THE FIRST PLENARY COUNCIL.

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His Excellency then read the following message to the King and His Majesty's reply :

"To His Majesty King Edward VII., London,—The apostolic delegate and the Catholic archbishops and bishops of Canada, in plenary council assembled in the City of Quebec, desire to convey to Your Majesty the expression of their loyalty and that of all other Catholic subjects in this Dominion, as well as their grateful appreciation of the religious and civil liberty which they enjoy under your gracious rule. All pray that your reign may be long and peaceful. (Signed) Monsignor Sbarretti, apostolic delegate."

HIS MAJESTY'S REPLY.

"To Monsignor Sbarretti, apostolic delegate, Quebec, Que.,—I thank Your Excellency, and the archbishops and bishops associated with you, for your telegram of loyalty which is in all the best traditions of the church of which you are the hierarchy and of the Dominion where you are assembled. It is my constant desire that religious and civil liberty should always be enjoyed by my subjects in all parts of the empire.

"(Signed) EDWARD R. AND I."

ADDRESS TO THE APOSTOLIC DELEGATE.

The following address was presented to the Apostolic Delegate on the 16th inst. upon his arrival in Quebec for the opening of the first Plenary Council :

Your Excellency, and Right Reverend Fathers of the first Plenary Council of Canada :

The citizens of Quebec solicit the honor of tendering their homage to you on this solemn day on which the First Plenary Council of Canada begins its sessions.

With deep emotion they welcome the illustrious and venerable heads of the powerful and respected Church that has truly been a mother to our people, in this the oldest city of Canada, on this rock of Quebec so justly famed in history, on which our pioneer ancestors raised, with the standard of France, the venerated symbol of our redemption.

Your Excellency and your Lordships are welcome to this metropolis of so many dioceses, the first in the New World endowed with a Catholic university and which was afterwards honored with the Roman purple in the person of His Eminence Cardinal Taschereau: in this Church, finally, whose beneficent action has spread the Faith and civilization throughout the continent of America, you are welcome in this basilica rendered illustrious by the apostolic labors of the venerable Francois de Laval, by the virtues of his successors, by the example of the model priests and religious, many of whom carried devotedness and self-sacrifice to heroic martyrdom.

Last year, we celebrated the three hundredth anniversary of the birth of the Canadian nation and every page of our history tells us that harmony, respect and confidence have never ceased to reign between the pastors and their faithful flocks.

To-day, as well as at the dawn of our existence, Religion and Country unite in striving to promote the great work of the development of our beloved Canada.

While the various elements of our population, without renouncing anything that constitutes the individuality of each one, are drawn still more closely together by growing sympathy, by a more and more cordial understanding and by increasing esteem for one another, and strive to blend their interests; while the peoples of the Old World, greet this young nation arising in the New World, the Roman Catholic Church, ever friendly to progress and ready to follow with motherly solicitude the generous endeavors of the peoples acknowledging her laws, labors to cement that Christian union, that concentration of talents and efforts so necessary for the development of a young and immense country.

We are glad to see these grand religious meetings held on the spot which was the cradle of our nationality, because they are a living proof of the progress that has been realized.

In truth, here began the evangelization of the barbarous tribes of New France; hence departed the missionaries for every point of the horizon, bearing the glad tidings to nations plunged in the darkness of idolatry; here sprouted the fruitful seed of national education, of Catholic benevolence, of intellectual and artistic life whose flowers bloom everywhere, and here also you, the many pastors of flourishing dioceses, are met to ascertain and demonstrate what work has been done and to give a more powerful and luminous direction to future labors.

In the marvelous movement that impels us towards the development of our national resources, we applaud the action of the Church who, amidst the allurements of prosperity, reminds us how superior are the soul's interests which should never be lost sight of by nations wishing to be truly great.

When you report to the Sovereign Pontiff the work of the First Plenary Council of Canada, we beg you to express the profound respect in which He and the great mission he fulfils are held throughout Canada by all who bear the name of Christian.

