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## VACANCY IN THE CUSTOM HOUSE.

From time to time we have urged on our Irish fellow-citizens who have the advantage of filling positions of influence and have, so to speak, a right, if indeed, it is not their bounden duty, to stand up for their people's interests, that they were lax in pushing their honest claims to vacancies in the public service. Perhaps our people themselves are too backward in this respect, and are too much given to depending on their chosen representatives. It may be no harm just now to remind both these classes that few places of honor or emolument are obtained without some measure of urgency. If people do not ask, they are not likely to receive. If Irishmen think that by waiting modestly, until the merits of their best men are recognized by their superiors, they will fare better than by insisting on their acknowledged and covenanted rights, they are mistaken. There may be such a Utopia somewhere, but as yet we have met with no open-eyed man of travel who has come within sight of it. It may be one of the good things of the good time coming. As things are, a little push is necessary even to secure what justice sanctions.

In our last issue we referred to the vacancy created in the Customs by the lamented death of Mr. W. J. O'Hara, and suggested the name of that sterling young Irish Catholic, Mr. W. J. McKenna, as one well qualified to fill the vacant office of Assistant Collector. He has had an excellent training for the duties of the position. He entered the service of the department at the age of thirteen years—a time when the twig of intellectual adaptiveness is easily bent in any direction for which the mind has a natural fitness, and ever since Mr. McKenna has been a diligent official—rising regularly to higher posts of responsibility, though, as yet, not awarded the prize to which his services entitled him. For fifteen years of his youth and his manhood he has been learning the duties of the department, and at present there is none of the rankers who can surpass Mr. McKenna in qualifications for the position held so ably by Mr. O'Hara.

Mr. McKenna has already been overlooked once; after doing Mr. John Cox's registry work for a long time, he was at last set aside and another exalted above him. Indeed, the Irish in Montreal have been losing ground of late years and now is a good time to make a decisive stand.

We bespeak for Mr. McKenna the hearty support of St. Patrick's League and all its friends. Let the League be true to its professions and aims and let the members of the Irish community have the satisfaction of seeing that they have men at the front who are able to lead them to success whenever they have claims that justify such expectations. There never was a better opportunity.

## CATHOLIC LOYALTY.

The celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee has given the lie to those who delight to air their views about Catholic loyalty and a twofold allegiance. To begin with, the Poet Laureate is a devout Catholic as well as a thorough Englishman. The Catholics of England, Scotland and Ireland have never, as Catholics, been disloyal. If, in a day happily gone forever, some of them refused to do violence to their conscience, like Sir Thomas More, who died on the scaffold rather than yield to the king an honor that he only owed to the Holy Father, there is no Protestant intelligence to day who will not respect the memories and the principles of such Catholics. In what struggle of Britain with a foreign power have Catholics called to duty? And when they have found it impossible to support a

dynasty or a policy, it was not on religious but on political grounds that they declined to do so. The armies of the realm have always comprised a large proportion of members of the ancient faith who have shared in the honors and prizes of soldierly courage and endurance. This is mere common place indeed, which we would not repeat if there were not bigots ever ready to cry out against Catholics when, in discharge of their purely religious duties, they give to the Holy Father due obedience or seek at his paternal hands the direction that should relieve them in their perplexities. Even in the arrival of Mgr. Merry del Val in this country there were men so ignorant or so prejudiced as to cast up this absurd reproach to the Catholics of Canada. Last Sunday such ill-disposed enemies of Catholicism received an answer to their accusations that ought to shame them ever after into silence where the duty of Catholics is concerned, unless they have learned enough to generously retract their malicious or ill-informed comments. The solemn Te Deum at Notre Dame last Sunday is a standing witness to the loyalty of Catholics. Seldom has Catholic fidelity been blended with loyalty to the crown in so imposing a manner as when the Rev. Curé Troie thanked Mgr. Merry del Val for his presence on such an occasion, and when the Papal Delegate, from his throne, expressed the happiness he felt in participating in the Te Deum in recognition of Queen Victoria's long reign and his hope that Her Majesty might still be spared many years to her subjects. Then followed the anthem, "Domine salvam fac reginam," graciously adapted and set to Gounod's impressive music, which was rendered by the united choirs.

