

truths are brought home to their untutored minds. The

SASKATCHEWAN COUNTRY

is destined to become a regular diocese, perhaps before long. No doubt Manitoba is the finest portion of the Northwest, but once Manitoba gets filled up, the population must go elsewhere. Curiously enough, our colonizing missionaries chose far off Alberta before they thought of the Saskatchewan valley. Good Father Morin carried his French Canadian settlers to the feet of the Rockies; evidently he need not have gone so far, but the fertility of our soil was not then known. One door was closed against us; the railway companies had no great interest to send people to Prince Albert and the Saskatchewan; but now that the C.N.R. is following the C.P.R. into Prince Albert, we are on the eve of seeing the Saskatchewan valley in direct connection with Alberta. Our valley will have on the south the C.P.R., and to the north other railway lines which will open out a still finer country. In the latitude in which you are here the soil remains pretty good as far as Regina, but beyond Moose Jaw and up to the Rockies there is nothing but pasture land here and there. Things are quite different in the northern valleys. There the soil is too fertile, the grain grows too high. Great numbers of excellent Catholic immigrants have settled in my vicariate this year. Thanks to Mr. Lange's intelligent business ability three hundred German Catholics from the States, under the spiritual direction of the Benedictines, have taken up several townships. There will soon be seven thousand. Six Benedictine Fathers and three Brothers are busy carrying out twelve parishes. They already talk of a college and convent for German-speaking youth. The Canons Regular of the Immaculate Conception will also soon have three or four parishes of French-speaking Catholics to the east of the German colony. I have, besides, three or four secular priests in my vicariate. The majority of my clergy are Oblates, who were the pioneers of the north in that country. The Saskatchewan vicariate was long despised as a hopeless region for the white man; but now that railways have found it out, the day of its prosperity, thank God, has dawned.

Obituary

SISTER LEFORT.

The Grey Nuns of St. Boniface mourn the loss of one of their most charitable and fervent Sisters. Marie Euphemie Duresne-Lefort was born in the province of Quebec fifty years ago, entered the Order of the Sisters of Charity of the General Hospital of Montreal (Grey Nuns) more than 22 years ago, and came in 1894 to St. Boniface. During her religious life she had charge of the pharmacy for fifteen years, part of that time at St. Boniface Hospital. For the past two years she had been suffering from pulmonary catarrh, which ended in consumption. She was always perfectly resigned to God's holy will, and since receiving the last sacraments on July 22nd, she longed to be dissolved and be with Christ. She peacefully expired on the 19th inst. The funeral took place on the 22nd, the Requiem Mass being sung at 8 a.m. by Rev. Father Messier in the presence of representatives of all the orders of Nuns in this neighborhood and of a large number of mourning friends. R.I.P.

THE MOTHER PRAYER.

Blow gently winds about their little graves,
They are such tiny graves and not made long—
Blend all your changeful tones in harmony,
To be their cradle-song.
Fall lightly, rains, upon that sacred spot—
As if in pity for a mother's cry—
You hush your beating into rhythm to croon
A tender lullaby.
Drift softly down, white snows,
upon their breasts,
Spread close above them your down coverlet,
May Time's warm comforting embrace so soothe
My heart's acute regret.
—F. B. T.

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