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RIGHT REV. F. P. McEVAY

CONSECRATED BISHOP OF LONDON ON SUNDAY, 6th INST.

Right Rev. Mgr. McEvay arrived in London on Friday evening, August 4, by the 5:10 G. T. R. train, from Guelph, where he had been in retreat preparatory to his consecration as Bishop of London. He was met and warmly greeted by the Administrator of the diocese, Very Rev. Joseph Bayard, Dr. Kilroy, of Stratford, and the city clergy, as well as a deputation of laymen.

Sunday, the 6th inst., the feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ will be a memorable day in the ecclesiastical history of this city and diocese of London. It was the day on which the diocese of London received its new chief pastor, by the consecration of the Right Rev. Fergus Patrick McEvay, in St. Peter's cathedral, to be Bishop of the diocese.

The Church was beautifully decorated with old gold, red, green and white bunting, the colors blending together most harmoniously and producing a very pleasing effect. The high altar of marble, on which were placed flowers rich and fragrant, had a grand and pleasing effect, and the entire sanctuary, ornamented with flowers and hangings artistically arranged, manifested the good taste of the Sisters of St. Joseph, who had charge of the decorations.

The consecrator and celebrant of the Pontifical High Mass was the Most Rev. Denis O'Connor, Archbishop of Toronto, formerly Bishop of London.

His Grace was assisted by the Very Rev. Father Marillon, Provincial of the Basilian Order in Canada; and the Rev. Fathers P. Brennan, P. P., St. Mary's; J. Gnam, P. P., Heeson; J. Baudoine, P. P., Walkerville.

Mgr. McEvay was assisted by the Very Rev. D. Cushing, O. S. B., President of Assumption College, Sandwich, and Very Rev. Francis Solanus, O. S. F., P. P. and Superior of the Francis can Order in Chatham.

The assisting Bishops were the Right Rev. T. J. Dowling, Bishop of Hamilton, and Right Rev. Richard O'Connor, Bishop of Peterborough. Bishop Dowling was assisted by Rev. Fathers Mahoney and B. O'Connell; and Bishop R. O'Connor by Archdeacon Casey, Rector of Peterborough

Cathedral, and Rev. F. Ryan, Rector of St. Michael's Cathedral, Toronto. The Cross bearers were Rev. Fathers Whalen, of Caledon, and P. Lavigne, of Tilbury.

Chanters: Revs. J. T. Aylward, P. P., of Port Lambton, Chas. McGee, P. P., Maldstone, D. J. Downey, P. P., Mitchell.

The Holy Father's Bull appointing the Right Rev. Mgr. McEvay Bishop of London, and authorizing his consecration, was read by the Very Rev. Joseph Bayard, Administrator of the Diocese during the vacancy.

The ceremonies were directed by Very Rev. Wm. Klopfer, of St. Jerome's College, Berlin, first master of ceremonies, assisted by Revs. J. Schweltzer and Ladouceur, assistant masters of ceremonies.

The clergy present from various dioceses were the following:

Most Rev. Denis O'Connor, D.

P. P., St. Patrick's, Ottawa; Rev. Archdeacon Casey, Peterborough; Rev. D. O'Connell, Mount Forest; Rev. T. J. Tinnin, Pullman, Ill.; Rev. S. J. Crogan, C. S. R., Toronto; Rev. J. M. Mahony, Hamilton; Very Rev. D. Cushing, Pres. Assumption College, Sandwich; Rev. F. Solanus, O. S. F. M., Chatham; Rev. E. F. Murray, C. S. B., St. Michael's College, Toronto; Rev. M. V. Kelly, C. S. B., St. Michael's College, Toronto; Rev. Dr. Treacy, St. Michael's College, Toronto; Rev. F. R. Frachon, Toronto; Rev. E. B. Kilroy, D. D., Stratford; Rev. L. A. Campbell, Chicago; Rev. F. Solanus, C. S. B., Sandwich; Very Rev. W. Flannery, D. D., Windsor; Very Rev. F. Van Antwerp, Our Lady of Rosary, Detroit; Rev. R. E. M. Brady, Hamilton; Rev. M. J. Brady, Windsor; Rev. F. Knox New York; Rev. W. J. McCloskey, Campbellford, Ont.; Rev. J.

Rev. J. Gnam, Heeson; Rev. P. J. Gnam, Wyoming; Rev. J. J. Gohl, Formosa; Rev. J. G. Migan, Corunna; Rev. J. Noonan (Biddulph) Lucan; Rev. P. Langlois, Tilbury; Rev. D. J. Downey, Mitchel; Rev. E. C. Ladouceur, London; Rev. P. L'Heureux, St. Thomas.