Apart from the Notre Dame Church service and other like testimonies of Catholic loyalty to Queen Victoria, the cordial tribute of the Bishops of Quebec will record to coming generations the lesson of duty which now, as ever, the Episcopate of this Province has inculcated on faithful Catholics. Whoever reads the address of their lordships to the Queen will know that whatever causes may have impelled Catholics in the past to take up arms in defence of threatened, if not violated rights, it was not the Church's teaching that prompted or sanctioned the act. We commend this address from the honored rulers of the Catholic Church in this Province as a model expression of that "twofold allegiance" at which some ignorant Protestants have been accustomed to carp. There was a time when such unjust reflections might be pardoned on the ground of invincible ignorance. In the present day the man for whom such an appeal in *misericordiam* had to be made is too dangerous to be at large.

## FETE DIEU PROCESSION.

The Feast of Corpus Christi or the Holy Eucharist, instituted by Pope Urban IV., in the year 1264, has been, for more than six centuries, a great incentive to the adoration of the Divine Victim in the consecrated Host. In Canada this great festival has ever been observed with a solemnity that has not failed to deepen the faith and to influence the character of the people. Under the old regime it signified the veneration of a people of a single creed for the most lofty and most profound mysteries of the Catholic religion. After the conquest there was for a time a change in the outer form of the celebration. The early Protestant settlers in this province were not sympathetic towards the ceremonies of Catholic worship. Gradually, however, a change of demeanor took place on the part of those in authority, and the freedom of religion granted by constitutional acts and treaties became more permissive. For generations, the Catholics of Montreal have been accustomed to the yearly recurrence of the Festival of Christ's Sacred Body—the procession of the consecrated Host being one of the most impressive scenes with which Montreal is associated in the minds of American and other visitors. It is no small matter that the Catholics of Montreal should thus from year to year bear witness to the central doctrine of their faith before all the world. And it is all the more desirable that the usage should be maintained in its fullness by the presence of all true Catholics, because in thus showing their strength, they are protesting against the apathy and indifference, not to say defection of too many who are only Catholics in name.

## MUNICIPAL REFORM.

The subject of city government reform has for some time past been occupying much attention on both sides of the Atlantic. Not only have the great magazines and reviews devoted articles to it, but important monographs have been devoted to various phases of it. Before long there will be an opportunity for the practical test of the various improvement schemes proposed. As our readers are no doubt aware, the British Association for the Advancement of Science will meet in Toronto next August. One of the Sections (F) into which the Association

for convenience divides its work, deals with Economic Science and Statistics, and local administration comes under this general heading. We understand that municipal government, in both its theory and its practice, will be one of the topics to be taken up in this section and that its treatment will be illustrated very largely by the experience of Ontario. Local county officials have, we are told, been invited to present and to give such information as their experience enables them to offer. To deal fully with the question would involve a review of an important development first of Roman law, and then of Roman law as adapted to the circumstances and needs of the new States that arose after Rome's decline. But the history of local government as developed and applied to Canada, or even in Ontario or Quebec alone, would be enough to engage the attention of those interested in the subject. For practical men the great point is how our municipal government may be simplified and placed on a basis that business men would approve of. A policy of over-riding the legitimate relations between income and out-go that a judicious, frugal, experienced merchant would condemn ought not to have the sanction of a community composed of many such merchants. As for the reforms essential to make municipal administration wholesome, honest and effectual, most men of sense are agreed. What is wanted is the first step in the direction of those reforms and whenever a community has the courage to enforce that step—the sequel is a matter of course.

