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CATHOLICS AND THE POLITICAL PARTIES.

We cannot think that any Catholics are to be held responsible for bringing the Catholic name into the discussion of party politics and into the contentions that are inseparable from party organizations. No one needs to be told that there is not a Catholic party in Canadian politics.

The Catholic League was not a party. It was a short-lived organization created by a demand for parliamentary representation and offices by men who believed the politicians of their day passed them over on account of sectarian prejudice.

Independent parties—temporarily independent as a rule in Canada at the present time—have the habit of losing their identity for the common good of the party, but for individual selfishness.

There is no denomination more desirous of promoting the "broad Canadian spirit" we hear so much of than English-speaking Catholics, though in whatever political company they find themselves they are never quite secure from the jealousy of other groups that do not understand them.

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either case if the candidate were to attempt the pose of a Protestant or Catholic politician we have not the least doubt that the Conservative opponent would find his chances of election very considerably improved.

South Toronto is interesting because it is a constituency in which Protestant and Catholic citizens are pretty fairly balanced. It is not a constituency that has suffered from any racial or religious misunderstanding. It is a constituency in which the people ought to be allowed to take their politics pure and undiluted.

It is not a creditable position in which to place the Capital of this great Dominion; the seat of Government; the cynosure of all eyes; the fair gem of Canada which attracts from afar. For this the citizens will be responsible—those of the citizens who failed to respond to the call made upon their civic patriotism, their enlightened conception of electoral obligations—in a word, their duty.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Russia and Japan appear to be drawing colour to their inevitable war. Mr. Balour gives an indication that Great Britain will take a hand, and the London jingo papers are of course shouting for their patron god, Japan being the home of the original jingo.

The Evening News comes out with a particularly malicious paragraph concerning the reasons alleged for the "split" in the Liberal party organization. The News is still in pursuit of Mr. T. Frank Slattery because he voted in favor of a Catholic applicant for a position on the high school staff.

Example of a Catholic Government Official

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London Water Commissionership

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The Contest for the Mayoralty

(Editorial Ottawa Free Press of Jan. 5th.)

The electors of Ottawa did an ill day's work yesterday—a day's work which it is to be feared they will, upon calm reflection, when the excitement of the conflict is over, deeply rue.

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The fight was remarkable in several respects—remarkable by reason of its being a three-cornered contest, fought with grim pertinacity, determination and obstinacy; remarkable on account of its clashing of creeds, races and politics; remarkable because of the departure from a well-understood principle that has in the past regulated the choice of candidates who have entered the field.

The Free Press is not an advocate of having the city's civic affairs made a political football, or converted into a ball which is to be kicked by each section of the community in turn; but at the same time it is not easy to interpret some phases and developments of the contest upon lines of liberal and progressive citizenship, which would be the best justification for new departures.

No doubt it may be urged on behalf of some person that as this was a political contest, they had the right to endorse whichever candidate they chose; no doubt it can be claimed that the understanding as to the turn of a particular section is of such a shadowy character that it can be disregarded; and no doubt it may be contended that in such circumstances as the case presents they were perfectly justified in allowing personal considerations to weigh with them.

There is another element that played a part in the struggle which ought not to be overlooked, and that is the importation into it of a question of old world politics which had nothing whatever to do with the matter. Mr. D'Arcy Scott, some eighteen months ago, took a leading part in the demonstration in favor of Irish Nationalism, and on that account he was made the target yesterday for a section to shoot at.

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Our Montreal Budget

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

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The following is the full report of the proceedings: Rev. Father Casey and his followers are in readiness for the opponents of their proposed new parish. Last Sunday during ten o'clock service in St. Jean Baptiste Church, Fr. Casey stated succinctly facts and figures to be used by the promoters of the new parish at the public meeting called by Archbishop Bruchesi, for the evening of January 15th, in the Olier School Hall.

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The revenue of this parish will be about \$8,000 and expenditures \$5,000. The objection that the forming of a new parish would seriously injure St. Patrick's is very shallow. Could the transferring to another parish of one or two hundred families of St. Patrick's parish seriously harm that parish which to-day is without debt, whose parishioners aggregate wealth to \$7,844,500, numbering 4,000 families and about 18,000 souls?

Instead of opposing us the people of St. Patrick's should lend an encouraging and helping hand. The Irish Catholics of this city are not united enough. They can learn an apt lesson from our French-Canadian people. Go where you will, the church, the convent and the parochial school crops up immediately as if by magic.

