

PRIESTS HIS VICTIMS.

P. J. Kieran built Churches by friend-
zied Financing.

Shortage of Company, of which he was
President, almost \$5,000,000.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Fifty or sixty Roman Catholic schools, convents, and churches and more than that number of the clergy of that faith have been found to be the victims of the trail of P. J. Kieran, some time President of the Fidelity Funding Company of 42 Broadway, now in the hands of Thos. F. Gahoy, Jr., as receiver. In addition the month of investigation that has followed the receivership proceedings has demonstrated that Kieran's dupes include also many private investors, banks and trust companies, who took the notes and bonds that he produced in seemingly endless sequence. The total shortage is nearly \$5,000,000. One banking concern, the Euclid Avenue Trust Company of Cleveland has already gone into the hands of a receiver partially as the result of his operations. This was his scheme: Suppose an institution needed \$100,000 as a building loan. Kieran applied and undertook to furnish the money within the

time required on condition that the entire financing should be in his hands. He then had a twenty year mortgage issued by the borrowing institution to the Fidelity Funding Company as trustee. Upon the borrowing institution was fixed a charge of from 8 per cent to 9 per cent of the principal each year for the life of the "loan." And out of the proceeds of these payments Kieran paid the premiums of life insurance issued against priests and nuns, and four per cent interest on bonds issued by the Fidelity Funding Company against the mortgages of which it was the beneficiary. In the end according to his scheme the life insurance policies would produce sufficient funds to take care of 75 percent of the money raised for the building. To priests and nuns he sold stock and notes in this company. One clergyman in New Brunswick, took two of the notes offered by Kieran at \$3,000 each. It was all the money that the priest had. He is in a numerous company trying to get his money back.

IRON ORE DEPOSITS.

Government agree to assist the Drummond Company.

The Local Government at their meeting on Thursday afternoon practically agreed to grant the concessions asked for by the Messrs Drummond of the Canadian Iron Corporation with the proposed development of the rich iron deposits.

Legislation will be enacted at the approaching session of the Legislature guaranteeing the bonds of a line of railway from the mines to Bathurst Village, and a tract of land in the vicinity of the Nepisiguit River will be set aside for the use of the company and they will be allowed to take from it such lumber and timber as may be needed for buildings in connection with their mining operations. The company on their part must give a guarantee to keep the line of railway in continuous operation, and the amount of ore for royalty taken out must not be less than one thousand tons a day. The company will be asked to pay a royalty on the ore of five cents per ton, which is the same as exacted by the government of Nova Scotia. The company hopes to be able to ship at least two thousand tons a day, which will mean \$100 per day for the provincial treasury. The company will be called upon to give security for the interest payment on the cost of the road during the period it is under construction. It is believed that the road will be a paying proposition from the start, so that the province will never be called upon to pay \$1 of the bond guarantee.

It is understood that the building of a line of railway to Bathurst will be conditional on the Dominion government dredging the harbor at that place. If surveys show that the harbor can not be made navigable for vessels of large draft, only at enormous cost it will not be undertaken, but the Dominion government will at its own expense construct a line to Red Pine on the I. C. R., and ore shipments will be made from Chatham. In that case the financial assistance promised by the province will not be needed.

The line of railway to be built by the company will cost at least \$25,000 per mile, and in addition to this company proposed expending something like \$200,000 in providing docks and shipping facilities. It is believed that in the near future the company will establish enormous smelting works at either Bathurst or Chatham.

The north shore is certainly on the eve of great mineral development and the outlook for the future is very promising. The Messrs Drummond are strongly of the opinion that rich mineral deposits exist in other sections of the province, and it is believed to be their intention to carry on considerable exploration work in many most promising areas exposed on the north shore of the lake.

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THE KAISER DESPONDENT.

A Report that He is Mentally De-
ranged.

BERLIN, Dec. 11.—Popular mystification regarding the life of comparative seclusion led by the Kaiser since his historic interview with Chancellor Von Buelow on November 17 has not been diminished by a statement published in The Dresden Nachrichten. This journal takes the responsibility for asserting that persons in very close touch with the Emperor received the impression that the Emperor is suffering from an attack of mental depression. The Nachrichten adds that the Emperor is said to pass several hours a day in bed, although he is in good physical health. His Majesty's mood, the journal further says, is said to find expression in unusually conspicuous manifestations of piety. Until yesterday, when his Majesty was recommended to receive the Ministers in audience, it is said that Empress, the Crown Princess were practically the only persons he had seen or conversed with since November 21. He shut himself off completely from the activities which usually occupy him at this season of the year. One report says the Emperor made a deliberate attempt at the celebration in the town hall on November 21, to regain his popularity, but was so overwhelmed with disappointment at his failure that he has since been a prey to despondency. Semi-official denials of The Nachrichten's information were published this afternoon.

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"Chuck It, Duke!"
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