## OUR EXHIBITION.

We are pleased to have received from Mr. S. C. Stevenson a courteous acknowledgment of our remarks on the coming exhibition. We fully agree with Mr. Stevenson that exhibitions cannot succeed without the public support, and that it is the duty of every journal that has the welfare and prosperity of Montreal at heart to advocate the support of an institution so useful. Mr. Stevenson approves, we are glad to see, of our remarks on the educational features of the Exhibition—a point which has always seemed to us deserving of much greater acknowledgment than it has ever received. And, although our article was impersonal, we cannot help saying that Mr. Stevenson's own services to the sort of education that we had especially in our mind are deserving of grateful recognition. We again bespeak the hearty support of our citizens on behalf of the Diamond Jubilee Exhibition of the 19th to 28th August next. Mr. Stevenson will, we are sure, be happy to impart any information on the subject that may be desired. The address is Mr. S. C. Stevenson, manager and secretary, 218 St. Lawrence street, Montreal.

## CATHOLIC ORDER FORESTERS.

In the last Catholic Forester of Milwaukee we find an excellent address from State Chief Ranger, Thomas McInerney, to the subordinate Courts of Illinois, in which there is a good deal that is of interest to Catholic Foresters everywhere. Attention is called to the duty of members attending Holy Communion with their Court, and to the obligation of the absentee to furnish a certificate from the priest certifying that he attended to his Easter duty. We need not quote the earnest words of the Illinois Chief Ranger on this question, as the consequences of inattention to this rule are of so grave a nature that no Forester would willingly incur suspension. The most serious result of disregard of the rule is that, should a member die during suspension, his beneficiaries are not entitled to the endowment, and if he does not become legally reinstated within three months after suspension takes effect, he is expelled from the Order. One of the most important questions presented to the Order for a long time is that of a mortality or reserve fund, brought up by resolution at the Columbus International Convention last February, and on which the subordinate Courts will vote next week. Members are asked to give thoughtful attention to all the points involved in this insurance scheme—the actuary's table giving the expectation of life to healthy persons from 20 to 100, ranging from 4½ years to six months, is placed before the Forester's readers. The dangers as well as the advantages of the scheme are dwelt on, and especially the necessity of full legal protection from avaricious officers. Another point emphasized for the benefit of officers and members is the necessity of a regular payment of dues and assessments. A careless member imperils the future of his family and risks the loss of all that he has paid in to the Order. The only other point to which we need call attention is the advisability of every member being fully informed as to the meaning of the Constitution, and if he is doubtful of the bearing of any particular clause, he should, without delay, apply to the D. H. C. R. of his Court. These points are as applicable to the members of the Order in Canada as to Catholic Foresters in the United States.

## TRIBUTES TO MRS. JAMES SADDLER.

We are glad to see that the Toronto Catholic Register is holding open its columns for subscription to the testimonial to Mrs. James Sandler. "We would only add," says our contemporary, "that we should rejoice to see the testimonial assume a distinctly popular form. Mrs. Sandler's claim is upon the warm hearts of the working people. For our own part we will be equally pleased to acknowledge a subscription of 25 cents as 25 dollars. We only wish the people to show that devotion to their faith (and to the fatherland of martyrs) shall not be suffered to go unappreciated."

The Rev. Father Ryan, rector of St. Michael's Cathedral, who gives ten dollars to the fund, writes with characteristic cordiality of the claim of Mrs. Sandler on the generous sympathy of the Irish people in Toronto as elsewhere, and refers, with hearty endorsement, to "the graceful and elegant tribute lately paid Mrs. Sandler by his friend Judge Curran, of this city. Dr. Thomas O'Hagan, of Arthur, Ont., the poet and magazine writer, who also contributes, says that "it would be a shame for us as Catholics were we to allow this great and noble Catholic woman, this veteran writer and defender of our faith and people, to pass from amongst us without any gift of homage or recognition."

These are all cheering testimonies to the high worth of Mrs. Sandler and to its appreciation by the Catholic priests, journalists and scholars of Ontario. The Catholic Record of London has also entered into the good cause by publishing the list of subscriptions so far received.

