



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

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

St. George is called the Banner Temperance Community.

The St. John Aid Society has not yet published a full report of its work.

The St. Gotthard tunnel has pierced the bowels of the earth a distance of five and one-half miles without impediment.

The agricultural population of Georgia is 900,000 souls, and the number of acres in cultivation is a trifle over 600,000.

"O. M.'s" reply to "A Victim" has been unavoidably held over, together with some editorial matter.

The latest remedy for sea-sickness is electricity. A mild galvanic battery is brought to bear on the stomach, with the best results.

Cows should not chew tobacco. A farmer in Kentucky recently lost three valuable cows which ate some of the weed with their hay.

Mr. Lafontaine moved, on Wednesday, in the Legislature of Quebec for the abolition of the Legislative Council in that Province.

The improvements now being made at the corner of Union and Mill streets, were much needed and will prove of much benefit to teamsters and others using those streets.

The failure of Brigham Young's heirs to agree in the distribution of his property will probably cause a contest over his will. The contestants will be 25 wives (so-called) and 44 children.

Mr. Rennie was elected without opposition in King's Ward. The new Councilor appears to be in thorough sympathy with Mr. Donville, the energetic Alderman in the same ward.

We read in the Toronto Mail that in the Ontario Legislature, Feb. 4th, Rev. Father McCann, Rector of St. Michael's Cathedral, read the customary prayers at the opening of the House.

What is the Portland Town Council going to do about the Revisor matter? There was much talk about the unsatisfactory way the Revisors did their work, but we have not heard anything lately on the subject.

Mr. Mitchell was elected in Northumberland without opposition. What have the Reformers to say to this? Mr. Mitchell, who is not one of them, should not, we submit, have been allowed to make the course, particularly when the Conservatives are contesting every election.

The death is announced of Alex. Jardine, Esq., an old and respected citizen of St. John, who died quite suddenly. Mr. Jardine has long been identified with the interests of this city, and his death is deeply deplored by all who respected him for his sterling qualities of head and heart. Mr. Jardine was at his death in his 64th year.

We hope an uncle will be put to the appointment of useless officials in view of the fact that the city debt is very large. We call the attention of our city readers to the fact that four officials now do the work which Mr. Fortin formerly attended to alone. The appointment of two men to look after the fire-alarm boxes is a piece of imposition of the worst kind.

We have been informed that the lecturer who occupied the platform of the Mechanics' Institute on Monday evening last week, considered our course to refer in insulting language to the Blessed Virgin. As there are a number of Catholic members of the Institute they must have felt keenly his remarks. Surely the President did not approve of them.

There is some talk of bringing out a very popular gentleman for Alderman in Prince Ward, in addition to the two gentlemen who are now somewhat prominent before the electors. In other wards, both on the East and West side, there will be many good candidates in the field. The electors should be up and doing. The time for preparation is only too short. If good men are desired in the Common Council the electors must work to bring them out.

We would be pleased to have a report from the St. John Aid Society with reference to the \$20,000 of relief money said to be deposited in the People's Bank. The reason given by the Relief Committee for depositing this amount in the People's Bank is that they could get 4 per cent in Fredericton and only 3 or 3 1/2 in St. John. The latter part of the statement lacks the essential element. This is one of the most peculiar of the many peculiar acts per-

petrated by the Relief and Aid Society, of which His Worship the Mayor was until recently only the nominal head.

Ald. Glasgow is determined to make money for the city out of the ferries, whether the public are accommodated or not.

All British sea-foot-passengers might be reduced to 2 cents a trip by gloriously increasing the rate for teams.

Coun. Hanington said it would be impossible to run two boats as was intended if that were done.

Ald. Donville, of course, took the same view. Ald. Donville asked a comendrum, to wit: if one boat was run at the rate of 50 tickets for one dollar, or less than two cents a ticket, why could not two boats be run for two cents a trip.

Ald. Donville said it could not and therefore it would not.

It is too bad to see the efforts well-to-do merchants and others doing business on King Square, rent free since the fire, are making to procure another year's lease of the property on the same condition.

