### THE OBLAT FATHERS.

Termination of the Jubilee Celebration of the Order—The Banquet— Requiem Mass.

The celebration in honor of the fiftieth anniversary of the arrival of the Oblat Fathers in Canada was continued last week. On Tuesday the celebration of Pontifical High Mass took place at St. Peter's church. In addition to its being an anniversary of such importance, it was the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin. High Mass was celebrated by Archbishop Fabre, assisted by Abbes Langevin and N. A. Dugas as deacon and sub-deacon. The deacons of honor were the Abbes Leblane and Bruchesi, and the masters of ceremonies the Abbes Decelles and Bronsseau. M. l'Abbe Vaillant acted as assistant priest. In the sanctuary were Mgr. Tache, Archbishop of St. Boniface: Mgr. Duhamel, Archbishop of Ottawa: Mgr. Moreau, of St. Hyacinthe; Mgr. Blaise, of Rimouski: Mgr. Lorrain, o Pembroke: Rev. F. Quelette, superior of the College of St. Hyacinthe; Rev. F. Jean Baptiste, superior of the Trappists of Oka, and others. Three rows of chairs immediately in front of the sanctuary rails were reserved for distinguished worshippers, and among others were noticed Messrs. Justices Jette. Loranger, Mathieu, Taschereau, Messis. Chapleau, Mereier, Robidoux and Hon. Louis Beaubien, Mayor McShane, Senator Armand, Curran, Q.C., M.P.; Desjardins, M.P.; L. O. David. The music of the mass was Perreault's second tone. The preacher was M. l'Abbe Guihot, of the Seminary of St. Sulpice, priest of St. James church.

The banquet given by the citizens was a very brilliant affair. There were present their Grace Archbishop Tache. Archbishop Fabre, Archbishop Duhamel. Bishop Lafleche, Bishop Lorrain, Bishop Biaise, Bishop Moreau, Rev. Fathers Lefebyre, Dandurand, Drummond and Harnois. Mayor McShane. Hon. Mr. Chapleau, Premier Mercier, Judge Taschereau, Judge Loranger, Senator Armand, Senator Tasse, Mr. J. J. Curran, Q. C. M. P. Hon. Charles Robidoux, Judge Jette, Judge Mathieu, Ald. Mar-tineau, Ald. Clendinneng and many others. The banquet was held in the refectory of the Oblat residence, on Visitation Street, and the walls of the room had been tastefully decorated with appropriate emblems, flags and mottoes, adding not a little to the pleasure of the scene. The guests filed into the refectory at 1 o'clock, and it was not until half-past 2 that speeches were com-menced. In response to the general menced. In response to the general neral demand the chairman requested Bishop Lafleche to speak. His Lordship declined on the plea of having a sore throat. Hon, Mr. Chapleau at the request of the Bishop responded and delivered a glowing eulogy of the Oblat Fathers. He spoke of their self-sacrifice, their devetopres to the cause of reliving their devotedness to the cause of religion, and impressed upon his hearers that the close union of church and state existing in the province by the voluntary union of these two great forces worked prosperously for both. His works and the tribute to Archbishop Tache and the other members of the episcopate present were received with rounds of ap-