## PLATTSBURG SUMMER SCHOOL.

An esteemed city correspondent suggests the organization of excursions to the Catholic Summer School, Plattsburg, which will soon be in session. "We in Canada," he writes, "seem to be quite backward about this movement, but surely some of our societies will take the matter in hand this year." Our correspondent is of opinion that one Sunday spent there would be of great benefit to many persons and the rate might be made so moderate that the outlay would in comparison be merely nominal. We heartily approve of the suggestion. Last season, although some Canadian gentlemen, such as Sir William Hingston, Mr. Justice Curran and Mr. Waters, of Ottawa, were among the lecturers and there were a few ladies from Montreal, the attendance of our people was altogether so restricted that practically its benefits were lost to Montreal. If once our national societies took the question seriously in charge and sought the concurrence of the railway and steamboat companies, we are pretty certain that our correspondent's forecast would be fulfilled and that a great many would be morally and intellectually the gainers by an outing that would materially improve their healthful spirits.

We have been informed that the vacancy in the office of Inspector of Public Buildings, which is within the gift of the Provincial authorities, will be filled next week. We have very much pleasure in advocating the claims of Mr. Edward Halley for the position. He is just the man for the duties. Ever since his school days he has been a staunch Liberal, a prominent worker in Irish society and athletic circles, and was one of the delegates to the Irish Race Convention. He is a man of acknowledged ability and practical fitness for such work. His appointment would be a popular one among all classes.

## SAINT LAURENT COLLEGE.

Commencement Exercises—Interesting Address by the Graduates—Hon. Judge Curran Speaks to the Boys.

On Sunday afternoon last a brilliant gathering met at the Academic Hall of the St. Laurent College. The seating capacity of the elegant hall is four hundred, but it was made to do service for a far greater number.

The Commencement exercises were of a musical and literary character and reflected great credit on this already favorably known institution, whose students hail from all parts of the Dominion and of the neighboring Republic.

The addresses of the students were excellent. The Rev. Fathers of the Holy Cross seem to possess the secret of doing things in the most appropriate and pleasing manner. None of the young gentlemen spoke too long. The whole proceedings were crisp and interesting; the subjects chosen full of actuality.

Mr. David Sanscartier delivered the first address, in French, on "Adolescence." He handled his theme very deftly, giving a true picture of the youth in the family circle and in his second home, the college.

Mr. Peter J. H. Fernan of the final year, son of our well known and esteemed fellow-citizen and brother of Father Heffernan of St. Gabriel's, spoke on the "Moral Element in Education." The subject is wide and comprehensive, but the young orator found means to do it and himself justice in a fifteen minute oration. The valedictories were spoken in English and French, by Messrs. Moses O.

McGee and Don Courville respectively. They elicited well merited applause. After the conferring of medals and the distribution of prizes, the Rev. Father McGee, President of the College, requested his Honor Mr. Justice Curran to say a few words. The Judge spoke in English and in French, and was very happy in his remarks. He told the young men that many years ago, when he was a very young man himself, the greatest of Irish Canadian orators, Mr. Thomas D'Arcy McGee, had said to him that no man had ever made a good speech without thorough preparation. He had never forgotten that lesson, given *en passant*. With that sound advice still ringing in his ears, he would not attempt a speech before so distinguished an audience, not having had an opportunity of thinking well over his remarks. Fortunately for him the young gentlemen who had already spoken were all well prepared and had each in his turn done justice to the question of education, ever a burning one. They had all pointed out that law, without morality to back it up, was powerless, and that godless schools could not produce citizens who, under trying circumstances, would adhere to the principle of civil and religious liberty. In their speeches they had made appropriate reference to the Jubilee of our Most Gracious Sovereign. In such expression might be found the key-note of the whole of their training. In that day's proceedings they gave evidence that they understood their duty to God, to their country, and to themselves. Their love of the religion of the Saviour he would not touch upon; that was reserved for more authorized lips. By their loyal sentiments they showed that they fully appreciated the fact that they are living in a country enjoying every blessing that can be conferred upon a people, and loyalty, which is the outcome of good government everywhere, manifests itself in Canada to-day. In their home ruled Dominion there was a genuine feeling of devotion to the Constitution and to the Sovereign. He noticed that in the long list of students following the courses of St. Laurent College many of the names were familiar and had the flavor of the dear little "Gem of the Ocean" about them. They would join with him in expressing the hope that in the not distant future patriotism would triumph over faction in the old land of the Shamrock, and there, also, that a happy home-ruled people would soon enjoy the constitutional liberties which have made Canada the contented land it is to-day.

