NEW BISHOP OF PETERBORO, DR. O'BRIEN, IS CONSECRATED

First Time in the History of the Catholic Church in Canada of the Elevation to the Hierarchy of One Born and Reared in His Episcopal See.

By Margaret L. Hart.

Yesterday was a memorable one for the city and diocese of Peterboro, for it witnessed, the first time in its history, and perhaps in that of the Catholic Church in Canada, the elevation to the hierarchy of one born and reared in what is now his episcopal see. Right Rev. M. J. O'Brien is a son of the people amongst whom he now exercises prelatial jurisdiction, and his priesthood, people and citizens generally are proud and elated at the knowledge that this "prophet revered in his own country," has been recognized by the head of the church and appointed chief pastor of the city and place of his birth.

The consecration of the bishop, which took place in St. Peter's Cathedral at nine o'clock, was the occasion of bringing another honor to the city, a visit from Mons. Stagni, the Pope's representative in Canada, who was consecrator at the imposing ceremonial of the elevation of Right Rev. Doctor O'Brien to episcopal rank.

From the west, from the east of Canada and from the dioceses near, came prelates and ecclesiastics to honor their confrere and to add dignity and grace to the occasion, and the people of Peterboro were one in the spontaneity and generosity with which they entered into the sentiment of the moment.

Most of the visiting clergy arrived the evening before and were the guests of the citizens, who opened their homes to them for the night.

Crowds Gathered Early.

Early Wednesday morning the crowds began to gather at the Cathedral doors, which, when opened, revealed a beautiful interior fittingly prepared for the impressive event soon to take place. The galleries were swathed and draped with billowy yellow and white, accentuated with groups of small papal flags. In the chancel the Union Jack and the Pope's ensign were intertwined. The high altar was rich with gold, lights and flowers. A small additional altar erected to the left was later used by the bishop, the main altar being reserved for the consecrating delegate.

Notice that the ceremonies were about to begin was given by the strains of Ecce Sacerdos Magnus from organ and choir, and the great concourse rose to greet the ecclesiastical procession which preceded the ceremony of consecration. They entered thru the main door and proceeded up the centre aisle to the chancel.

Headed by the tall glittering cross, on they came, rank after rank, in black cassock and white surplice. Then came the monsignori, bishops, and archbishops in biretta, and purple or crimson soutane and cope. The most important figures came last, the bishop-elect, his purple train borne by two assistants, and his crimson cappa enveloping his shoulders, while the delegate was robed in the black cassock and cloak of the Servite order, of which he is a member, only the purple of his biretta revealing his episcopal rank.

All classes and all creeds were represented in the body of the church. Sisters of the community of St. Joseph and Notre Dame filled the side galleries, the front pews accommodated the overflow of the white surpliced clergy, and the sanctuary was one great note of harmonious light and color.

A Long Ceremony.

The ceremonies lasted nearly four hours. The most impressive points were at the anointing of the head and hands of the postulant, the moment of the imposition of hands, the enthronement of the new prelate in his cathedral chair and the bestowal of the mitre, crozier and ring, the seal and insignia of his elevation to the plenitude of priestly power and of admission to place amongst the princes of the church. Assisting Mons. Stagni, the consecrator, were Archbishop Bruchesi of Montreal and Archbishop Spratt, head of the Kingston diocese.

All the way from Calgary came His Lordship Bishop McNally to preach the sermon. The right reverend speaker took for his text, "I will give you pastors according to my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and with doctrine."

The Sermon.

"Today we have witnessed the consecration ceremony by means of which a man among you is separated from men to bear the kinship of David," said Bishop McNally, in referring to the consecration of Bishop O'Brien. "This diocese," he continued, "has offered up prayers which have been answered by the Almighty God, as borne out by the appointment of a new spiritual leader. The venerable episcopates of the province presented his name and the apostolic mandate which was read this morning, confirms their choice. The church in its beautiful and impressive service of consecration prays that the newly consecrated spiritual leader may have the strength and grace to fulfil the arduous duties connected with the bishopric. A new name has been added to the apostolic succession. It is needless to speak of him whom God has given to you as spiritual leader. The consecration bears witness to his piety, and apostolic faith. I can speak of the kindness which he manifested upon his recent visit to me in that far distant land, when he kindly consented to bestow the spiritual assistance of a priest of his own diocese in order to further the cause of Christianity. Would to God that all men were guided by the same self-denying disposition, and the same generous impulses. It remains for you to lighten his ministry by loyalty, devotion and obedience."

Scholarly Address.

The address was a scholarly presentation of the necessity for the acceptance of revelation and of the claim of the church as the authoritative guardian of the doctrines of Christ, given by Him to the apostles and vested in the bishops as their lawful successors.

At the conclusion of the consecration the new bishop, in full pontificals, circled the church, giving his first episcopal blessing to those assembled. He was escorted by Rev. Dean Hand and Rev. Father Brick of Toronto. The great notes of the Te Deum meanwhile filled the cathedral.

