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Mr. Justice Charbonneau, himself a Roman Catholic, has decided that the Ne Temere decree issued by the Pope of Rome has no force in Quebec so far as relates to the legal aspect of marriage. In his opinion, therefore, Mr. and Mrs. Hebert were legally married. It is to be hoped the Supreme Court of Canada and the Privy Council of England will take the same view. Parties contemplating matrimony will naturally wish the minister of their own faith to perform the ceremony, but any regularly ordained minister should be competent to make the contract legal and binding. We believe that the great majority of Roman Catholics feel that Catholic priests and Protestant ministers should have an equal right to celebrate marriages May the courts show that such is the case.

The Town of North Toronto is making application to the Ontario Legislature for an Act, one of whose sections reads as follows:--"To pro hibit any railway company or street railway company from carrying freight upon any highway within the said municipality." Should such an Act be passed the Metropolitan Railway would cease carrying freight to and from Thornhill, Richmond Hill, Aurora, Newmarket and other places along the line. To many people it is surprising that the Town of North Toronto would make such a request. And under the circumstances it is not surprising that a resolution to oppose the measure, moved in the recent session of the County Council by Mr. W. H. Pugsley, seconded by Mr. Hunter of Newmarket, was carried without a dissenting voice. We believe that when the Metropolitan first received their franchise from the County Council one of the stipulations was that the Company would guarantee to carry freight.





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place that can be bought? I do hope that it is not true that the Annuities has been abolished, as it gave me the ONLY HOPE for-my old age." We are glad to say that the Annui-tics System has not been abolished. In transferring the Branch to the Post Office Department under the adminis-tration of the Postmaster General it is believed that a wider publicity will be given to the System, and that both old and young will more readily learn of the opportunity Parliament has afforded them of making provision for old age, the Postmasters now becom-ing active, while formerly they were only passive agents of the Branch. The benefits will, of course, be more apparent where payments are begin at an early age, the accumulation period being longer, and the mar-vellous earning power of compound interest at 4% being more strikingly demonstrated; and there is always the danger if payment is deferred to a late age that, unfortunate investments or expenditures may be made, and the necessary amount be not then availexpenditures may be made, and the necessary amount be not then available. There is no time like the present.

Full information in regard to the various plans on which Annuities may be purchased may be obtained at the Post Office or on application to the Superintendent of Annuities, Ottawa, to whom letters on Annuities business go free of postage.

POSTPONED

On account of the storm and the bad state of the roads the meeting of the Victoria Square Woman's Institute has been postponed till Saturday after-noon at 2.39, at the home of Mrs. Joseph Cherry, Gormley. J. P. NAUGHTON, Rep. Elgin Mills.

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