The speaker next referred to the admirable arrangement of the studies in St. Laurent College. They did not neglect anything that experience had taught to be indispensable in the old system of training, but they were fully alive to the necessities of our new country. He felt that the good Fathers were doing substantial work, and were adding new laurels to those they had already acquired both here and in the United States.

In closing his eloquent speech, the Judge reminded the students that the most lasting friendships were formed at school and in college. He knew they would stand by one another in the great battle of life. Let their constant aim be fidelity to the old faith; let them be true to their country and to themselves. They should ever remember their *Alma Mater*, whose solicitous teachers had guided their early footsteps and where they might be certain, however far away fate might drive them, kind hearts would always beat in sympathy with their generous aspirations in noble efforts in the future.

## BOURGET COLLEGE.

Closing Exercises and Distribution of Medals.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Bourget College has its closing exercises on Friday, June 18th, at the college hall in Rigaud. The occasion drew a number of admirers from the surrounding towns, as also a large contingent of friends from Montreal, who took a deep interest in the rendition of the excellent programme arranged for the occasion, under the able supervision of the Cleric of St. Viator. The exercises were in every respect a fitting finale to the year's excellent schooling. Among the most important persons on the programme, it is but fitting that Messrs. Joseph Thauvette, of Les Cèdres, a graduate of the classical course, and John Leehy, of St. Anicet, P.Q., a graduate of the commercial department, the valedictorians in their respective classes, should receive particularization for their excellent work, that manifested reflection and depth of thought, as well as fine literary style, not usually found in even college graduates. Mr. Leehy, although "primus inter pares," certainly deserves especial mention for his graceful and forcible oratory. A large number of clergymen were present, amongst whom were particularly noted: Rev. A. T. Corcoran, D.D. C.S.V. and Rev. F. O. Guillemin, both of Paris; Very Rev. O. A. Sautoire, V.G., of Valleyfield; Rev. F. Dugas, C.S.V., of Chicago; Rev. P. Foucher, C.S.V., of Autremont; Rev. J. A. Primeau, S.V. of Redemptor, and Rev. D. Belanger, of Perkins. The awarding of medals and diplomas brought to a close a most successful year.

## MOUNT ST. LOUIS INSTITUTE.

Public Examination of Graduating Students.

Under the presidency of Very Rev. Canon Racicot, Vice-Rector of Laval University, the Faculty of Mount St. Louis Institute held a public examination of their pupils on Saturday evening last. Very Rev. Canon Racicot was surrounded by many friends of Catholic education; amongst others were Hon. Judges Curran and Pagnuelo, the Belgian Consul, the Consul-General of France; Principals Bilete, of the Polytechnic School, with Professors André and Bonne; Messrs. Parizeau, ex-M.P.E., Fortier, Belanger, and others. The graduating class was put through a most searching and indeed it may be said almost too severe an examination. In literature, mental and moral philoso-

phy and physics; the young gentlemen did very well; but it was especially in mathematics that they gave evidence of the thoroughness of their training. The French Consul, at the close of the programme, made a neat speech. He said he had attended similar exercises under the direction of the Christian Brothers in many of the French possessions, even in far distant Africa, and everywhere the sons of the Blessed J. B. de la Salle were directing their talents and their energies to the training of good citizens. Principal Bilete joined with the French Consul in praising the pupils for their remarkable proficiency.

## ST. MARY'S COLLEGE.

Students' Entertainment in Commemoration of the Queen's Jubilee.

A dramatic and musical entertainment was given by the students of St. Mary's College on Friday evening last, in the Academic Hall on Bleury street, to commemorate the Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen. At the same time the former students of the establishment held their fourteenth annual reunion, and celebrated the feast of the Rev. Father Turgeon, S.J., Rector of the institution. His Honor, Lieutenant-Governor Chapleau, and Lady Chapleau, were present, and escorted by a detachment of 65th Battalion. The drama was "Les Flabins," in five acts, composed by Rev. Father Lougave, S.J. The young gentlemen performed their respective parts in the most creditable manner.