Afterwards the priests of the Peterboro Diocese presented an address and a purse containing over a thousand dollars in gold. Everyone in turn then expressed his fealty thru the ceremony of kissing the ring.

The Bishop's Reply.

Bishop O'Brien in acknowledging these tokens of reverence and affection made a most telling reply. He knew his priests and they knew him, and there was nothing but the kindest sentiment existing between them. Knowledge of their loyalty gave him confidence and hope in his new field. He was there not as an ornament but to work for souls and to be at their service. The palace would be his home-house where all might gather and where and they would talk as one family.

Afterwards his visitors were entertained at a banquet given at St. Alphonsus Lyceum. Among the gifts to Bishop O'Brien were the episcopal ring, presented by his late parish, the crozier by the cathedral and the pectoral cross and chain by the Knights of Columbus.

It is reported that Rev. Father Fitzpatrick, the well-known scholar and pastor of Ennismore, is the one given to the diocese of Calgary by Bishop O'Brien.

His excellency, Mons Stagni, the apostolic delegate, arrived the evening previous for the purpose of officiating at the consecration of the bishop. This was the first visit of the representative if his holiness, Pope Pius X. to the city of Peterboro, and his coming was made the occasion of a picturesque and impressive civic and ecclesiastical reception. On arrival of his excellency by special C.P.R. train he was met by a large delegation of clergy, civic officials, local societies and laity generally.

Four mounted marshals and a huge Union Jack headed the procession. The city band enlivened the route. His lordship, Bishop-elect O'Brien drove with the delegates in an open carriage drawn by four magnificent light grey horses.

At the cathedral square, outlined by electric bulbs, an immense concourse had collected to witness the presentation and reception of the children of the schools, who were drawn up in a semi-circle within. The girls were in white with wreaths of flowers in their hair, and as the carriage of the guest of honor approached, the children broke into the strains of "Vivat Delegatus," all at the same time waving little flags of yellow and white, with the papal insignia engraved upon them.

The scene at the moment was striking. A colossal motto, "Welcome to the Apostolic Delegate" swung out in the air, the pealing chimes emphasizing its meaning. The great trees on Reid street formed a leafy archway, under which the carriage halted. The delegate and Bishop O'Brien sat with bared heads, and the strong face of Mons Stagni was earnest with attention as he listened to the song of welcome from the hundreds of youthful voices, while the countenance of the bishop fairly beamed with proprietorship and pride as he looked out upon the children.

Two little boys handsomely uniformed in white with yellow sashes presented the guest of honor with a bouquet of crimson and white roses. The delegate responded by rising in his carriage and bestowing his blessing upon the little ones.

In the Cathedrals.

In the cathedral addresses were read to the delegate by Bishop O'Brien for himself and the clergy and by Mr. L. M. Hayes, K.C., on the part of the laity. His lordship referred to his predecessors in the see of Peterboro, to Bishop Jamot, the pioneer prelate, to Bishop Dowling, the present venerable head of the Hamilton diocese, and to his immediate predecessor, the lamented Right Rev. R. A. O'Connor. That he might carry on the work according to their admirable example was his hope.

In replying, Mons. Stagni spoke of the magnificent spectacle, the edifying and soul-stirring example shown that evening by the men of Peterboro. He thanked the non-Catholics of the city for their sympathetic attitude during the celebration in connection with the consecration of the new bishop, and congratulated all in the name of his holiness for their co-operation. At the conclusion of the addresses benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was given by Rev. Father McColl. Three thousand five hundred men were in line.

Among the Visitors.

There were about one hundred and fifty of the visiting and local clergy. Amongst them were: His Excellency Mons. Stagni, apostolic delegate; Archbishop Bruchesi, Montreal; Archbishop McNeil, Toronto; Archbishop Spratt, Kingston; Bishop Budka, Winnipeg, Ruthenian bishop for Canada; Bishop Beliveau, St. Boniface; Bishop McNally, Calgary; Bishop MacDonnell, Alexandria; Bishop O'Leary, Charlottetown; Bishop Ryan, Renfrew; Bishop Latulippe, Haileybury; Bishop Scollard, Sault Ste. Marie; Bishop-elect Forbes, Jolliette; Bishop-elect Brunet, Mount Laurier; Mons. Bontier, Ottawa, representing Archbishop Gauthier; Mons. Sinnott, Ottawa; Mons. Aylward, London, representing Bishop Fallon; Mons. Mahoney, Hamilton, representing Bishop Dowling; Chancellor L. O. Roberge, St. Hyacinthe, representing Bishop Bernard; Rev. H. E. Le Tang, Pembroke, representing Bishop Lorraine; Very Rev. George Corbett, Cornwall; Very Rev. D. J. Casey, Lindsay; Very Rev. N. Roche, C.S.B., Toronto; Rev. Dr. Kidd, Toronto; Very Rev. Dr. Zinger, C.R., Berlin; Dean Coty, Hamilton; Dean Hand, Toronto; Dean Moyna, Barrie; Dean Murray, Brockville; Rev. G. McShane, Montreal; Rev. Dr. Burke, Toronto; Rev. Provincial Brick, C.S.S.R., Toronto; Rev. M. Cline, Oshawa; Rev. W. Collins, Ottawa; Rev. E. J. Devine, S.J., Montreal; Rev. P. J. Flannagan, Barrie; Rev. M. J. Maloney, C.S.S.R., Toronto; Rev. Dr. Treacy, Toronto; Rev. M. D. Whelan, Toronto; Rev. Father Sullivan, Thorold, and Fathers Canning, Carr, Dollard, Hurley, Toronto.

