

72nd year, was one of the leading Catholics of New York City, of which he was Mayor in 1880 and 1884. He was very charitable in the use of the wealth he had earned himself, having run away from his home in Cork, Ireland, at the age of 14 and worked his way over on a sailing vessel.

Preaching at the laying of the foundation stone of a new church at Aughnacloy, Co. Tyrone, the Very Rev. Dr. McRory of Maynooth College referred to the complaint made by some people that too much money was spent on churches. He said a few generations may have overtaxed themselves, but that was a fault on the right side. The country was badly in need of churches. A hundred years ago there were practically no Catholic churches in the land. Those who complained that Irish Catholics spent too much money on churches ought to remember that a good deal of the expense would not be necessary but for confiscation.

The St. Patrick's Day celebration went off very satisfactorily. Father E. C. O'Reilly's sermon at St. Mary's was very much liked and was published in the next day's evening Free Press. The concert at the Y.M.C.A., was a real success without any untoward feature, and the audience was so large that many had to return without being able to get either a seat or standing room.

The orphans of St. Joseph's Orphanage were the first to wish His Grace a happy feast. They did it very charmingly on St. Patrick's Day just after His Grace had dined with the Fathers of St. Mary's.

The reception tendered to His Grace by St. Mary's Academy on Tuesday last was a very elaborate and dainty affair, the prominent feature of which was "The Representative Women of the Nineteen Centuries of the Christian Era," a dialogue of majestic scope written for the occasion by Sister M. Judith, and very well interpreted by the pupils.

On Wednesday evening the Sisters of the Holy Names, in their St. Boniface Convent, tendered His Grace an equally charming reception.

Clerical News.

His Grace the Archbishop of St. Boniface opened the exercises of the Cathedral Mission last Sunday by an eloquent sermon in which he exhorted the faithful to profit by this season of grace. At Vespers Rev. Father Prod'homme, O.M.I., preached the first sermon of the the Women's Mission and was greatly appreciated. The Men's Mission will begin next Sunday and last till Easter.

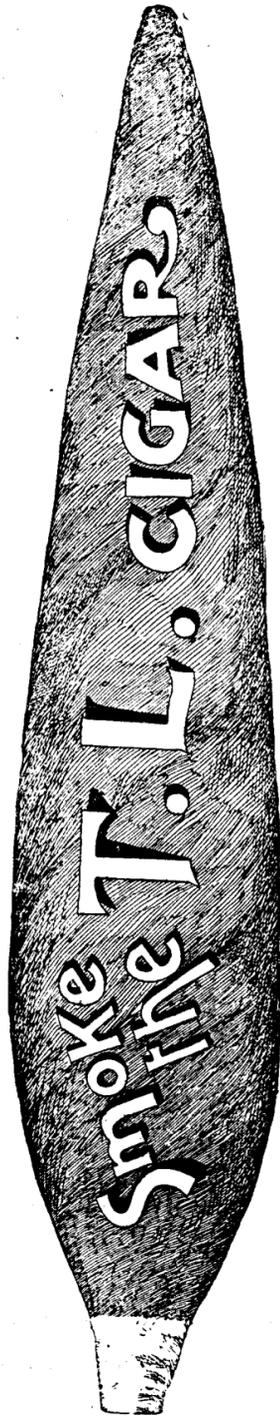
Rev. Father Blais, O.M.I., who arrived last Saturday, is a guest of the Archbishop.

On Friday evening of last week, the eve of St. Joseph's Day, the friends of Mgr. Joseph N. Ritchot foregathered at St. Norbert to wish him a happy feast. His Grace and several of the clergy from the Cathedral and College of St. Boniface and from the neighboring parishes were present. A dramatic entertainment, provided by the pupils of the Convent, was highly praised by the Archbishop. The Venerable Mgr. Ritchot was the recipient of many valuable gifts and responded feelingly to the address of welcome and gratefully to the donors.

Rev. Father Sauve returned from the east last Saturday, and has resumed his functions as assistant to Rev. Father Cherrier.

Rev. E. C. O'Reilly, who preached so impressive a sermon at St. Mary's on St. Patrick's Day, returned on March 18 to his home at the Sacred Heart Church, Superior, Wis.