The churchwardens elected Mr. Timothy Gaudin to replace Mr. John Keegan. The report of Mr. Keegan was read. It showed a surplus for the year 1903 of \$1,668.65. A new churchwarden was added in the person of Mr. Thomas Flood. After the elections Rev. Father Kiernan, the pastor, dined the churchwardens and trustees at the presbytery on Monday evening.

All the Catholic schools re-opened January 7th, and for the first day after the holidays had good attendances. Nearly 7,000 people have joined "the majority" during the year 1903 from this city. The following is the correct list: January 550, February 484, March 516, April 583, May 593, June 784, July 834, August 607, September 472, October 472, November 555, December 555.

Total 6,941. The Loyola Literary Club entertained the inmates of the Little Sisters of the Poor Home last week. A musical programme, to which the Misses Brannan, Sheridan, Murphy, Shannon and Drummond contributed, greatly pleased the old ladies, of whom there were sixty, after which presents were distributed to each. The old men's hall was then visited, and tobacco and handkerchiefs, presented to the eighty inmates, who

promised to smoke the pipe of peace and good wishes for the Club. Among the visitors present were Lady Hingston, Mrs. Bacon, Mrs. Doyle, Mrs. Renaud, the Misses Gethin, Drummond, Jones, Braunen, Doyle, McGrouh, Brown, Murphy, McAdam, Sheridan and Stewart.

This event concluded the dispensing of holiday cheer by the Club, a Christmas tree having already been given to one hundred poor children in the Free Library Hall.

A rumor is in circulation that Rev. Dr. Lake Callaghan of St. Patrick's Church is to be made Archbishop of Vancouver. From information learned from those who know there is some truth in the rumor. Time will tell.

After the banquet to the suffering ones a musical entertainment was given in which Mrs. J. G. H. Bergeron, Mrs. Villeneuve and Mr. P. Survevor took part.

Speeches praising the good work of the Sisters of the Hotel Dieu and thanking the ladies who interested themselves in the supper were made by Mr. F. D. Monk, Hon. Dr. Guerin, Rev. Father Louis Lalande, S.J., Alderman Laporte and Mr. J. G. H. Bergeron.

The following were those who managed the affair and who by their presence and touching kindness relieved so much pain: Mr. and Mrs. J. G. H. Bergeron, Mr. and Mrs. S. Beaudin, Mr. and Mrs. R. Forget, Mr. and Mrs. D. Lavolette, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Bisailon, Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Monk, Mr. Justice and Mrs. Lavergne, Miss Lavergne, Hon. Dr. Guerin, Alderman H. Laporte, Mr. and Mrs. C. Grant, Miss Grant, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Villeneuve, Mrs. J. O. Villeneuve, Mr. and Mrs. Johnstone, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Lemay, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Painchaud, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Terroux, Miss Terroux, Dr. and Mrs. Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Burnside, Dr. and Mrs. Merrill, Miss N. J. O'Hara, Miss O'Hara, Miss Sexton, Miss Ste. Marie, Mrs. Wall, Miss Wall, Mr. H. E. Wall, Rev. Fathers O'Reilly, J. Chis-Denis, Mr. E. Survevor, Doctors E. J. Kennedy, Bourgeois, Vervey, Latrielle, Bedard, Hamelin and Prevost.

Before departing the visitors cordially thanked Rev. Mother Broseau, Sister Morrissey and Rev. Father O'Reilly for the entertainment. Rev. Father O'Reilly, in the name of the Sisters, thanked all for their presence and assistance.

The city and the municipalities of St. Henri, Westmount and Ste. Cene-gynde are at present in the grip of typhoid fever and la grippe. The second number of a French magazine is on the market. The work is a gift from the "dark regions," unchristian and foul in its contents, and written by some infidel or scoffer of religion. Its attacks on the Church, and her ministers are vile in the extreme, and the hand of Satan is seen in such a work. It will be short-lived, I hope, in Catholic Montreal.

"We note a country's waning by its lack of moral training. While its scoffers are disdaining the true God; What's the human new sophistic With a doctrine atheistic In the mirror of the mystic But a cloud."

The banquet given to Hon. James McShane, the Harbor Master, or as he is familiarly called, "The People's Jimmy," was a great success. It was held at St. Lawrence Hall, and was attended by over three hundred guests.

