

BAD BOOKS AND INDECENT PRINTS.

When reading, in the new Code of Catholic Canon Law, the chapter about the prohibition of certain books and prints, one is struck by the concise and perfect nature of the exposition. We are told there who has the authority and cause to prohibit certain books or prints for just reasons; how and where the prohibition is holding; how and by whom bad books are to be found out and denounced; what is the consequence of the prohibition; what sort of books or prints are prohibited; who are or may be authorized to read such books and under what conditions, and all that, in a matter of two, three pages. It is a marvel of concision and clarity. Will the average layman say he is not sufficiently warned against the poisonous dangers of immoral and immoral literature, or that he is excused from reading by the Law. Of course the Law is made for Catholics only, but would to God that non-Catholics of all descriptions be guided by it too; what an amount of evil would be spared to the world! It is like this: bad books, immoral literature, theatre pictures and the rest are for all men, like knives and forks and poisonous things are for children—highly dangerous. When a mother sees any of them in the hands of her child or near it, how anxiously she snatches them away, no matter how much the child may cry. Will anyone say the mother is wrong in interfering thus with the liberty of her child? Who would be such a fool? Well, the Catholic Church is acting towards her children like a true mother, and, while some may call or fancy interference on her part with liberty of mind, is teaching also but her sacred duty as a good spiritual mother, to prevent all those committed to her care from harming or injuring themselves spiritually and morally by the use of such poisonous stuff. No one in his senses will deny that. Only those who are wicked or evilly inclined will object for various reasons, not very clear or allowable. All others will say: that is right and just as it should be. I knew a priest, a Catholic priest, who went to the bad and turned an apostate through the reading of forbidden books. He became a Protestant minister to get a living, took a wife to satisfy his passions; lived in that state a certain number of years most miserably and disappointed at heart, as he would write to one of his old confreres, and died apparently unrepentant; he had lost his Faith and his soul. I know some will cry out: "There you are. If Catholics were not kept thus by the apron strings of their so-called Roman Mother, they would get more and better enlightened, and many more, if not all, would come round." To that I say: "I prefer what the great Pusey, I think it was, said one day when he was told some Catholic priests had come round: "The Pope has been weeding his garden and throwing the bad stuff over the wall into our plot." No, my dear friend, no Catholic, whether priest or layman, has ever been known, be sure of that, to have forsaken the Religion of his Baptism for a pure motive. Protestants and others, as a rule, and if they be at all sincere, become Catholics from conviction and for disinterested motives, whereas Catholics turn Protestants or anything you like for the sake of gain or out of passion; they may truly be called perverts and not converts. That proves the wisdom the Catholic Church displays in forbidding certain readings and prints to her children, and, at the same time, the good sense and prudence of all those who are guided by it. Unfortunately, not all appreciate that wisdom and use that good sense. Some prefer to be guided by their own poor human sense and to run the risk of consequences. Those are the ones who pretend they are strong and safe enough in Religion and morality, not to be affected by any bad readings or prints. Alas! without their knowing of it, they are affected.

BETTER TRAIN SERVICE

As the first tangible evidence resulting from closer consolidation of Government controlled lines in Western Canada, the Canadian National Railways makes the gratifying announcement that commencing on June 27th, train service between Winnipeg and Vancouver will be materially improved by the inauguration of a new through, fast, limited, daily train which will leave Winnipeg at 10:45 p. m. arriving at Vancouver 12:15 p. m., Edmonton 11:25 p. m. and Vancouver 9:00 a. m., returning leave Vancouver 8:20 p. m., Edmonton 8:00 a. m., Saskatoon 7:10 p. m. and Winnipeg 11:45 p. m.

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Connections will be made at Winnipeg to and from the East.

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ALL RIGHT.

Teacher: "Now, boys, I want to see if any of you can make a complete sentence out of two words both having the same sound to the ear."
First Boy: "I can, Miss Smith."
Teacher: "Very well; let us hear your sentence."
First boy: "Write right."
Teacher: "Very good."

Second Boy: "I can beat that. I can make three words of it—Wright, write right."
Third boy (excitedly): "Hear this, Wright, write rite right."
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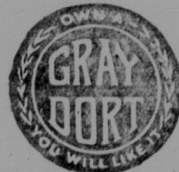
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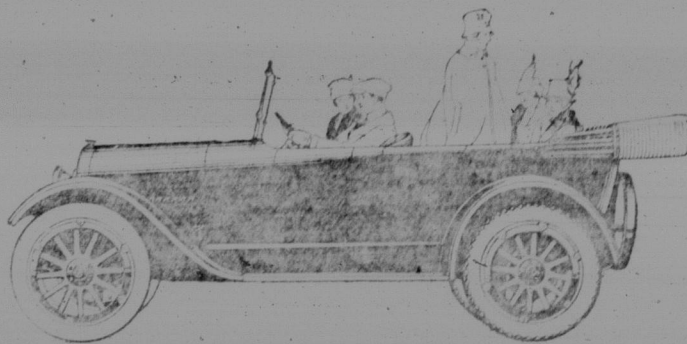


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