Hon, Mr. Mercier read his speech, at some length, which was also in sairit most complimentary to the past efforts of the clergy of the Catholic Church in this country and their work at the present. Hon. Senator Tasse and Mayor McShane also made brief speeches and Mr. J. J. Curran, M.P., in response to loud calls, followed. He said the Oblat ! Fathers had good reason to look upon total Government was represented, the City of Montreal had sent its first magistrate, and now he was happy, not meres by as the representative of the Irish-Catholies of the city in the Dominion Parliament, as president of the St. The general interest in the operations land consumes himself we Patrick's society, but more especially as of the Treasury department has been his own secret reflection, an old pupil of the Oblat Fathers, to much augmented during the last year much augmented during the last year. add his humble testimony to what had by reason of the condicting prodictions been so well said. His humorous allu- which accompanied and followed the sions to his college life and the narrow tariff and other legislation of the last escape he had from being an Oblat were Congress affecting the revenue's as to the highly relished by the audience. The results of this legislation upon the sacrifices of the order. They had worked wonders in Montreal and in other parts of old Canada, but it was in the Treasury bankrupt and that the prices of articles entering into the living of articles entering into the living of with that section of the Dominion as the carly Jesuit Fathers were with the foundation of Canada. They had done noble most in the parts of the parts they are they had their nearly affect their comfort and argued that the loss to the revenue, attion of Canada. They had done noble happiness, while on the other it was the formed that the loss to the revenue. It is the parts they are they had done noble happiness, while on the other it was the formed that the conservation of the latter of the disastrously affect their comfort and happiness, while on the other it was the formed that the formed that the prices of articles entering into the living of Allen; who passed for angathers of an officer of rank Ethan Allen; who passed for angathers and an unbeliever. It disagrees the first the remained sured in the United States. The curred in the United States. The warred in the United States. T eities, in humbermen's shanties, amongst people: that the prices of the necessaries the Indian tribes of the Far West, contri- of life, including those most highly probuted to the progress and prosperity of teeted, would not be enhanced: that the country as well, and, great as their labor would have a larger market and the past success had been, he would conclude by saying that it was the ardent wish of every lover of his country that in the would be adequate to meet the appropriate to the future they might achieve still greater triumphs and pepetuate the name of their order as one of the most glorious phalanxes of the church. Mr. Curran was loudly applauded throughout.

After speeches from Mr. Justice Loranger and others the assembly dispersed.

Vespers in the evening were sung by His Grace the Archbishop of St. Boniface, and the service was very largely at satisfy any impartial enquirer that its tende by those who came from all parts results have disappointed the evil proof the city. The celebration terminated phesics of its opponents and in a large on Wednesday morning, when a requiem measure realized the hopeful benedic-High Mass for the deceased members of the order was celebrated in St. Peter's church by Rev. Father Drummond, assisted by Fathers Jodoin and Harnois.

### Nipped in the Bud.

The water company which proposed supplying water to Cote St. Louis, Outreposal was to take water from the Back River, in order to accomplish which a fam was to be constructed near the land owned by the Nuns of the Sacred Heart. These ladies, fearing that the proposed dam might flood their property, appealed to the Dominion Government as the legal owner of a navigable river, and the Government sent its engineer to make a survey and report. The survey, it is further stated, will be entirely in favor mont, Cote St. Antoine, etc., it is now learned, has struck a snag. The proposal was to take water from the Back

#### AN EVENT OF RELIGIOUS IMPORT.

A Presbyterian Minister a Director in a Catholic Institution.

A Washington despatch says that an incident remarkable in religious history occurred there recently. The Rev. Wiliam A. Bartlett, pastor of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, and one of the most eminent and progressive theologians in the United States, has been invited by the Rev. Father Mackin, pastor of St. Paul's Chapel, to sit in the board of Directors of the House of the Good Shepherd. This institution is owned and controlled by the Roman Catholics. It is a home for fallen women and is regarded as one of the most successful in existence, having more than local scope and being conducted with particular care Its immediate management is in the hands of the Sisters of Charity, but it has the foster care of the entire Catholic Church of this diocese and particularly of Cardinal Gildsons, who takes a per sonal interest in its prosperity, spiritual and material.

Dr. Bartlett accepted the appointment in the Board. Its full significance did not occur to him, however, until a day or two afterward, when a casual conversation with some friends on the subject brought out the assertion that it was a new departure and a step that will be

memorable in church history.

Dr. Bartlett has been noted both in Washington and in the North-West for his friendly relations with the Catholic clergy and Church, notwithstanding his Presbyterian faith and rigid orthodoxy. He was seen by the Times correspondent and expressed the following sentiment:

"There is no good reason why the Protestant and Catholic Churches should not work together for the betterment of mankind in whatever avenue our united labors are required. Each Church reaches its own particular class, and their responsibility to society is equal. In practical reformatory movements there need be no intolerance, and there should be no rivalry or bigotry. We differ in our theological positions, but not in the work of reclaiming fallen men and wo-men to a position of usefulness and res-pectability in society. Clashing and wrangling between the two creeds are not only senseless, but do harm instead of good. I recognize the great useful-ness of the Catholic Church along its

chosen lines of work." It is related that Dr. Bartlett has frequently uttered sentiments of this character in the pulpit. The feeling of the Catholic clergy toward him is of the friendliest character. The House of the Good Shepherd is as exclusively Catholic as any institution of the kind in the country. It receives, in common with other charitable and reformatory societies in the District of Columbia, a small sum of money from the Government each year. The step taken in this instance is of such importance that it could not have been decided upon by any but the highest Catholic authorities in America, and it comes after the due con sideration of its effect.