The Rev. M. J. Tiernan, Rector of St. Peter's Cathedral, and Rev. Joseph Kennedy, P. P., Sarnia, superintended the ceremony as a whole, and assisted greatly in the maintenance of the good order and decorum which graced the entire ceremony.

The music rendered by the choir was specially fine and appropriate to the solemn occasion. A large number of voices participated and the great organ of the Cathedral was played by Dr. Carl Verrinder, of Detroit, the effect of the whole musical programme being exceedingly grand.

At the end of the Mass the newly consecrated prelate was conducted by the assisting Bishops through the aisles of the Cathedral, to impart his Episcopal blessing to the congregation.

Rev. Father Tinnin delivered a very impressive sermon on the Episcopal office and dignity, taking as his text:

"In the goodness and readiness of his soul he appeased God for Israel. Therefore He made to him a covenant of peace, to be the prince of the sanctuary, and of His people, that the dignity of priesthood should be to Him and to His seed forever." (Ecclesiasticus, xiv. 29, 30)

Addresses were received from the clergy and the laity.

The clergy's address was read by the Very Rev. W. Flannery, D. D., P. P., Dean of Windsor, and the laity's by Mr. James Egan.

His Lordship announced the appointment of Very Rev. Joseph Bayard, pastor of St. Thomas, to be Vicar General of the diocese of London.

In addition to those who were present at the consecration, the following clergy came in on Monday:

Rev. P. Corcoran, La Salette; Rev. J. O'Neill, Kinkora; Rev. H. G. Traher, Mount Carmel; Rev. J. J. Corcoran, Teeswater; Rev. D. A. McRae, Parkhill; Rev. J. T. Aylward, Port Lambton; Rev. D. P. McMenamin, Ridgetown; Rev. N. J. Dixon, Ashfield; Rev. P. Andrieux, Patincourt; Rev. P. McCabe, Seaforth; Rev. P. Quinlan, West Lorne; Rev. S. A. Rocheleau, Bothwell; Rev. J. Cook, Stratford; Rev. D. Forster, Simcoe; Rev. C. McGee, Maldstone; Rev. Geo. Cleary, Dundas; Rev. I. J. McKeon, St. Augustine; Rev. J. A. Kealy, Raleigh; Rev. W. Fogarty, Irishtown; Rev. T. J. Valentin, Zurich; Rev. J. Hogan, Sarnia.

Large delegations of the laity from many of the outside parishes, as St. Thomas, Stratford, Windsor, Hamilton, Chatham, etc., assisted. Many likewise availed themselves of railway excursion rates to come to the city from great distances, even so far as from Chicago, Toronto and Buffalo, to be present on the solemn occasion, and the cathedral was thronged to its utmost capacity. Amongst others we noticed: Bishop McEvay's mother and brother, his two cousins—Sister St. Dominic of St. Joseph's Community, Lindsay, and Miss Minnie Corkery, Lindsay; Bishop Dowling's sister, Mrs. Keough, of Windsor, and his two nieces, the Misses Genevieve and Maud Coleman, of Chicago; Hon. J. M. Gibson, Crown Lands Dept.; Judge Barron, Stratford; Messrs. Adam Brown, P. M., Hamilton; John Ronan, E. Furlong, I. L. D., M. J. O'Reilly, Dr. Balfe, Fred Harris, J. J. Bucke, of Hamilton; Mr. Ed.



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R. Neven, Grand Seminary, Montreal; Rev. J. Schweitzer, C. R., St. Jerome's College, Berlin; Rev. A. Lorton, Ruscom; Rev. B. Boubat, Chatham; Rev. J. Connolly, Ingersoll; Rev. F. Ryan, C. S. B., Amherstburg; Rev. P. A. Twobey, Westport; Rev. T. Davis, Perth; Rev. D. L. Buckley, Owen Sound; Rev. J. B. Collins, Assumption College, Sandwich; Rev. P. J. Brennan, St. Mary's; D. Eran, eccl., St. Mary's; Rev. F. Ryan, St. Michael's College, Toronto; Rev. M. D. Whelan, Caledon; Rev. J. P. McMannus, Port Huron, Mich.; Rev. M. J. McGuire, Wooler; Rev. J. Kennedy, Sarnia; Rev. L. A. Baudoine, Walkerville; Rev. T. West, Goderich; Rev. G. R. Northgraves, Ed. CATHOLIC RECORD, La Salette; Rev. N. D. St. Cyr, Stony Point; Rev. J. E. Meunter, Belle River; Rev. J. F. Spratt, Wolfe Island (Kingston); Rev. M. Helm, Mildmay; Rev. A. McKeon, Stratford; Rev. M. McCormack, Woodstock;