770. 1,348 new buildings were erected in Chicago during 1877, with a frontage of 38,892 feet. The total cost was \$5,243,900. Were they to be placed side by side in a continuous line of three miles new buildings would extend to the distance of six and a half miles. It has been estimated that about seven hundred buildings have been erected in St. John since the great fire, or during the short

space of six months, counting from the time when building operations first really began. This is not such a bad exhibit for a city of forty thousand inhabitants when compared with the Queen City of the West.

From the general tone of the debate in Parliament on the Irish Sunday Closing Bill, it is very probable that the measure will become law. The intention of the framers of the new act is to close up all taverns throughout Ireland on Sunday. The bill has met with lively opposition, and it is worth while noting the sources whence the strongest opposition to the bill emanated. Mr. Brooks, M. P. Dublin opposed the bill. He had examined the memorial to the Chief Secretary, and found that of 182 peers only 12 had signed the document. Of 4,000 Justices of Peace, only 1434 could be induced to append their signatures. Of 2,578 medical men in Ireland only 1190 signed the memorial. And still notwithstanding the fact that a majority of the peers, the Justices of the Peace, the doctors and others are opposed to the measure, it is likely to become law. 75 of the Irish M. P.'s are in favor of the bill, and only 11 against it.

We see it stated that the Roman Catholics of Montreal will suspend all business on the day of the Pope's interment. Already in many churches throughout the Dominion, general services have been held in memory of the deceased Pontiff. In the diocese of Chatham, all the clergy had assembled for the imposing celebration, which it is intended to have held in the Cathedral on the day on which the pontifical obsequies will be celebrated. Services for the dead Pope will take place in the Cathedral here on Tuesday. On the reception of the news of the Pope's death at Quebec, the Legislature adjourned. Every where expressions of grief in one form or another to be found, and a universal grief at the death of a great Pontiff, a benign sovereign, a public officer in every good and generous cause tending to the welfare of mankind. Not the least pleasant expressions of sympathy are those which have been uttered from the pulpits of our separated brethren, many of whom have spoken bravely, proudly, manfully of the great Pope who in his words and works embraced all mankind.

The lecture delivered by Mr. George Stewart, Jr., at the Institute, on Monday evening, was a most interesting, instructive, and at times an amusing discussion of the works of the great American writer, Emerson. Mr. Stewart had already proved that he could write a very readable book about authors, and his work on Monday evening was a convincing proof of his ability as a lecturer. He did not intend to lose the really creditable audience he has reached, as a gentleman of literary tastes. The lecture was listened to throughout with marked attention, and it is to be hoped that all things considered, very pleasing. In the experience of last Monday evening we would think that the directors of the Institute have reason to congratulate themselves on their efforts to bring out the latent talent of St. John in their lecture series.

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Lord Dufferin replied in his happiest manner after which the distinguished party were driven to the Windsor Hotel, where they were received by the citizens' reception committee. Tuesday at 10 o'clock the distinguished personages visited Mr. Norman's studio, and lunched at the residence of Jos. Mackay, Esq., Sherbrooke street, at quarter past one o'clock. At three o'clock, the same day, he assisted at the inauguration of the Mackay Institute for the Deaf and Dumb, and afterwards visited the Convent of the Sisters of Notre Dame at Villa Maria, where addresses were presented to the sources. At five o'clock, the same day, he was in the city, and at six o'clock he was in the city, and at six o'clock he was in the city.

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