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ECCLESIASTICAL CALENDAR.

MARCH-1871.

Friday, 24-Previous Blood. Saturday, 25—Annunciation, Obl. Sunday, 25—Passion Sunday. Monday, 27-Of the Feria. Tuesday, 28-Of the Feria. Wednesday, 29—Of the Feria. Thursday, 30—Of the Feria.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

There are sad tidings from Paris. An insurrection has broken out, and blood has flowed. The insurgents having taken possession of Montmartre it was attempted to dislodge them. Of the troops sent against them. many are said to have "fraternized with the insurgents, whose aim seems to be set up a Red, Social Republic, and to inaugurate the "three hours of pillage" which the said Reds teach is the only remedy for the diseases of the body social. Several officers of high rank, having fallen into the hands of the insurgents, have been murdered in cold blood; among the names of these thus dealt with we find those of Generals De Chanzy, Lecompte, Thomas and Vinoy, though as yet the fate of the latter is doubtful. The City is in the hands of the insurgents; the Red flag flies from the Hotel de Ville; and it is expected that the movement will extend to all the large Cities of France.-In fact the old tiger spirit of '93 has broken out, and a Reign of Terror appears to be im-

Napoleon has arrived in England. The Sovereign Pontiff has formally repudiated the guarantees (?) offered by the Piedmontese Gov ernment. The High Joint Commission continues its sittings at Washington; it is rumored that the U. States will buy up the Canadian claims to the exclusive right of fishing within the three miles limit.

PASTORAL LETTER OF HIS LORDSHIP THE BISHOP OF THREE RIVERS, ON THE DUTIES OF THE FAITHFUL DURING THE

LOUIS FRANCIS LAFLECHE,

By the Grace of God and favor of the Holy Apos tolic See, Bishop of Three Rivers, &c., &c., &c. To the Clergy and Laity of our Diocese, Health and Benediction in Our Lord Jesus Christ.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN,-

During the course of next summer, you will be called upon to exercise one of your most precious privileges, that of choosing Deputies to represent you in the House of Assembly .-At the beginning of this holy time of penance, wherein the Church exhorts you to examine the state of your conscience, and to give your most special care to your eternal interests and to the salvation of your souls, We deem it proper and salutary to recall to your minds the duties which religion and conscience enjoin upon you, in the exercise of this privilege, and to point out to you the abuses and disorders into which so many are led during those days of excitement. Those disorders are well known to you; many a time you have deplored them and bewailed them with Ourselves, and yet the evil continues to increase. It has even reached such an extent, that the last Provincial Council of Quebec deemed it necessary to the Fathers of the Fourth Council of Quebec take the matter into serious consideration, and have judged it necessary to give to Pastors and to issue a decree in order to check its further to the Faithful, with regard to elections; and progress and remove the evil altogether. This which the Holy Father in his wisdom has apdecree, with all the other decrees of the Fourth | proved and sanctioned for the greater benefit of Council of Quebec, has received the approbation and sanction of the Holy See. The doctrine it contains, and the rules it sets forth to salutary decree, and to give you thereupon the in conscience and under pain of sin.

necessary explanations. Having been chosen to co-operate with God in the work of your he pours it forth upon you in greater abunyou stand in need. " Ecce nunc tempus acceptabile, ecce nunc dies salutis." "Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation."-(II. Cor. vi. 2). To the holy these words of the Apostle St. Paul.

Here then, Dearly Beloved Brethren, is the Council of Quebec:

ON POLITICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE ELEC-TIONS.

"It is a fact well known to all from a deplorable experience, that the elections of Deputies to the Legislative Assembly, and of Municipal Councillors have become, for our people, if not the cause, at least a certain and most dangerous occasion of corruption, of disorder, and innumerable sins of all 'kinds; of lies, of calumnies, of delusion, of 'drunkenness and quarreling, of blasphemy 'and perjury, &c., &c.; and matters have al-" ready attained such a degree, that both elec-"tors and their partisans seem to be pos-" sessed of a certain spirit of madness and error. "Alas! in those days of iniquity, how many are audacious enough to shut their ears against the voice of their conscience, to cast ' away from their minds the fear of God, and " even God himself, as if everything were then "allowed them, or as if God did not see them, for would not remember their actions and iudge them.—(Ps. 10).