While we Catholics profess our steadfast attachment to the religion of our ancestors and to the dogmas and teachings of our Church, the whole population glories in living in a country where evangelical morality and Christian principles are acknowledged as the foundation stone of civilization, and our confidence in the future of our beloved country is based on our faith in God.

Such are the sentiments that animate the citizens of Quebec at this moment when we come to tender you the hospitality of this city, which holds in common and grateful veneration the name of Champlain, its founder, and that of Laval, its first Bishop, who was truly the father of the Church in Canada.

J. GEO. GARNEAU,
Mayor of Quebec.
H. J. J. B. CHOUINARD,
City Clerk.

His Excellency the Apostolic Delegate delivered an eloquent and appropriate reply to the address.

SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF WEST'S PIONEER PRIEST.

FATHER LACOMBE'S ORDINATION SUBJECT OF INTERESTING CELEBRATION AT ST. ALBERT—PROMINENT PUBLIC MEN ATTEND CEREMONIES—TOWN IS IN EN FETE FOR EVENT.

Edmonton Bulletin, Sep. 5.

Over half a century ago Father Lacombe, accompanied by the late Bishop Tache of St. Boniface, and travelling from Lac Ste. Anne mission to Fort Edmonton, stopped in the forest on the big hill where St. Albert cathedral now stands, and they selected then this site for a new mission which should be their headquarters for future work in this portion of the North-West.

"We shall name it St. Albert in honor of your patron saint," the Bishop said to his young companion, Rev. Albert Lacombe. That is why the cathedral town of St. Albert bears the name it does to-day.

Many decades have passed since then and Bishop Tache's memory has passed into western history, but this week the venerable Pere Lacombe, a prince of missionaries, bending under the weight of over fourscore years, was the central figure in one of the most impressive celebrations Alberta has ever witnessed. The little town of St Albert and the handsome group of ecclesiastical buildings on the hill above the Sturgeon were royally "en fete" in honor of Father Lacombe's sixtieth anniversary of priesthood and the fiftieth anniversary of the Grey Nuns' arrival at St. Albert. Flags flew from every building and from many gables on the larger buildings the lilies of France and the crosses of Great Britian grouped about an immense Union Jack. Evergreen trees lined the roadway and small banners and Chinese lanterns added to the festive air. The church was beautifully decorated.

The programme of the celebration was an interesting one including a banquet at high noon which was attended by His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General Cross, John A. McDougall, M. P. P., Richard Secord, Hon. Senator Roy, Gaspard Lacombe, P. E. Lessard, M. P. P., Mayor Boudreau of St. Albert, J. L. Cote, M. P. P., Hon. Mr. Justice Beck, Rene Lemarchand, S. Larue, R. H. Kneil, H. Milton Martin, Dr. Macdonald and others of Edmonton. Among the many priests present were some noted old-timers like Father Doucet, Father Lestanc, Father Fissier, Father Leduc and Father Grandin.

A striking part of the evening entertainment was a drill by twenty boys of the Industrial school, dressed as Crees and Blackfeet, carrying bows and arrows, and the drill prefaced and ended by remarks actually uttered by these warring tribes at the big battle waged all night around the Blackfeet camp and which stopped only after the Crees heard the shout that Father Lacombe was wounded.

At 10.30, the chiming of the cathedral bells announced the Solemn High Mass which was to open the double celebration, and as the large congregation took their places and an imposing procession of sixty surpliced priests entered the chancel, the sun, which had been overclouded all morning, burst through its covering and in true Albertan radiance shone upon the beautiful scene. The venerable jubilarian who has for six decades ministered and worked for the good of this province and knows every danger and hardship a pioneer can know, entered the church clad in cloth-of-gold vestments and attended by Rev. Father Beaudry as deacon and Rev. Father Cunningham as subdeacon.

Following these were His Lordship Bishop Legal in purple robes and attended by Rev. Father Grandin, Provincial of the Oblates in Alberta, and Rev. Father Magnon, Provincial of the order in Manitoba. The boys' band from the Industrial School under the able leadership of Mr. Varin played several appropriate marches while the congregation and clergymen were entering the church.

AGED PRIEST OFFICIATES.

