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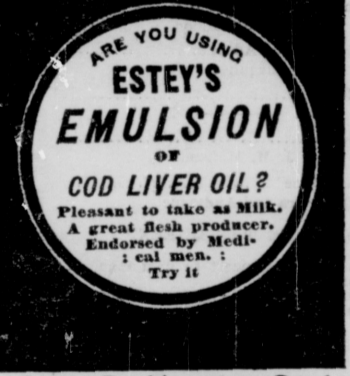
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

### The Wonderful Weather.

SIR,—I see many comments and enquiries in the papers lately about the cause of the extraordinary weather we are enjoying. I stated in my last letter that I have given the movements of the ice in the Gulf and the Straits some consideration, and said consideration has quite satisfied my mind as to many of the agencies that affect our climate. My opinion is that the movements of the ice on the Labrador and Newfoundland coasts have more to do with it than anything else. I think that we could, by artificial means, secure such weather every year, viz., by closing the Straits of Belle Isle and preventing the Polar ice from coming in and filling up the Gulf and Straits. This is a new theory. But since it was first advanced there has not been any reason so calculated to prove its correctness as the present one. I have never seen it fail, that so soon as the Gulf and Straits fill up with ice we have winter, be it early in the season or late. That such is not the case in the Gulf is clearly shown by its thickness. So long as the ice keeps away the warm water will continue, and so soon as it comes winter will be here. It will be asked why the ice has not come as early as usual this winter. The prime cause cannot be easily explained. But it is well known that we usually have heavy north-east and easterly storms during summer and autumn. These storms drive large quantities of Polar ice through the Straits of Belle Isle into the Gulf, quickly lowering the temperature of the water; and we often feel the cold even before it closes around the Island. It is, I believe, admitted that a few degrees in the temperature of the Atlantic Gulf Stream that washes the western coasts of several European countries in as high and much higher latitudes than ours, is the sole cause of the temperate climate those countries are favored with. The absence of the above-mentioned easterly storms, and the prevalence of westerly winds the past season, has prevented the Polar ice from coming into the Gulf, and our share of ice besides the usual quantity to be driven into the Atlantic Gulf stream; thus abnormally cooling its waters, and thereby causing the extraordinary cold weather in Europe, especially the British Islands, and felt severely as far south as Italy. The fact that shipmasters have seen large quantities of ice much further south than usual the past season, places this theory almost beyond doubt. It is well-known that large bodies of water change their temperature very slowly, even in the greatest heat of summer or cold of winter, unless large quantities of ice is placed in them. When that takes place the temperature lowers quickly to nearly the freezing point; and as a vast quantity of ice is thus forced into our gulf every winter, it is, I think, probable that even if the Straits of Belle Isle were closed, it would take at least three years for its waters to reach their maximum temperature; and when that would be reached our winters would be even warmer than the present one. In fact, we would have none of our old-fashioned winters at all; and sowing would commence probably in the latter part of March. The necessity for either tunneling or filling up the Straits would therefore almost vanish. If we were diligent to honor were only capable of rising above the measures of extreme partisanship or Parliamentary chicanery and use some of their wasted energies in studying up this important matter, we need not suffer the isolation so much deplored by Senator Howland and the severe speakers at the Board of Trade Tunnel meeting, as the Maritime Provinces and Quebec would be as much or more benefited by this great undertaking as ourselves. Hoping that those imperfect remarks may lead some of our people at least to give some thought to this important matter, I remain yours,  
E. ESTEY.

### Starving, Cold and Ill.

COUNT TOLSTOI WRITES ON THE FAMINE IN RUSSIA.

A long article by Count Tolstoi on the subject of the famine in Russia appears in a late number of the London Daily Telegraph. The Count says that the reproaches against the Russian government and its official representatives are exaggerated and the charges of apathy in many cases unfounded. "All," he says, "are doing their best to avert off the impending calamity. If results are meagre it is less from lack of good will than from the condition of the relations subsisting between the succorers and the sufferers." "The initial mistake was made in not supplying the peasants sufficient seed corn and fuel. The permission to take fuel from the royal forests was practically useless, because the people have no means for the conveyance of wood over long distances. "Then the friction between the government, which is doubtful whether the famine is so acute and extensive as represented, and the provincial assemblies, which in their anxiety, overrate the extent of the destitution, further increases the difficulties and delays. While both are wrangling the peasants are starving." Count Tolstoi then proceeds to picture the deplorable condition of his own district. He admits that much drunkenness prevails, and that in many cases well-to-do but thrifty people eat the bread intended for the famine sufferers from motives of economy. Yet in the Krupivinsky, Bogoroditsk, Epiphansk and Ephremoff districts from 30 to 60 per cent. of the people will have nothing to eat in a week or two. They are already consuming bread so bad that it acts like a violent emetic when taken into the stomach, and the beverages which these unfortunate drink make them crazy. Count Tolstoi also gives heartrending pictures of wives, with all their little children, ill clad, starving, cold and ill, anxiously awaiting the return of their husbands who have gone to seek aid for their famishing families. He declares that this state of things, although perhaps in a somewhat less degree, has always existed in certain districts, and is part and parcel of the national existence. The cause, Count Tolstoi says, is assuredly not the failure of the crops. The Times correspondent at St. Petersburg says: "It is stated that the first famine lottery will be drawn on Jan 27, and that the second will then be issued. This method of raising money is condemned on all sides, in view of the millions which the government always has at its disposal for charity." Medical reports from the famine districts show an alarming increase of hunger typhus. The migration of peasants in search of work is likely to spread this disease over the whole country.