"Let, therefore, the Priests, the ministers of the Lord, raise their voices against such a subversion of all the principles of religion and "morality; let them rise up strenuously 'against so great and so baneful an evil; let the Pastors of souls lift up their voices and show their people their evil-doings, and the children of the Church their sins .- (Isaias LVIII. 1).

"Let them cease not; and let them not fear "the clamours of the wicked and the evil-

"Let those same Pastors moreover, lose no occasion to warn the faithful intrusted to their "charge against the seductions, the scandals "and all the dangers of those evil days; long before those elections, but especially when they are about to take place, let them care-"fully remind their flocks that God is the King of Kings and the Sovereign Lord of elections that He will Himself one day judge electors, 'and candidates, and the elected; and that He will show no more mercy to those who may "have sinned during elections, than to those "who shall have sinned outside of elections.

"Let them diligently instruct them upon "their duties concerning those elections, making them clearly understand, that the same ' law which confers upon citizens the right of ' voting, at the same time strictly obliges them to give their vote when required, and always ' according to their conscience and before God. " for the greater benefit of holy religion, as well as of the State and their country; that con-'sequently they are bound, before God and in conscience, to give their vote to the candidate 'whom they judge to be really an honest man, "capable of discharging the important duty "intrusted to him-that of watching over the " interests of religion and the State, and of faith-'fully devoting his efforts to their preservation and promotion. From this it is evident that 'all those who sell their votes, or give them · for any reason whatever, to a candidate whom they know to be unworthy, are guilty not only before man, but also before God.

"Let Pastors faithfully teach these things to their flocks, as faithful ministers of Jesus Christ should do; let them insist on them and adhere to them with all charity and patience, without proceeding any further under ordinary circumstances. And should there occur particular or extraordinary circumstances, let them take care to do nothing without having previously consulted their 'Bishop."

These are, Dearly Beloved Brethren, the serious warnings and the important directions which your souls, for the prosperity of religion, and the happiness of our beloved country.

This decree visibly contains three very disguide the conduct of the faithful, thus emanate | tinct parts :- 1stly, it points out the number | from the highest authority that God, in His and greatness of the disorders, and the gravity on this subject, and you will faithfully acquit mercy, has given us upon earth to enlighten-us of the sins that accompany elections; 2ndly, it complishment. We have thought that the the faithful intrusted to their care upon their holy time of Lent, when you are preparing duties as electors: 3rdly, finally it teaches that yourselves for the great festival of Easter, was those duties concern equally both Church and the most favorable time to lay before you this State, religion and country, and are obligatory bound to defend and protect your religious in-

It is, therefore, a painful truth, Dearly Beloved Brethren, that a great many of the poral welfare. For civil laws have a necessary salvation, We exhort you to not close your Faithful are blindly led into the greatest disconnexion with religion on a great many points. hearts to his grace during those days wherein orders, and into a multitude of sins, on the occasion of elections; and what is still more to | Fathers of the Council. dance, and during which this merciful God is be deplored, is that the greater number deceive more particularly disposed to listen to your themselves on the gravity of those sins, and yourselves that the candidate you vote for is prayers, and to grant you the assistance of which | imagine that conscience has nothing to do with | duly qualified in these two respects, and offers them. In order to dispel so dangerous an illusion, We here draw your attention to the de- grave interests. claration of the Fathers of the Council, who denounce in the most energetic words, at the time of Lent especially does the Church apply outset of their decree, the greatness of those disorders and the gravity of those sins. They also deplore the blindness which has come over text of this important decree of the Fourth so many, on this subject: and they believe that is by a judicious selection of your legislators nothing is better able to open their eyes and to that you can secure the preservation and enjoyrouse them from the slumber into which they have | ment of this most precious of all liberties, and fallen, than to kindle before their eyes the light | which will give your Head Pastors the immense of the judgments of God, who will one day dispel this voluntary darkness, and re-echo to their cars the thunders of heavenly vengeance, which | emanating directly from the Holy See, and will not be less vigorous in punishing the sins from the Church of Rome, the Mother and