Father Lacombe was the celebrant of the Mass, and it was a touching experience to hear his voice, slightly broken with age, singing the liturgical invocations to which the responses were sung with a majestic volume of sound by the scores of priests occupying choir-seats in the sanctuary. Another notable feature o this service was the presence there as deacon and subdeacon of two priests who were native sons of St. Albert. The master of ceremonies was Brother Landis, one of the oldest brothers in the province.

The sermon was preached by Rev. Father Leduc, a fellow-worker with Father Lacombe in the days when Edmonton was only a trading post. His text was the saying of St. Paul—"Paul may plant, Paul may water, but only God can grant the increase." Out from this text Father Leduc developed a strong, and eloquent sermon delivered with the conviction and feeling of one familiar with the great labors of Father Lacombe.

He compared the divine mission of Father Lacombe's apostolic labors to that of St. Paul who had arisen in the Church after the ascension of the Saviour and who carried the word of the Gospel in many parts, founding many churches. A similar work had been done by Pere Lacombe who on June 13, 1849, had been ordained at St. Hyacinthe seminary by his venerable friend and patron, Bishop Bourget, of Montreal.

From that time on the young priest consecrating his life to the western mission field spent his life generously in the West, and in the sermon Father Leduc traced his grand career. There were first two years spent in the Red River missions and then he came west to Father Nibault's mission at Lac Ste. Anne, visiting the Peace River, Jasper House, Lesser Slave Lake, Lac la Biche, and many other points. He founded St. Albert and St. Paul des cris, and ministered in the first church ever built in Edmonton, a small log building within the walls of the fort.

Reference was made to this noted missionary's work also among the Blackfeet tribes in Southern Alberta, his services to his country during the construction of the Canadian Pacific and the Rebellion of 1885. With a touching eulogy of his brother-priest the venerable speaker concluded.

AN ENJOYABLE BANQUET.

His Lordship the Bishop presided at the banquet to which fully one hundred guests were invited. At the head of the table were seated the venerable hero of the day, His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, Hon. Charles W. Cross and Rev Father Grandin, Father Leduc and Father Mercier, who had so ably assisted Bishop Legal in organizing the entire celebration, also occupied seats here.

After the repast brief addresses were made by Bishop Legal, by Lieut. Governor Bulyea, Attorney General Cross Senator Roy, P. E. Lessard, M. P. P., John A. McDougall, M. P. P., L. Boudreau, M. P. P., H. W. McKenney, M. P. P. and Alderman Gariepy.

The addresses were brief but eloquent with a display of genuine feeling and admiration of this magnetic old man who throughout his life has exercised a strong attraction for whites and Indians. Several made reference to the event of Tuesday when two great old men—Strathcona and Lacombe—met and renewed the friendship of their prime. The one, said Mr. Lessard, was a great man in the world of finance and civil administration and equally was the other great as a man of peace and factor of civilization in the development of the West.

"I have often wondered," said John McDougall in his address, "why the church of Rome is so strong. I realize now one reason of its strength — the devotedness and self-denial of its clergy who give their life and energies to their work and look for their rewards only in another world." A pleasing address in French was read by Rene Lemarchand.

The crown of the feast came with the reply of Father Lacombe, delivered in his happiest vein, and in his own inimitable picturesque English, now charged with gratitude and emotion and again vivid with humor. The guests shook with laughter at his sallies and listened with reverent consideration to the graver portions of his speech, when he expressed his gratitude to those who honored him that day, and reverted with a grateful heart to the kindness shown himself and his colleagues by the Hudson's Bay Company officers in the old days and also expressed renewed thanks to the heads of the Canadian Pacific for the goodness of that road to the early missionaries.

MANY GUESTS AT BANQUET.