During the course of the evening His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor was presented with a bouquet of flowers, and delivered an eloquent speech, in which he congratulated the students upon their success and more especially upon the advantages they enjoyed from their admirable training in their renowned institution. Referring to the system of education in the Province of Quebec, His Honor said, it was not only the most perfect in the Dominion of Canada, but also on the continent of America. Thanks to that system Quebec and Canada are what they are to-day. He paid a brilliant compliment to the Queen, declaring that no people were more loyal throughout the Empire than the people of this province, or more fully appreciated the great benefits that had accrued to her subjects during the sixty years of her reign. In closing he spoke of the glorious deeds that everywhere characterized the efforts of the sons of Loyola in their intrepid battle for religion and Christian science.

## MASTER PLUMBERS' ASSOCIATION.

ELECTION OF MR. F. CARROLL TO THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT.

This is an age of centralization and union. Every class of tradesmen unite for different purposes. In this respect the master plumbers are not behind the age. A short time ago a meeting was held in this city, at which nearly 200 assisted, and organized themselves into an association to be known as the Master Plumbers' Association. The office of president, the highest in the gift of the members, was given to an Irish Catholic, Mr. Patrick Carroll, the sole surviving member of the well known firm of Carroll Bros. Mr. Carroll is well deserving of the honor, because he has, by the dint of his unflinching energy and upright ways, won not only the esteem of citizens of every class, but also secured for himself a position in the ranks of his calling second to none in this city. The new association is to be congratulated on the choice it has made.

## CATHOLIC SAILORS' CLUB.

The weekly concert of the Catholic Sailors' club was held on Thursday last. Mr. Patrick Wright occupied the chair, and in opening the proceedings he dwelt in an able manner upon the splendid work of the club in behalf of Catholic seamen. Among those present were Lady Hingston, president of the club, with her son and daughter; Mrs. F. B. McNamee, vice-president, and Mrs. J. P. B. Casgrain, second vice-president; Mrs. W. A. Thompson, treasurer; the Misses McShane, Miss F. C. O'Reilly and Miss Mamie O'Reilly, Miss Nevin and Miss Agnew, of Orange, N.J.; Mr. J. D. and Mrs. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Moore, Mr. John Foley and Mr. John T. McNamee, Mrs. Weir, Miss McDonnell, Mrs. McGovern and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. John Power, Mr. and Mrs. Hicks, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Doran, Mrs. A. R. McDonnell, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Mathieu.

The programme comprised: Mr. Lawlor, song; Mr. Kelly, song, Home Sweet Home; Mr. Reed sang Come Down McGinnes; Mr. O'Brien, two beautiful songs; Mr. Leroux entertained the audience with his inimitable sleight of hand performances; Miss Coughlin, a fine banjo solo; her sister, nice sea song accompanied by the banjo; Master Hogan gave a fine clog dance; Miss Hogan sang The Harp of Erin; Mr. James McLean, song, Killarney; Mr. Power, a grand recitation, The Thin Red Line; Mr. Smith, seaman, song, Annie Laurie; Mr. Gibson, seaman, song; Mr. Morris, song, Maple Leaf; Mr. Williams, song, The Banks of Bonnie Doon; Mr. F. Doyle sang Come back to Erin; Mr. McLean was called by special request of the ladies to sing a comic song. Miss Wheeler presided at the piano.

The concert closed with the whole audience rising and singing God Save the Queen, with cheers. The chairman announced that to-morrow evening the Diamond Jubilee concert will be held, at which the Labrador minstrels will take part.

The Victoria Rifles Band Concert secured one of the new Heintzman & Co. transposing pianos for their concert on Thursday evening at the Victoria Rink. This is the only transposing piano on the market and only costs a trifle more than an ordinary piano. Have you seen it? It does the work of transposing instead of the player having to do it. It appeals to vocalists and other musicians where other instruments are used with the piano. Call and see the Heintzman & Co. transposing piano, at C. W. Lindsay's Piano Warehouse, 2866 St. Catherine street.