### THE U.S. CONGRESS.

President Harrison Sends IIIs Annual Message to the Houses.

The annual message to Congress of Fathers thad good reason to look upon the celebration with gratification. They had heard the culogies of the representative of the Dominion Government, the head Government was represented, the first of direct interest to Canada were the head Government was represented, the following paragraphs relating to the the most irritable of all animals. He is also to relete many interesting incidents of the most irritable of all animals.

ferred in glowing terms to the labors and To a sury and upon the country. On pressed me very much. It relates to sacrifices of the order. They had work- the one hand it was contended that imwork in the past, they had, in laboring largely the result of placing sugar on the for the evangelization of the poor in free list, would be a direct gain to the priations, including the large exceptional a discussion of the facts of the legislation referred to, but a brief examination of the statistics of the Treasury and a general glance at the state of business throughout the country, will. I think,

tions of its friends. THE SEALS. In view of the reports which had been received as to the diminution of the sealers in Behring sea I deemed it wise to propose to Her Majesty's Government in February last that an agreement for a closed season should be made pending the negotiations for arbitration, which then seemed to be approaching a favorable conclusion. An agreement was reached and signed on the 15th of June

of the Nuns. The dam cannot in consequence be built unless the company is prepared to pay damages on all the land and buildings in the neighbourhood that may be injured through the anticipated rise of about seven feet in the level of rise of about seven feet in the level of the arbitrators is all that is necessary to the completion of the convention.

THE CANADIAN BORDER LINES. Provision should be made for a joint demarcation of the frontier line between Canada and the United States, wherever required by the increasing border settle-ments, and especially for the exact loca-

tion of the water boundary in the straits and rivers.

ENGLISH VIEWS OF THE MESSAGE.

The St. James Gazette says the most important point in President Harrison's message is that part which has reference to the results of the McKinley tariff. The figures presented, the Gazette declares, compare significantly with Brit-ish figures, which remain stationary. It is all very well to say the Americans will presently discover the mistake in their fiscal policy, but perhaps they may not. In the meantime the calculations of the supporters of the McKinley bill are working much better than any one in England had reason to expect. The Globe sareastically comments on the the Government knows how to climb down-as in the cases of Chili and Behring sea disputes. Lord Salisbury, the Globe adds, need not be much trightened at President Harrison's tremendous menace and oppression of concern at foreign encroachments upon territories controlled by American governments. The paper further says if Venezuela passed under American control the least that the Venezuelan debt. The Globe dis-putes the statement made in the message that the presperity of the United States is entirely due to the McKinley bill. On the contrary, it says, the prosperity of the country is due to an ex-ceptional harvest there at a time when operators are short of grain.

#### Man's Age,

Few men die of age. Almost all die of disappointment, passion, mental or bodily toil, or accidents. The passions kill men sometimes, even suddenly. The common expression "choked with passion," has little exaggeration in it, for even though not suddenly fatal, have none to use. The latter take care weak to ourn out. The inferior animals. which live temperate lives, have generally their prescribed number of years The horse lives twenty-five; the ox iff teen or twenty; the lion about twenty the dog ten or twelve; the rabbit eight the guinea pig six or seven. These numbers all bear a similar proportion to the time the animal takes to grow to its full size. But man, of the animals, s one that seldom lives his average He ought to live a hundred years, ac cording to the physical law, for five times twenty are one hun fred; but instend of that, he scarcely reaches on an average four times his growing period; the cat six times; the rabbit even eight times the standard of measurement. The reason is obvious-man is not only there is no reason to believe, though we cannot tell what an animal secretly