Right Rev Dr. O'Brien is thirty-eight years of age. He was born in Peterboro, where he received his early education. Later he studied at St. Michael's College, the Grand Seminary, Montreal, and the Canadian College, Rome, where he received the degree of doctor of divinity. He is an ardent temperance advocate. The largest total abstinence society of Peterboro known for its numbers and earnestness in the cause owes its initiation and its first years of success to Dr. O'Brien.

WHY USE DISINFECTANT IF WATER IS PURE?

The man with the wheelbarrow is shoveling chloride of lime on the sewage-polluted water lying stagnant in the sewage beds at Ashbridge's Bay. Commissioner Harris said yesterday that an Imhof tank will be constructed, which will do away with all odors from the sewage beds. Until this is done, the best remedy is to throw chloride of lime on the dried-out solid sewage, which has thru carlessness been allowed to get into the water and soak there, fermenting and emitting the strongest of odors.

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The dry-weaving process, by which the solid thread is directly obtained, has replaced the use of coagulating liquids, says a consular report. In spite of this, nitro-cellulose silk is disappearing from the market because it cannot enter into competition with other artificial silks obtained by a simpler process and which are cheaper and more solid.

The first of these rival productions was obtained by dissolving cellulose in cupro-ammoniacal liquor. The difficulties encountered in this operation brought about the discovery of cellite, an acetyl cellulose, soluble in acetone, which might be employed for cinematograph films, being incombustible, were it not for its too great suppleness; it can be used for coating wood and metals, for it does not crack. Another substance of the same nature is sericose, which is used for printing on calico.

The solidity of all artificial silks may be increased by treating them with formaldehyde, which operation is called "sheriosage." A new application of the viscose process has been its use in the manufacture of netting by the Compagnie Francaise des Applications de la Cellulose at Fresnoy-le-Grand, which is called undine veiling or tulle.

The report, issued by La Soie Artificielle, Givet, discloses a net profit of $201,100, against $144,500 the previous year. The capital is $289,500. It is stated that the price agreement entered into along with the Soie Artificielle d'Izieux, the French viscose artificial silk concerns, and the leading foreign producers, has proved satisfactory. The French sales bureau, the Comptoir des Textils, thru which all the French business of the various interested concerns is conducted, is working smoothly.

CONDUCTOR ARRESTED.

Frederick Walker, 3 Conway avenue, a street car conductor, was arrested last night and locked up in the Claremont street police station, on a charge of assaulting John Blake, 82 Nassau street. Blake was riding on a Queen street car and proved talkative. When he left the car Coductor Walker got off also, and, it is alleged that he beat Blake up so bardly that he had to be taken to Grace Hospital. Blake was intoxicated.

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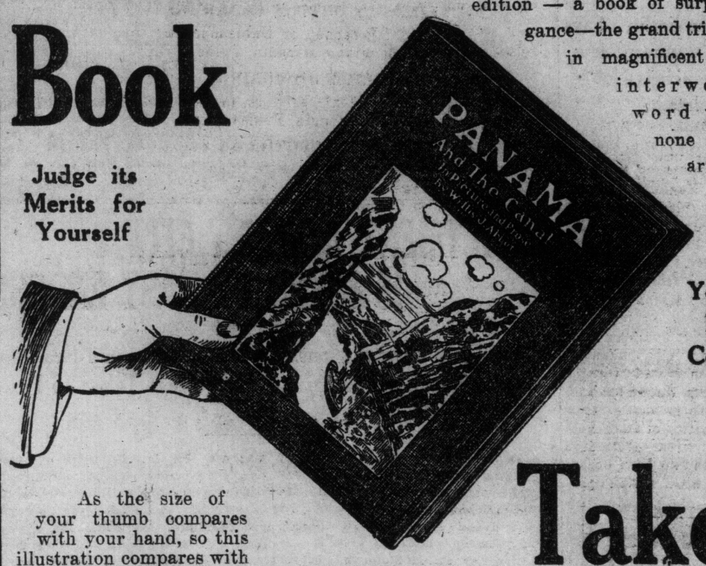

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