as "rank tyranny" to the Catholics and there is little doubt that every honest man in Canada thinks exactly the same. The leader of the government of Canada has ordered that that "rank tyranny" be removed and that Catholic schools be restored to the minority in Manitoba; Mr, Laurier, the leader of the liberal party, has said that, if the schools of Manitoba were Protestant schools, he would denounce them as an outrage on the consciences of the minority; Mr. Martin, the author of the law, says they are "a rank tyranny" on Catholics, in that they are taxed for schools where the Protestant religion is inculcated. Here, then, we have the leader of the government, the leader of the opposition and the author of the Manitoba school law, all declaring that a wrong has been done the Catholic minority. Besides this we have a judgment of the Imperial Privy Council, the Court of last appeal, saying that the Catholic minority have been deprived of rights and privileges refreshments in the sacristy, which were which they had enjoyed for twenty Years. Do His Grace of Rupert's Land and Dr. King realize the position? The Catholic minority, whose interests they dishonestly and immorally sacrificed in 1890, are about to triumph and that in spite of those who so ruthlessly and despitefully abandoned them, while the men who were chiefly responsible for the baneful law are continually fearful that the mess of potage, for which they sold their brethren, will be taken from themor deprived of its chief flavoring. We do not say this through any feeling of revenge, Far from it. We would indeed regret to see religion in the schools of Protestants lessened. We would like to see it increased to suit the wishes of all good Protestants, and, as a proof of our good will we would say to these gentlemen that it is not yet too late for them to continue in the fruition of what they have and to have it materially increastreal. The Rev. Father Guillet, O. M. I. ed; but the only way that can be done is the Paster of St. Mary's, Winnipeg, was have and to have it materially increasby their insisting that the Manitoba in the train to receive the Archbishop, government restore to the Catholtc minority what they were unjustly deprived of. If they can succeed in this, they can easily succeed in securing all the religion they want in their own achools; but not otherwise.

RAT PORTAGE.

Last week was a truly memorable one in the Catholic history of this rising town. On Sunday morning, July 7th, in addition to the Rev. Fathers Baudin and Fox, O.M.I., who reside in the Presbytery, Fr. Blais, O.M.I., being at Keewatin, the Sanctuary was occupied by the Rev. Messrs. Cherrier and Bourdeau, the Very Rev. Canon Cousineau, D.D., of eal who preached, and his brother the Rev. Dr. Cousineau, superior of the St. Therese College, who sang the High Mass. The choir sang the Mass of St.

Czcilia most devotionally.

On Tuesday evening His Grace the Archbishop of St. Boniface, accompanied by the Rev. Fr. Leduc, O.M.I. and Vicar-General to Monsig. Grandin, O.M.I., ar-rived by the train from Winnipeg. They were met at the station by great numbers of the Catholics of Rat Portage who were overjoyed to welcome their beloved Archbishop on this his first visit to his Spiritual children in this fovoured locality. The road to the Presbytery, and the environs of the Church, the Priest's House and the Convent were profusely and tastefully decorated with trees and banners, and the tower of the Church disployed a large fiag. On Wednesday morning, His Grace sang the High Mass, assisted by the Rev. Fathers Baudin and Cahill, and preached both in English and in French to a crowded congregation. At 12 o'clock, a magnificent banquet was given to His Grace by the Ladies of the Congregation, assisted by the Mothers and Sisters of the Faithful Companions of Jesus. In addition to nearly all the Clergyman above mentioned, there were present as invited guests besides the leading gentlemen of the Congregation, the Mayor, George Barnes, Esq., Judge Robinson, E. A. Chapman, Esq., of the News, and other Protestant friends. After the Represent speeches were ter the Banquet, eloquent speeches were made by the Archbishop, the Mayor, the Judge, and the Rev. Fathers Leduc, Baudin and Fox. The Banquet was presided over by Mr. Bice, the respected President of the C. M. B. A., which Society and the management of this ty nudertook the management of this ty undertook the management of this most successful entertainment. After all was over, the copious relics of the feast were distributed by the Rey Fr. Cahill, the indefatigable Missionary, to a large number of his beloved Indians, who were casted on the ground outside who were seated on the ground outside the Convent. The Archbishop took the liveliest interest in seeing them all so

happy and so grateful.

At 2 o'clock the Church was again crowded from the Altar rails to the Porch by those children and others who were to be confirmed, and their friends, together with many interested spectators, both Catholic and Protestant. There were 95 candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation, including 17 who received that Sacrament in the evening at that Sacrament in the evening at Keewatin, which belongs to the Parish of Rat Portage. They had all

been well instructed by the Rev. Fathers Baudin aud Blais, and had joined in a three days Retreat which had been conducted by the Rev. Father Fox. Many of the Indians were to have been also confirmed, but the Rev. Father Cabill did not think them to be sufficiently prepared on account of the difficulty in gathering them together. His Grace again preached both in French and in English. At 6.30 in the evening, two carriages, containing the Archbishop, several of the Fathers above named, and some gentlemen of the Keewatin flock, drove to Keewatin, where the Sacrament of Confirmation was again administered, and two more eloquent and effective sermons preached by His Grace. The approach to the beautiful little church at Keewatin was adorned not only by rows of trees but by a magnificent triumphal arch, and suitable banners with inscriptions. The interior of the sacred edifice was most tastefully decorated with garlands and banners and the Altar, especially during the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, was gorgeous with candles and flowers. The choir, consisting of some of the Sisters from Rat Portage, and ladies and gentlemen of Keewatin and Norman, chanted some exquisite music. The numerous altar boys attracted general admiration by their devotional behaviour, and faithful observance of the ceremonies. After partaking of some generously provided and distributed by the ladies of Keewatin, the Archbishop and his party returned to Rat Portage. The fatigue which was undergone by His Grace during this memorable day was almost superhuman, but as the weather from first to last had been superb, and not a single hitch had taken place, he expressed himself as being greatly pleased with his reception both at Rat Portage, and at Keewatin. The drive homeward was enlightened by myriads of twinkling fire-flies, who seemed as if they were uniting in the universal joy which filled the hearts of the zealous Catholics of the parish. The faithful departed had not been forgotten in this archiepiscopal visitation, for in the afternoon, the Archbishop accom-panied by Father Baudin and others, drove to the romantically situated Cemetery, and expressed himself as being thoroughly pleased with this well-kept and devotional God's Acre.

His Grace's labours were not yet over, for on Thursday morning, he said Mass in the Convent, and received the perpetual vows of one of the Sisters. who was clothed in the black yeil, and became Mother Alphonsine. During the day, he had business to transact with the School Trustees, and others, and at 5.30 he went to the station, and took the train to Monand to accompany him to Montreal for the Golden Jubilee of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary at Hochelaga.

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