Rev. Father de Corby, O.M.I., the veteran missionary, came in from Fort Pelly at the beginning of the week.



Very Rev. Fr. Lemieux, Provincial of the Redemptorists in Canada, has appointed Rev. Father Girard, C.S.S.R., successor to the late Rev. Father Godts. Father Girard has already resided in Brandon.

Archbishop Colgan completed the sixtieth year of his association with the Catholic Church in Madras on the 4th ult., and was the recipient of many proofs of esteem. Lord Curzon telegraphed offering congratulations upon his "long and admirable devotion to the interests of the public." Dr. Colgan received the congratulations of the Bishops, priests, and laity representing the Catholic communion in all parts of Southern India. A citizen's meeting was held under the presidency of Sir George Arbuthnot and the Rev. Dr. Miller, principal of the Madras Christian College (a Presbyterian institution), was deputed to present a congratulatory address on behalf of "the citizens of Madras, belonging to various sections of the community."

The Holy Father has ratified the decision of the Propaganda in favor of the appointment of Father Amigo to the Bishopric of Southwark.

Obituary

REV. BROTHER BOISRAMÉ, O.M.I.

About three o'clock last Wednesday morning Rev. Brother Boisramé, O.M.I., peacefully breathed his last in the Archbishop's house. Louis Boisramé, a cousin of the celebrated Father Boisramé, O.M.I., who died a few years ago, was born in September 1831 in the diocese of Laval, France. Entering the Congregation of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate as a laybrother in 1856, he made his perpetual oblation in 1862. He came to St. Boniface in 1860, and

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being a carpenter by trade, he worked for some time at the reconstruction of the then recently burned cathedral. Towards the end of that year he was sent to L'île a la Crose, nine hundred miles northwest of here, whence he returned to St. Boniface in 1863, where he did yeoman's service as baker, baking as much as 600 sacks of flour in six months. In 1864 he was sent to Providence Mission at the northwestern extremity of Great Slave Lake, remaining there about 26 years. In 1889 he came to St. Boniface to take care of His Lordship Bishop Faraud, O.M.I., who had retired from active service on account of failing health. After the death of Bishop Faraud in 1890 Brother Boisramé took up his residence at the Archbishop's house, directing the labors of the men employed on the grounds of the farm. Two years ago he began to suffer greatly from pains in the back and legs, and the last seven months were spent in his room amid continued sufferings borne with exemplary patience and even cheerfulness. For the good Brother had a fund of mother-wit that added a charm to his solid piety. He realized to the full his intimate association with the apostolic labors of his priestly brethren and set great store by his holy calling. A life such as his offers a noble example of the dignity of labor when sanctified by the highest motives. His last days were spent amid the

consoling ministrations and visits of the most distinguished clergymen who deemed it a privilege to ease the dying hours of their respected and beloved brother.

Last Sunday His Grace Mgr. Langevin administered Extreme Unction. The good Brother had already received the Holy Viaticum several times. On Tuesday, when venerable Father Dandurand, O.M.I., imparted to him the plenary indulgence at the article of death, Brother Boisramé exclaimed "How happy I am! I am ready. Whether I die immediately or in ten years, it is all the same." He begged pardon for his faults, renewed his vows, and asked to be buried at St. Boniface, near the excellent Brother Jean Gléna, O.M.I. The infirmarian who attended Brother Boisramé in his last illness during six months deserves especial praise for his devoted care rising as he did, several times every night to care for his patient. Brother Boisramé had been 48 years a religious, 42 years a perpetual Oblate, and 44 years in mission work. Besides the many trades he could handle on an emergency, he was, while in the far north, a famous fisherman, where fish is the staple diet. He occasionally hauled in with his nets as much as 1800 pounds of fish at a time.

On Thursday morning His Grace the Archbishop of St. Boniface sang the Requiem Mass at 8.30 in

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the cathedral for his departed brother. The funeral was hastened so that the many Oblate Fathers who had come in for the Archbishop's feast might be present. There were also present many of the local clergy, including one of the Jesuit Fathers and two of the Jesuit lay brothers.

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