Telegrams regretting their inability to be present were received from His Excellency Monsignor Sbaretti, Sir William Van Horne, Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, Patrick Burns and William Whyte. Others included in the list of guests were as follows:

Lieutenant Governor Bulyea, Hon. A. C. Rutherford, Hon. C. W. Cross, Hon. Senator Roy, Mr. Justice Beck, Gasperd Lacombe, H. W. McKenney, M. P. P., John A. McDougall, M. P. P., P. E. Lessard, M. P. P., G. H. Robbit, Richard Secord, Rev. Father Magnon and Poitras of St. Boniface, representing Archbishop Langevin, J. L. Cote, M. P. P., Dr. McDonald, R. H. Kneil, Wilfrid Gariepy, S. Larue, Dr. Ternan, Dr. Giroux, Rev. Father Cornellier, Rev. Father Naessens, Rev. Father Therien, Rev. Father Tissier, Rev. Father Falher, Rev. Father Lemarchand, Rev. Father Lewis, Rev. Father Doucet, Rev. Father Lestanc, H. B. Dawson, Rev. Father Husson, Rev. Father Lecorre, Rene Lemarchand, Rev. Father Ethier, H. Milton Martin, Rev. Father Hetu, Rev. Father Berchmans, Rev. Father Moulin, Rev. Father Leparoux, Mr. Hogan, S. M. Clermont, Rev. Father Blanchet, Rev. Father Bellevaire, Rev. Father Vaudendaele, Rev. Father McQuaid, George Roy, J. A. Picard, Rev. Father Libert, Rev. Father Hura, Rev. Father Tremblay, Rev. Father Okhuysen, R. Brutinel, Rev. Father Bernier, Rev. Father Nordman, M. P. Asselin, L. Levasseur, Rev. Father Bellerose, Rev. Father Devic, Rev. Father Garnier, Rev. Father Portier, D. Chevigny, P. Cunningham, Rev. Father Ladet, Rev. Father Lizee, Rev. Father Paille, Rev. Father Normandeau, D. Maloney, Rev. Father Blanchet, Rev. Father Forget, Rev. Father Nordman, Rev. Father Rapet, Rev. Father Seltman, Rev. Father Charlebois, Rev. Father Walravens, Rev. Father Deimas, Rev. Father Cadieux, Rev. Father Pilon, Rev. Father Nelz, Rev. Father Lefevre of Arctic Red River, Rev. Father Philippot, Rev. Father Beaudry, Rev. Father Daridon, Rev. Father Culerier, Rev. Father Kulavy, Mr. Hettinger, Mr. Deslauriers, Mr. Perron, Mr. Armstrong, Jules Chave, A. C. Hebert, M. J. Nauckle, T. Page, Leon Harnois.

FIRE WORKS AND SEANCE.

In the evening a brilliant display of fireworks was made from the hill, while between the ash and maple and fir trees planted years ago by the missionaries the illuminated buildings of this episcopal seat gleamed like some scene from fairyland. The windows and verandahs and gables were hung with chinese lanterns whose soft glow transformed the scene, while illuminated mottoes and banderols held many greetings and good wishes for Father Lacombe and the Grey Nuns.

The evening entertainment was attended by fully five hundred people, and was such an enjoyable affair that many requests have been made to have it repeated in Edmonton. The main feature of the evening was a short drama—"The Siege of Colchester—" in which the parts were well taken by J. L'Oiseau, Dr. Giroux, J. Varin, J. Thibodeau, R. Farrel, L. Levasseur, G. Deslauriers, H. Savard and L. Gregoire. The play was under the direction of Father Vandendaele, the handsome cavalier costumes used being procured from Winnipeg.

During the evening an address was presented by the pupils of the big school and orphanage, some fine choruses were sung and the girls' mandolin sextette rendered some good music. But the most striking numbers on the programme were the boys' bow and arrow drill of mimic Crees and Blackfeet and the jubilee scene by the girls. The charm of the boys' drill with its clever introduction of Indian steps and postures, is indescribable. The quaint garb of the boys, their sense of rhythm, their quick assaults and retreats were all marvels of grace and a credit to the drill master, M. Varin.