of elections, than other sins. We therefore invite you, Dearly Beloved Brethren, to look back upon the past, during your conscience has nothing to reproach you on | your duties as electors. We trust you will the way you have hitherto fulfilled your duties as electors. In doing so, bear in mind that not hesitate to make the reparations and sacrifices that your conscience might prescribe, in order to satisfy the justice of God.

Having thus reviewed the past, turn your eyes upon the future, to discover and select the means that will enable you to avoid the stumbling-blocks against which you have already fallen. Be not deceived, Dearly Beloved Brethren; God is not to be mocked: " Nolite errare, non irridetur Deus. Quue enim seminaverit homo, hace et metet." (Gal. VI. 7.) For what things a man shall sow, those also shall he reap. In order then to bring forth fruits of salvation, those resolutions to fulfil as Christians should, your duties as electors, must this tenth day of March, 1871. be taken in the sincerity of your souls, with the firm determination of carrying them into effect when the time shall have arrived.

The second part of the decree is an exhortation to Pastors, requiring them to rise up strongly against the disorders attendant on elections, and at the same time to enlighten the faithful intrusted to them upon this order of duties. You will no doubt observe how strongly the Fathers of the Council insist on the obligation for Pastors to oppose these disorders, and to teach the Faithful the duties which the law of God imposes upon them, as electors. It seems to us that We hear St. Paul inculcating this same truth to his disciple Timothy: "I charge thee," says St. Paul, before God and Jesus Christ, who shall judge 'the living and the dead, by his coming, and "his kingdom: preach the word, be instant in season, out of season, reprove, entreat, re-"buke with all patience and doctrine. For "there shall be a time when they will not hear 'sound doctrine; but according to their own ' desires they will heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and will turn away indeed their hearing from the truth, and will "be turned to fables." (2 Tim. iv. 1-4). Would one not say, Beloved Brethren, on seeing what generally takes place at elections, that those are precisely the times alluded to by St. Paul, when men seem to be possessed of folly and have become unable to hear the truth. You must, therefore, not be surprised to see your chief Pastors recall to your minds the judgments of God, repeat to you the voice of his threats, and redouble their exhortations to the Priests having charge of your souls, engaging them to be unceasing in rebuking you, and instructing you on this matter with all patience and charity; and to not let themselves be disheartened by the resistance and the contradictions they so often encounter. For the false doctors of whom the Apostle speaks, and who have but words of flattery upon their lips so as better to deceive, are not wanting either during those election times, as you well know.

You will, therefore, be on your guard against these false doctors, and you will easily recognize them by their opposition to the teachings of your Bishops. What then must you think of those who have told you, and who even now sometimes repeat, that Priests have nothing to do with elections, and should not speak of elections from the pulpit, when you hear the Fathers of ing. a Council approved of by our Holy Father the Pope, prescribing the contrary as so binding a duty for them? You will then listen with great attention to the teachings of the Church capacity of electors.

terests, according to the spirit of the Church, to the Holy Father was adopted.

as well as to protect and to promote your tem This is plainly expressed in their decree by the

You should therefore prudently ascertain sufficient security for the protection of those 14th inst., an imposing demonstration, in me-

We must no doubt return thanks to God for the full and entire liberty which, in principle, the Constitution of our country grants to Catholic worship, to be ruled and governed in conformity with the rules of the Church. It advantage of governing the Church of Canada Bishop of Montreal, and Mgr. Pinsonneault. according to the prescriptions and directions Mistress of all other Churches.