### Death of Cardinal Simeoni.

Cardinal Simeoni, formerly Papal Secretary of State and Prefect General of the Propaganda, died at Rome on Thursday last from an attack of influenza. During the time the case of Dr. McGlynn was attracting so much attention Cardinal Simeoni's name was often mentioned. He was born at Valana, July 23, 1816, and having been ordained a priest was, on account of his solid learning, employed in the Province of Quebec in 1847. In 1847 he was auditor of the Nunciature at Madrid. After some years we find him at Rome, Prefect of studies in the Pontifical Lyceum of the Roman Seminary and Prothonotary Apostolic (participandi). For many years he was Secretary of the Congregation of the Propaganda, and as a Consultant he belongs to the Holy Roman and Universal Inquisition, to the Propaganda of Affairs, the Oriental Rite, to the Council for the Revision of the Provincial Councils and for extraordinary Ecclesiastical Affairs. When the Ecumenical Council of the Vatican was called Simeoni was one of the Consultants for the Commission of Oriental Churches and Mission, and for Ecclesiastical Discipline. The diplomatic relations between the Holy See and the Court of Spain having been re-established in 1845 his Holiness Pius IX sent Mgr. Simeoni as Nuncio to Madrid. Having just recognized him Archbishop of Chelodonia on March 18, 1875, Pius IX created him cardinal, reserving him (in petto) and Sept. 17, the same year, he published him Consistory Mgr. Simeoni, having been created Cardinal, remained in the Nunciature at Madrid in the quality of Pro-Nuncio. On the death of Cardinal Antonelli in 1876, he was appointed Secretary of State to his Holiness Pius IX, an office which he retained till the death of that Pontiff, and Prefect of the Sacred Apostolic Palace, and the Sacred Laetitia Congregation. He was succeeded as Secretary of State by Cardinal Franchi, in March, 1878, when Pope Leo XIII appointed him to his present office.

The rebels in Morocco are said to be gaining in strength and boldness.

## Meeting at Newton.

A very interesting and pleasant evening was spent in Newton Schoolhouse on the 12th inst., when the first part of the programme outlined under the auspices of the League of the Cross, was carried out, viz., a debate by the clubs of Kinkora, Emerald and Newton, on the subject, "Which: the Reader or Traveller gains the more information." The schoolroom was well filled with an intelligent and appreciative audience, who had assembled to hear the talented speakers from each of the above named districts advance arguments in favor of either the Reader or Traveller obtaining his information. Notable among the large assembly was Rev. J. J. McDonald, our zealous and painstaking pastor whose heart is always with the "Leaguers" and the improvement and education of the young men within his pastoral charge.

The speakers on behalf of the Reader presented a solid front. This side was ably and forcibly opened in a lengthy and logical discourse by Mr. D. J. Cameron, of Kinkora. He was followed in turn on the same side by Messrs P. J. Smith, G. R. McMahon, Terrence Goodwin, Thomas McCabe, and James Johnson, all of whom made eloquent and impressive speeches, scoring a number of good points against their opponents. And sat not least on the same side was Michael Cunningham, whose stentorian voice made old Newton ring in his endeavors to score a point against some adversary.

The side of the Traveller was defended by Mr. Michael McKenna, whose speech made a fair impression upon the audience. He was followed according to order by Messrs. James Duffy, Hugh Duffy, Peter Grechan, William McCabe, Francis Cove and Peter F. Hughes, whose arguments fell heavily upon their opponents, and which, after a heated discussion of several hours, wrested the decision from them amid a great outburst of applause.

Mr. Hugh McIver, who had acted as Chairman, and in whose hand the decision rested, was warmly thanked a vote of thanks for his able and impartial conduct, to which he in appropriate words replied.

Rev. J. J. McDonald then highly complimented the several speakers upon how they had acquitted themselves. He referred to both sides as having made able and impressive arguments, and closed his remarks by commending them that the next union debate will take place in February, in Emerald Hall, when a profitable and interesting evening may be spent as was done at Newton.

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