Ethan Allen and His Daughter. the German, a circumstance that important with Rev. Father Te men, one pressed me very much. It relates to of the four first Olda's to come to what the Catechism teaches as, It co-curred in the United States, The daughter of an officer of rank Ethan for her father to her bodside, and taking him by the hand faintly addressed him in these words: "My dear father, I am going to die very soon; tell me seriously, then, I entreat you, whether I am to believe what you have so often told me. that there is neither God, nor heaven, nor hell,-or, what I learned in the catechism that my mother taught me? The father was thunderstruck; he remained for some moments silent, with us eyes fixed on his expairing daughter. His heart appeared to be torn by some violent struggle; at length he approached the bed, and said in a choking voice; My child, my dear child, believe only what your mother taught you!" The astonishment of the unbelievers who heard him may easily be imagined. One of them who had long before abjured his his religion, being asked what he thought, replied that it was more pleasant to live according to his new religion, but it was better to die in the old. There, my dear children, is how the impious themselves regard the Catechism at the final hour of death.-Schimd et Belet, Cat. Hist.  $II_{\gamma} 47.$ 

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The Ancaster Murder. It will be remembered that last January Mr. John Hyslop was brutally murdered at Ancaster, Ont. It is only now

tain what the police are working on. They are very reserved and careful of what information they may have. They believe they have the right party and can place the murder of Mr. Hyslop on one of the prisoners. Friends of Bartram, another prisoner, and Lottridge, claim that they can prove that neither of the prisoners was in the, vicinity of Ancaster when the murder was committed. Bartram is suffering from cancer in the right eye, which will probably have to be removed. Goosen, an Indian witness in Bartram's case, has been re-leased on bail. Mr. Hyslop was the aged treasurer of Ancaster township and was murdered in his house while defending the money in his official charge.

#### BREMNER'S FURS.

He Cannot Claim any Indemnity for His Losses.

The Government has passed an orderin-council upon the petition of Charles Bremner, the Bressaylor half-breed, praying to be paid the sum of \$19,859, with interest from Jane 7, 1886, for losses alleged to have been sustained by him during the Northwest rebellion. In his report to a uncil. Sir John Thompson remessage, which, it says, is adroitly traced on catch-vote lines. In some passages spread-eagleism is served up hot, in others nervous Yankees are assured that fers to the issue of the royal commission persons only as should be found, on a report of the royal commission, to have suffered, and who, by their conduct and loyalty, had shown themselves entitled to consideration. The report points out that the commissioners had rejected Mr Bremner's claim on the ground that he had to some extent participated in the rebellion, and refers to the fact that be was under arrest at Regina, along with could be expected would be that suz- Riel and others, and that at the instance eraine power would forthwith guarantee of Mr. Osler he was not tried, but was discharged upon giving his recognizances to appear when called on. Mr. Osler stated then that there was evidence to show the petitioner had to a certain extent taken part in the rebellion, and Sir John Thompson remarks that he has every reason to believe that that statement was accurate. For that reason he is of opinion that the Crown should not, as a matter of grace, comply with the request of Bremner and entertain the peti-

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also most appropriate terms, taking occasion for relate many interesting inclinits of the well bytown. He thousand both his Grace and the parishioners for the good words feels, that, more than any other animal which they had expressed towards from man cherishes wrath to keep it warm, and said it was the mappiest moment of and consumes himself with the fire of hi life. In the evening before their defend was invited by the archibility to defever a lecture. The e-like was because and for nearly an harrang a harfine sulfentened trase. 1645 Notre Dame St., 51ontreal, Lonce read in a book, translated from He came to Canada on May 1th, 18th, in America. For thirty years he remained where Ottawa now stends. He was was vicar-general of the parish until his Lordship's death on Feb. 8th, 1871, when which position be held until the consecration of Bishop Duhamel on Oct. 28th, 1874. His remarks throughout were both instructive and interessing. Roy. Father Dandurand was visited by hundreds of old friends who were anxious to see him. The callers included the leading business men of the capital. He seemed to have a distinct recollection of all his former acquaintances notwith-standing that he is 72 years of age. He remembers the dates of every incident of note that occurred as far back as 1840. He is the eldest member of the Oblat Order in the world, having cele-brated the 50th anniversary of his consecration last week. In company with Archbishop Tache, he left for St. Boniface, on the 14th inst.

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