We carnestly hope, Dearly Beloved Brethren, you will understand these instructions of the this holy time of Lent, and to see whether | Fathers of the Fourth Council of Quebec on punctually follow them, and banish from your elections those disorders which grieve all honest under the direction of the Rev. M. Barbarin this examination of your conscience will one men, and which cannot fail to bring down the day be revised at the tribunal of the Sovereign wrath of God upon our beloved country. Re-Judge, who will make us render an account member the Holy Ghost says: "Justice exeven for one idle word. In consequence, do alteth a nation; but sin maketh nations miserable."--(Prov. xiv. 34.)

> It is then quite evident, that it is only by closely following the rulers of justice, in your elections, that you will succeed in choosing men according to the heart of God, men who for us in this issue to give a report of the imwill be a source of blessings for the prosperity and happiness for our country by their wise legislation and by the prudence and equity of their government.

This, Our Pastoral Letter, is to be read in all the Churches and Chapels of this Diocese, on the first Sunday after its reception.

Given at Three Rivers, under Our Hand and Seil, and countersigned by our Secretary,

† L. F., Bishop of Three Rivers. By Command,

Ag. Legris, Secretary.

DEMONSTRATION IN BEHALF OF THE Sovereign Pontiff. - On the evening of Wednesday, the 15th instant, a meeting of the citizens of the parish of Notre Dame de Montreal was held in the Hall of the Cabinet de Lecture. His Lordship Mgr. Bourget, Bishop of Montreal, Mgr. Pinsonneault Bishop of Birtha, the Very Reverend M. Bayle, Superior of the Seminary of St. Sulpice of Montreal, accompanied by a large body of his clergy, and of other priests, were present together with a large number of our leading citizens—amongst whom we may be permitted to mention M. Cherrier, who delivered a very powerful address in the course of the evening.

The proceedings were opened by an address from the Bishop of Montreal who from a sick bed had come to bear his powerful testimony to the outrage inflicted upon the entire Catholic world, by the sacrilegious invasion and occupation of the States of the Church by the Piedmontese, and to arouse the sympathies of his flock in behalf of the Holy Father so wrongfully entreated.

M. Cherrier then addressed the meeting, comparing the present movement in the Catholic world to that caused by the burning eloquence of Peter the Hermit and of St. Bernard, which aroused all Europe. He disclaimed however, all appeals to force, except moral force.

Mgr. de Birtha spoke next, and forcibly pointed out the dangers to their own Crowns. and to Society which the Sovereigns of Europe were inviting by their tolerance of the wrong inflicted upon Pius IX. the representative of the oldest and most legitimate Sovereignty in

The Very Reverend M. Bayle Superior of the Seminary then rose, and in his well known felicitous style congratulated the parishioners upon having come in such numbers to protest against the violation in the person of the Sovereign Pontiff of all the principles of justice, and of liberty. The Rev. M. Rousselot spoke next; and, the Petition to Our Most Gracious Queen of which we gave the text in our last, was then presented for signature. The greatest enthusiasm prevailed throughout the meet-

In all parts of the country meetings to protest against the Piodmontese raid upon the States of the Church, and the outrage upon the Sovereign Pontiff are being held. A most imposing assemblage of the citizens of St. Hyayourselves of the obligations and duties which | cinthe under the Presidency of His Lordship. upon our duties, and to direct us in their ac- enjoins on Pastors the obligation of instructing the law of God'impose upon you in your Mgr. Larocque, Bishop of the Diocess, was held at which appropriate addresses were delivered Finally, Dearly Beloved Brethren, the men by the Rev. MM. Ouellet and Papineau. Reyou send to represent you in the legislature are solutions in accordance with these addresses were carried by acclamation, and an Address

At St. Cesaire there has been a demonstration of a similar nature; and from one end of Canada to the other, the indignant voice of the Catholic population, will soon make itself

GRAND CELEBRATION AT NOTRE DAME. On the evening of Tuesday of last week, the mory of the French Zouaves fallen gloriously on the field of battle, was held in the Church of Notre Dame of this City. The interior of the Church was magnificently and suitably deco. rated for the solemn occasion, and around the columns were scrolls inscribed with appropriate texts from Scripture.

