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A happy thought of Kearney's—a "day" for Dad—sept 4, 8

WEEK-END NOTES.

(I. C. MORRIS.)

THE ROYAL COMMISSION.

Speaking of the Royal Commission which is being appointed to investigate our public affairs, it may be worth while to remark in the beginning, that some people hold the opinion that any discussion at present is illegal, as the case is what is legally termed *sub-judice*. But this idea is entirely erroneous, because so far there is not any charge; hence there is no case, hence there is no contempt. At the present moment the public are mostly in the dark as to why Sir Richard Squires stepped down from his high position. Notwithstanding the rumours that have been rife, and all the insinuations which have been made, there is nothing definite known as to what really occurred, and the ex-Premier has shown commendable firmness in keeping his own counsel so far. The public generally, have been so long accustomed to hearing charges made against governments and political parties, that they have ceased to mind them; hence they pass as sort of current gossip. The average person is aware that most of the hard things that politicians say against themselves are "but" carry over to someone else, and they are not heard. But the present case is a very different one from what has hitherto occurred because in the past, when a political party disagreed, or a leader was defeated, it was of course the work of his opponents; but in this case there is the anomaly of a leader being deposed by his own colleagues, by his own Executive. Therefore it cannot be said that the retirement of the ex-Premier has been caused by his political enemies, nor by those who in any way opposed him. His own friends have either suggested, or requested, or demanded, his retirement, with the result that he has stepped down from his high office. Such a step was one of the unexpected things amongst the many that may have been anticipated. That there might have been a possibility of another election, or sundry changes, seemed probable, but that the leader of the government should be defeated by his own side, was not dreamed of. Sir Richard Squires had a good support in the election; and men of all sides of politics sympathize with him in the strenuous time which he had during his term of office, owing to the results of the war. The Premiership of Newfoundland after the war, was no flowery bed, and the ex-Premier had a difficult time; and friends and foes sympathized with him for that reason. With four years more of power Sir Richard had a chance to do something, and to put the country in a better position than she has been in since the war. It was indeed the chance of a lifetime, because there was the likelihood of improved conditions, and by bettering things by the end of the term. What then has caused the change, and why has Sir Richard Squires retired? These are the questions that will be answered by the work of the Commission; therefore it is vain to surmise, or to suppose, what really has happened. But coming to the Commission itself, we think that it ought to mean much to Newfoundland, and should result in establishing her government upon a better basis than seems to have been recognized of late. In one of his addresses at the House, Sir Michael Cashin regretted that three local men could not be found to form a Commission. But Sir Michael could not have meant that. Very evidently what he really meant was, that the three gentlemen who had been appointed, refused to it. The gentleman who has been appointed by the Imperial Government to act as Chairman of the Commission, will come to the office entirely independent, and will be untrammelled by any local or partisan leanings; and will thus be in a position to exercise discretion in the performance of his duties; so that whoever the personnel of the entire Commission may be, there is the gratification that the presiding member is one who is above all party prejudices, and who cannot be influenced one way or the other. This should strengthen the position of the Commission in the public thought, and should impart confidence to the people, that the enquiry will be worth while. Considering all that has been mentioned, it is due to those interested that the enquiry proceed, and they be given a chance to justify their actions. There is sometimes a possibility of enquires developing partisan feeling, and thus falling in the accomplishment of their purpose; but with a chairman who stands in the position of the gentlemen appointed, there is room to hope that fair play will be meted out; and that our public affairs will be established upon a more honorable basis than they appear to have been in the past.

Decree for Annulment of Unconsummated Marriages.

Procedure and Methods of Preparing Cases in Which Dispensations are Sought Devised in Detail by Roman Curia.

(By Mgr. Enrico Pucci, Rome Correspondent, N.C.W.C. News Service).

Rome, Aug. 2.—One of the most important recent legislative acts of the Roman Curia is the establishment of the new procedure to be followed in the granting of dispensations of matrimony "ratum non consummatum."

As is well known, cases of this kind—aside from the so-called Pauline privilege which applies only in the case of non-Catholics—are the only ones in which the Church has the faculty of annulling a true, real and valid marriage. All the other causes of annulment of marriage do not concern the dissolution of a real marriage, but only the proof that in certain attempted marriages there was a defect existing from the beginning which rendered them null; hence they consist in the juridical

recognition and proclamation of such pre-existing nullity.

In the case of a marriage "ratum non consummatum," however, there is a true and real dispensation from the matrimonial bond contracted through a valid marriage, a dispensation which can be granted by the Apostolic See when that marriage, although valid in itself, has not been integrated by the consummation.

Regulating Procedure.

The Holy See has now felt the need of regulating the procedure for these dispensations because this procedure has been developed in the past more according to practice than according to fixed and set rules. The necessity for these rules was very great, inasmuch as the procedure for such dispensations was developed so far as all the preliminary stages are concerned, in the various dioceses in which the petitioning parties lived and these diocesan investigations were not always carried on in a sufficiently exact juridical manner. It has often been necessary to have recourse to supplementary inquiries which rendered the judgments uncertain and the proceedings very long. In view of all these reasons the Sacred Congregation of the Sacraments has established a new method



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of procedure, and has made it law by a decree in which are explained the reasons which have made such action advisable and the Catholic belief concerning the nature and consequences of the dispensation of matrimony "ratum non consummatum."—Catholic Register.

AFTERNOON TEAS AT THE BLUE PUTTEE.—Beginning Monday afternoon teas will be served to large or small parties. Tea, Chocolate or Coffee with those delicious sandwiches and dainty home-made cakes for which the Blue Puttee is famous. For large parties, we should have advance notice by telephone to insure prompt service. Phone 1016.—sept 7, 11

Sept. 8th Father's Day at Kearney's. Got Dad a new tie. sept 4, 8

"A Very Nice Man."

Noted Fugitive Engaged—Beckett's Shy Fiancee.

Joe Beckett, the boxer, has become engaged to Miss Ruth Ford, the prettiest daughter of the proprietor of the Marine Hotel, Worthing, Sussex. Joe has given her a diamond cluster engagement ring.

"They are doing their best to keep it quiet," Miss Ford, sister of Joe Beckett's fiancée, told a pressman last week. "They are very fond of each other, and I think it a most suitable match. Ruth is fair-haired and extremely pretty. Mr. Beckett is a very nice man."

Speaking to a newspaper representative, Miss Ford said she personally had made no announcement of her engagement. "You see I'm shy," she

laughingly remarked. Beckett is still at Worthing, was busy training when the engagement took place. Miss Ford confessed that she had received congratulatory messages.

The Marine Hotel is a large building facing the sea and pier.

Kearney wants to see Father's Day an institution. Help him do so on Saturday. sept 4, 8

ADDITION PASSENGERS.—The following additional passengers sailed to-day by S.S. Manx for Liverpool and Montreal—Mrs. Munn, Miss M. Munn, R. Munn, H. G. Butler and 2 children. Also, Roser, E. Hiscock, F. W. Munn, R. J. Bradshaw, Miss M. Wood, A. Hayward, Walter and 20 second class.

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