We had an idea that the parties referred to had more public spirit than to remain one hour longer than absolutely necessary on ground which is required in the interests of the public.

The petition which is being circulated should receive but few signatures. It would be an injustice to others to allow the square to be occupied by those who took almost forcible possession of it after the fire.

There is no excuse for it. Shops and business places can easily be found in May. Merchants should be above living on public charity.

Dr. W. H. Tick, Recorder for the city, who is paid a very large salary for looking after the interests of the city, replied to the resolution of the Council asking for his opinion on the validity of members of the Council supplying the Corporation with goods directly or indirectly, that he had very little time to look into the matter, but thought it was right.

We think the Recorder, who is paid by the city should look after the business of the city in the first instance. It is hardly right to allow other practice to take precedence of the city's claim on his time.

A fortnight was long enough to look into the case thoroughly. Mr. Donville deserves the thanks of the citizens for refusing to accept such an unsatisfactory reply.

According to the City Chamberlain's report, submitted to the Common Council, at the meeting on Wednesday, and which we hope to see published with the other city reports at the latest next month, shows that the debt of the city, exclusive of that for schools, sewerage, &c., is \$840,094.45, as against \$836,064.45, in 1876, or an increase of \$4,030.00.

The receipts at the police office during the last year were \$4,655.86, and in 1876 they amounted to \$4,388.59, an increase of nearly \$2,000.

As usual, the Street Account is largely overdrawn. There was received on this account \$23,829.21 and expended \$43,031.08.

The deficit over \$20,000 on this account alone. The Police Department is nearly as bad a state. The account for 1876 shows that there was received from all sources \$25,371.00 and expended \$26,191.13, or the receipts were nearly \$10,000 less than the expenses.

The Fire Department makes even a worse exhibit than this. \$17,918.92 was the amount received, and \$16,221.04 the amount paid out. Although we passed a good part of the summer without any light, except the moon, at stars, or private lanterns, the Lamp Account was overdrawn, to the sum of \$4,033.71, as against \$4,033.71, or \$24.00 less for this service.

It is not necessary to continue this, as we will soon have to follow the example of Quebec and govern the whole city by commission.

PIUS IX.

Not so common to this week of another death in the Eternal City, following quickly that of the wretched King of Italy, which will fill the whole world with genuine heart-felt sorrow.

By the death of Pius IX the world has lost one of the really great men whose name will live forever in the pages of history, as one who knew the right and under all circumstances dared to do what was just and for the best interest of man and to Roman Catholics, the world over, the death of the Holy Father, a Pope whose long life and reign have so crossed and chequered, and so full of vicissitudes, will be sad news indeed.

Did they view the demise of the great successor of St. Peter from a purely human standpoint alone, the future of the Church would be surely of the gloomiest; but they know full well that in the death even of him whom they revered most on earth the Divine will is being worked out. It is certainly a remarkable fact that although the death of the Pope might have been looked for at any moment for years past, he has lived to see the King of Savoy, whose mad ambition led him into tortuous paths, which even he recoiled from, tender thought with many devoted children of the Church that Pius IX might have preceded him to the tomb.

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mount, and thus the powers will be in such a position as they would desire, if it be true, as repeatedly asserted, they were prepared to interfere in the election of the next Pope. In these and other circumstances, which it would be too long to note here, many will perceive a palpable illustration of the over-ruling Providence of God.

The great Pontiff, who has gone to receive the reward of his labors, in the interest of the Church and humanity was one of the most remarkable of the Popes forming that glorious line, beginning with St. Peter, the first Pope and Bishop of Rome, John Mary Mastai, as born at Singaglia, Italy, May 13, 1792; was elected Pope June 16, 1846, and crowned on the 29th of June of the same year. He had, therefore, lived far beyond the three-score and ten allotted to man, being at the time of his death, in his eighty-sixth year, and the thirty-second of his pontificate.