The jubilee scene was a tribute both to Father Lacombe and to the wonderful work done by the Grey Nuns in the past half century at St. Albert. Half-a-dozen young ladies came out in symbolic dress representing various periods, then twenty little fairies in shining yellow and carrying long gold chains came on in a beautiful drill which closed in forming a golden canopy of the chains about the legends "1849-1909" "1859-1909." "60-50," which were suspended from the upper regions of the stage. Then to soft music a curtain rose and twenty other little ones all in white, floated down between the yellow-clad fairies, out over the stage and down the steps to where the Bishop and Father Lacombe and the leading Grey Nuns sat.

They came like a soft flight of doves and dropped fragrant bouquets of flowers at Pere Lacombe's feet, while two of them placed a shining woven crown on his head. When they had retired the venerable missionary removed his crown, made his way up to the stage and in moved accents declared that with all his heart he took this crown from his head and would with it crown the memory of the three heroic women who first came to the West to give their lives to Christian education.

He asked that this crown be placed on their graves in the churchyard beyond the church, for these delicate women, he said and not he, had in their lives of self-sacrifice, merited a crown of praise and glory. He then delivered an eloquent eulogy upon the order and work of the Grey Nuns in the West, who were he said, not always content with keeping step with the Oblate missionaries in their life of voluntary sacrifice and endurance, but seemed even to keep their steps a little in advance.

At the close of the entertainment Miss Levasseur sang a song prettily and was encored. During the evening L. Boudreau, M. P. P., presented the Grey Nuns of the Orphanage, with a purse containing $1,045, collected among friends of their work. A small purse of gold was also given to Father Lacombe.

On Thursday morning the celebration was in honor of the Gray Nuns' sixtieth anniversary. It was opened by a Solemn Pontifical High Mass celebrated by Bishop Legal, assisted by Rev. Father Leduc, with Rev. Father Magnon and Rev. Father Husson as deacons of honor and Rev. Father Ethier and Rev. Father Montin as deacon and sub-deacon. A most eloquent sermon was preached by Rev. Father Lewis, recently of Pittsburg, Mass., and at present the rector of St. Mary's church, Calgary. The subject-matter of the sermon was the charity and work of the religious communities of women in Western Canada and principally that of the Grey Nuns, who first came out to the field along the Red River nearly seventy years ago.

Eight orders of nuns were represented at the gathering at St. Albert, there being present besides the Grey Nuns of St. Albert and Edmonton, representatives of the Grey Nuns of Nicolet, the Filles de la Sagesse, Red Deer, the Faithful Companions of Edmonton and Calgary, the Sisters of the Misericorde, Edmonton, the Sisters of the Assumption from Hobberna, St. Paul des Matis and Onion Lake; Sisters of Providence of Vegreville, Midnapore and Blackfoot Crossing, and the Filles de esus from Pincher Creek, Lac la Biche, Edmonton, St. Albert and Morinville.

Among the sixty visiting nuns received by the Mother Vicar and her Sisters were Rev. Sister O'Brien of Calgary, Rev. Sister Dandurand of Regina and Rev. Sister Kelley of Dunbow, all well-known because of their previous residence here. There were also two Sisters from Kermaria convent established at Pincher Creek by Father Lacombe and Sister Clarice, who has been chosen to fill the important position of Superior in the new Lacombe Home for aged and orphans at Midnapore.

On Thursday afternoon the visitors departed, Bishop Legal and Father Lacombe going East to Quebec.

DIED.

BROWN.—In this city, on the 19th inst., Mrs. Catherine C. Brown, wife of Mr Richard C. Brown, aged sixty years. May her soul rest in peace!

MARRIAGE.

DOSTALER-MCDERMOTT—At St. Martin's church, Vegreville, Alta., by Rev. Father Bernier, on Sept. 6, Mr. Joseph Arthur Dostaler of Vegreville, Alta., formerly of Berthierville, Que., to Miss Mary Josephine McDermott.

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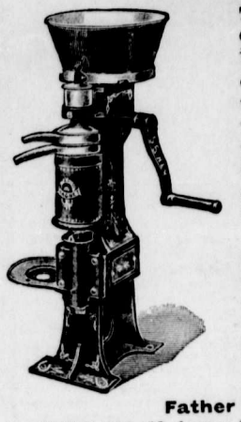

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