The famous Shamrock Lacrosse Team will visit Ireland and England at the close of the lacrosse season in Montreal. "The boys in green" have conquered the new world in the lacrosse field, and the old world yet remains to be conquered. They are also to play at the St. Louis Exposition. Nothing too good for the Irish when they work in unity.

The St. Gabriel's Temperance Society held its annual religious celebration on the Feast of the Epiphany, at 7.30 p.m. Rev. Father Killoran of St. Patrick's preached. Rev. Father McDonald's sermon at St. Gabriel's Church on the 1st Sunday of 1904 on "The Way to Spend the New Year Profitably" was one that brought conviction to the hearts of the large congregation present.

The death took place Thursday at the residence of his son-in-law, Thomas O'Connell, 151 Ottawa street, of some months. For over fifteen years the deceased had been in the employ of Charles Gurd & Co. The late Mr. McEntee is survived by a widow, three sons, Messrs. F.P.P., J.P. and Thomas McEntee, and two

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daughters, Mrs. Thomas O'Connell and Miss Lily McEntee. The funeral took place on Saturday morning at eight o'clock from the residence of Mr. O'Connell, to St. Ann's Church, and was largely attended. The service at the church was very impressive. Internment was at Cote des Neiges. R.I.P.

The Third Order of St. Francis in Montreal

The English section of the Third Order of St. Francis numbers at present about one hundred and ten. The number seems rather small, though it is some seven or eight years since the English Section was formed. A few reasons might be given for the smallness of the numbers. In the first place many Catholic men and women also imagine that the order imposes too many obligations. In the second place it is not very well known in the city. In the third place it receives little or no support from some of the clergy. In the fourth place, the spirit of the world to-day has entwined itself around the hearts of our young men, and they think of nothing but pleasure, theatres, etc. There is nothing so false as to believe that the Order imposes too many obligations. I suppose "a bad excuse is better than none."

Let us see if this is true. The following are some of the obligations: (1) To say 12 Our Fathers and 12 Hail Marys daily. This forms the office. (2) To go to confession and communion once a month. (3) The novices and postulants to attend their meeting on the third Sunday of each month. (4) All the members, professed and novices, to assist at the monthly meeting held in the Church on the fourth Sunday of each month. (5) They will refrain with the utmost caution from dangerous stage-plays and dances, and from all revelry.

Every good Catholic observes those things whether they are Franciscans or not, and yet those who make such objections forget about the great indulgences attached to the Order. There is no confraternity in the world that has such great indulgences as the Third Order of St. Francis. Those members who keep the rule are models in the different parishes to which they belong. And yet the Catholic young man finds no time to join such an order. A sad state of affairs. A form of indifference in matters pertaining to religion. A very dangerous snare by which hundreds of our Catholic brethren are entrapped. It is at the solemn moment—death—that gladness will be with the faithful Sons of St. Francis.

At the last monthly meeting of the Third Order of St. Francis, twenty members made their profession in the Order. At 2.30 the office was recited, which consists of the Vespers of the Most Blessed Virgin, The "Ave Maria Stella" and the "Magnificat" were sung by alternate choirs, and then Rev. Father Ambrose, O.F.M., ascended the pulpit and told the members that Rev. Father Christopher was ill with a severe cold, and could not preach the sermon. He, however, wished the Brothers a simple over, in the name of Father Christy, merry Christmas, and thanked them for the kindness during the year to the Friars at the monastery. He craved the indulgence of his listeners while he gave them some lessons to be learnt from the Infant Babe in the crib. The preacher dwelt at length on the great humility of the Son of God, and His great love for mankind. He gave a description of the work of the great St. Francis of Assisi, whose name and work were being praised not only by the good, but by the bad. He exhorted the members of the Third Order to follow carefully in the footsteps of Jesus Christ, their Divine Model, to be true children of their father, St. Francis, by observing his rule, and when death would come they would see Jesus Christ in His glory, and be happy with Him forever.

Immediately after the sermon, the candidates advanced to the altar rail, and were asked the following question: "Brothers, what do you ask?" To which the reply came: "Rev. Father, we ask to be admitted to holy profession in the Third Order of St. Francis, that we may serve God in His love." Rev. Father Ambrose reminded them once again to be faithful imitators of St. Francis, who, according to Tradition, was born like our Divine Savior in a stable. The act of profession, approved of by Popes Nicholas IV and Leo XIII., was then read, after which the priest replied: "And I, on the part of God, if thou observe these things, promise thee life everlasting. In the name of the Fa-

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