The length of his reign has been, and will always be, a wonderful event in the history of the Christian Church, and the history of the astounding events of his life will form one of the most glorious epochs in the annals of this magnificent Successor to the Patriarch at a time when that horrible monster, Liberalism, was first publicly rearing its head, and the spirit of the times, the conservatism of the age, the new religion of that time dared do it.

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such thing. It is one of those questions that appeals to our common humanity, and one that needs immediate attention.

As the Dominion Parliament is now in session we hope that Mr. Devlin, Mr. John Costigan or some other representative Irishman will publicly call the attention of the Government, the House and the country to this matter, so that the whole truth may be known, and that the whitening bones of Irish immigrants may be spared further desecration.

The present state of the remains of our dead countryman is a disgrace to the whole country.

CITY ACCOUNTS.

Continuing the subject discussed in these columns last week, having reference to the account as long followed by members of the Common Council, in receiving money for services rendered to the city, or material or goods furnished to the Corporation, we intend this week placing before our readers some further facts gleaned from the city book.

In the New Market House Account we find R. Cassidy was paid \$788.16. Our readers will have remarked before that the Aldermen and Councilors who do work for the City or sell it anything, appear to have a nice sense of what they owe to themselves and their positions in the Council. They appear to be anxious to show the citizens that they only ask for what is justly and honestly due them.

Hence, as we had occasion to remark last week, the nifty with which their accounts are kept. In the item before us, we see how Mr. Cassidy endeavors to be as exact as possible, and therefore although the said \$788.16 would have been more readily counted and paid, he shows the honor and honesty governing all his relations in the Council.

W. A. Quinlan had another bill of \$22 for carrots furnished the Corporation. Aldermen Ferguson and Councilor Munton appear to have been the agricultural members of the Council in the year '76, the former furnishing oats and the latter carrots. Then we find the following items which seem to require some little explanation: Richard Cassidy, \$19.65. Exact again, J. C. Ferguson, \$25.88. Exact again, H. C. Thorne, \$20.00. E. S. Flagler, do. do., \$15.00.

Can any one say why E. S. Flagler went to Fredericton on public business, and also asked \$15.00, while Richard Cassidy got \$19.65, and J. C. Ferguson and H. A. Glasgow received the large sum of \$25.00 as expenses on the same account? We see the following possibly be more explanation of the difference in the amounts paid. Perhaps the list of the gentlemen who were paid this money appears in the City book, and that of the other members of the bill committee. Of this our readers will judge for themselves.

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their co-operation, and he is pleased to be able to state that all have responded nobly to the call made upon them to aid in the work of elevating and improving the people confided to their care.

Already thirty-four societies with a membership of 5000 have come under the constitution of the new Union, while ten other societies, numbering 1500 members have been organized within the last few weeks and will soon be affiliated.

It is gratifying to note in the list of societies published that branches have been established in the nearly every town or village in the Island, and it is pleasing too, to learn that the French people of the Island have been as earnest in the work as their brethren of other nationalities.

In this province, we believe, there is not a single French society in connection with the N. B. Union. It may be worth while noting this fact for the present in the hope that something may be done to bring about a state of things as gratifying as exist in the neighboring Island. It is expected that when the annual convention of the P. E. I. Union takes place in July that the Temperance men in the Roman Catholic societies will number 200. This is certainly a great accomplishment in such a short space of time, that may well be termed one of the most remarkable phases of the Temperance movement in Canada.

We doubt whether such numbers have ever enrolled in any Temperance organization, taking the form of a permanent Union before. The Roman Catholics of P. E. I. Island are to be congratulated on the impetus given the cause in the seagirt garden of Canada. The officers of the P. E. I. Union, among whom are nearly all the most distinguished Roman Catholics of the Island, may well feel proud of the magnificent success they have achieved in so short a time.

We notice that the Rev. President in his address speaks of having written the Presidents of the Union of America and that of New Brunswick, "with a view of establishing a certain relationship between us, as mentioned in the Constitution, but as yet I have received no reply."

This looks as though the officers of the new union in this province are in good working order; a union is now being formed in the diocese of Antigonish, in Halifax and Chatham, although no union is yet established there.

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