An immense concourse of the Catholic population testified to the interest which the event excited. There were present Mgr. Bourget, Bishop of Birtha. The Pontifical Zouaves in uniform under the command of their brave and respected leader, M. Taillefer, occupied seats in the central alley, and the rest of the large building was densely thronged.

An eloquent, and impressive address was delivered by M. L'Abbe Collin, on whose gifts as an orator of the highest rank it would be superfluous for us to dwell. The Orchestra performed with great beauty the music of the Dies Ire, by Mozart, and the De Profundis, which created a deep impression upon the congregation.

Consecration of His Grace the Arch-BISHOP OF QUEBEC .- Because of being obliged to go to press early in the week, it is impossible posing proceedings of Sunday last in the Cathedral of the Metropolis. We do but re-echo the voice of the Catholies of the Province in imploring for the newly consecrated Prelate, a long, happy, and glorious reign.

We are happy to learn that the enterprising Bishop of St. Hyacinthe has acquired a splendid site for his contemplated ecclesiastical establishments.

It is with extreme regret that we have to record another severe blow to the domestic happiness of our distinguished statesman the Hon. M. Chauveau, who has to deplore the untimely death of his eldest daughter Madlle. Flore Chauveau after a short but severe illness. This sad event occurred on Monday the 13th inst. at Quebec.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY IN MONTREAL.

A gloomy sky overhead, at intervals discharging itself in heavy showers, streets dirty underfoot, had no influence upon the hearts of our irrepressible Irish citizens: who early on Friday morning, with banners flying, music playing, and all " Wearing the Green," turned out to celebrate the Day so dear to every Irish heart. There may have been as fine displays, but none finer than that which we have just witnessed, and of which we sit down to write a short description. Whether we take into account the numbers, and splendid appearance of the men who walked in the Procession, or the taste with which it was arranged, we must admit that never has Montreal witnessed a grander National Celebration than that which passed through her streets on Friday last.

From an early liour the different Societies began to take their respective places in front of the St. Patrick's Hall, from whence in order they proceeded along Craig, Bleury, and Lagauchetiere streets to the St. Patrick's Church. First marched the Band and pupils of the Christian Brothers Schools, then came the Sarsfield Lacrosse Club, its members neatly decked out in white jackets and wearing the shamrock. In order followed the St. Patrick's Society, Tanneries, together with Father Salmon's congregation; the St. Patrick's Benevolent Society, Tanneries; the St. Bridget's Temperance Society and congregation; the St. Anne's congregation; the Irish Young Men's Catholic Society; the Young Shamrock Lacrosse, and the Shamrock Lacrosse Clubs; the Irish Catholic and the Irish Benevolent Societies; the St. Patrick's Temperance Society; and last of all the St. Patrick's Society in the rear of which marched B. Devlin, Esq., the President, attended on his right by His Honor Mayor Coursol and on his left by our City representative, M. P. Ryan, Esq., M.P. All the Societies were accompanied by their several Bands of music, and were distinguished by their respective beautiful banners.

In this order the Procession proceeded to Church, where High Mass was duly celebrated by Mgr. Pinsonneault, Bishop of Birtha, who was accompanied by their Lordships the Bishops of St. Hyacinthe, Hamilton, and of London. The music of the service was Haydn's First Mass, which was well rendered by an effective Choir. The Preacher of the Day-the Reverend Father Hogan, of St. Anne's Church -delivered the Sermon, who, taking his text from the 44th Psalm, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd verses,