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CARDINAL CONFIRMS FIVE HUNDRED CONVERTS

Boston Pilot
The Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Boston, witnessed recently a most inspiring and significant sight. It was the administration of the Sacrament of confirmation by His Eminence, Cardinal O'Connell to five hundred converts to the Catholic Faith, most of whom were adults.

Less than a century ago Catholics were hardly noticeable among the people of Massachusetts, had only recently acquired a cathedral and a Bishop of their own. Some few sincere souls did study the doctrines of the Church and were given the grace of faith.

Now after a space of years that in any of the older lands would seem very small, we have not only the great Diocese of Boston, but we behold five hundred converts confirmed at one time by a Prince of the Church.

The ranks of the faithful who are constantly being augmented by large numbers of converts in the United States and various parts of the civilized world in addition to the thousands in the mission fields who are brought into the one True Fold by the clergy laboring among the pagans and heathens. The lamentable increase of crime, irreligion, divorce, Socialism and Anarchy, the lessening of respect for the divine and the civil laws—these and other evils have caused widespread alarm among the thoughtful, law-abiding and self-respecting people of the country.

And as a consequence, they have asked themselves: What and where is the remedy?
Many earnest souls in their quest for the answer have been attracted to the Catholic Church. They have noted that she and she alone stands as a bulwark against the forces of evil and disorder; that she and she only, effectively champions the right always and everywhere; that she and she alone has but one standard of right and wrong. Realizing these things, therefore, they have studied her doctrines and principles, they have examined her claims and they have followed her history. And then, the light of faith has come to them and they have applied to be received as members of that Church which the Redeemer of mankind founded and which He established for the salvation of all souls.

THE CARDINAL'S DISCOURSE

At the conclusion of the ceremony His Eminence delivered an appropriate address. He said:

"This occasion is of much more than ordinary interest to all of us. It is the gathering of hundreds of men and women who, by the grace of God have received the light of the True Faith of Christ and who have followed its leading, and who now ask at the hands of Christ's One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church the Sacrament which will confirm their belief in all its sacred doctrines and strengthen their hearts to follow its commands.

"If each one of those here present to-day could tell his separate story, there would be narrated a wonderful series of events, each vividly describing the silent yet forceful, mysterious yet compelling influence of God's grace acting upon the mind and heart of man. And in all the story of man's lives, there is nothing approaching the fascinating interest of that story.

"Some of you from earliest infancy have seen glimmerings of the light which emanates from the City set upon the Hill—God's Holy Church. From afar and through the mists of many vague opinions some could always see, at least dimly, the beacon of the Church whose kindly light beckoned them onward.

ONE DAY ALL WAS CHANGED
"And with the years the glow of that wondrous light increased until it became a flaming torch beside whose white light all other little gleams of half light became mere shadows. And at last, kneeling down they adored the God of their souls made visible by the light of His Church.

"Others for years never even heard the sound of her sweet voice calling them or saw the brilliancy of her radiance. They had even been trained to turn their backs upon her. The legends of three hundred years, the fanciful myths about her arrogance, the false calumnies about her character and her purposes and her methods had done their work even in youth. Her name had been so vilified and her beauty so maligned that as the Jews said of Christ, 'Can any thing of good come from Nazareth?' So they concluded nothing Catholic could be either true or good.

"And one day all that was changed. She revealed herself to them, not decked out in the rags with which her enemies seek always to disfigure her, but in all the radiant beauty of Christ's spouse. On that day one glimpse of her truly heavenly face vanquished all lies and calumnies,

and she appeared in all her wonderful beauty, the sweet, tender, loving mother of men, gathering to her bosom all the children of God.

STRANGE IDEAS EXPLODED

"Others still misled by the false maxims of a shallow world, thought of the Church as a social inferior—a gathering place of the poor and unlettered. And one day they woke up to find that the truth is, that she is the true aristocrat of all organizations, where the rich and poor speak, nor feel either wealth or poverty, where the prince kneels side by side with the beggar; where the Pastors and the Newmans read from the same book as the apple woman and the cobbler, the sacred psalm of a holy life; where worldly snobbery has no place, and where the congregation is neither a pedantic group of intellectuals nor a gathering of social prigs, but merely and solely a body of simple worshippers at the altar of the true God.

"The Unitarian was warned that he would lose the liberty of rationalism, and he finds that as a Catholic reason is only stimulated, not weakened; guided, not stifled by faith.

"The Congregationalist was warned that he would lose his religious democracy under the tyranny of prelates, and he finds that he has just begun to realize the full meaning of religious democracy in a world of faith comprising all classes and all races. His terror of tyranny has turned out to be a mere fancy born of a myth. He rarely sees or hears a prelate, and as for tyranny, the laws are the same gentle counsels of guidance for all alike, Pope and peasant.

"The Methodist is warned of the dangers of formalism, and he finds that until now he never realized how ritual protected him from liberties that were often ludicrous when they were not vulgar, and that outside the great central act of worship there is a whole universe where each soul is left absolutely free to find its own peaceful pastures of devotion.

A GREAT MYSTERY

"The Episcopalian is warned of the terrors of the Papacy, and he finds that these terrors exist only in the imagination of excessively nationalized groups who seem never to realize that without a center there can be no circle; that as far as they are concerned there was far more pretention in Canterbury than they ever found in Rome; and moreover, everything merely national can lay no claim to being international or Catholic.

"And so around the whole circle—fears, worries, warnings, suspicions, which once the door is passed, once one enters in and really sees with one's own eyes, disappear into thin air, or into the mere vapor of imaginations when they come to be seen.

"And to every one of you must come instinctively the wonder, why others do not see as you now see. How is it that those who admit this tremendous spiritual power pass it by unheeded? Why do those who pass for learned men ignore a phenomenon which, even as a natural social fact, challenges the attention of observant men? There is the mystery. Who can solve it?

"Men justly claiming to be learned are, where the Catholic Church is concerned, stupidly ignorant. Men claiming to be fair to her can be guilty of the most cruel injustice, since they will not even investigate her claims. Men who are open-minded to all else in life, to her close both mind and ears; and all learned, fair and free, are content when her name is in question to believe the childish tales of silly, garrulous, old women, whose testimony on any other subject they would laugh to scorn.

GOD'S WORK

"Mystery! Yes, a thousand mysteries. And out of that mystery you have come into the light which brings the truth under your very eyes. That is God's work, and when you look back and realize the vapors and mists through which you finally wandered into a clear day, you must know that it is not only a mystery but miracle; and that miracle is faith.

light of wisdom in His hand, the light of a sad disappointment in His eyes and hear in the pathos of His tender voice as He stands there, so patient, so meek, so constant—Behold, I stand at the door and knock!"

"There is one potent force greater than any words you can utter of the goodness and greatness of that mother whom you have found at last.

"That is the force of the example of a holy life—a life glowing with the fervor of a convincing faith, exuberant with the love of God, overflowing in deeds of kindness, of patience and of service.

"That you may see even more clearly what the Church is to you, that you may walk even more firmly in the path she shows you, you have come here to-day to ask in the Sacrament of confirmation light and warmth, guidance and strength, wisdom and fortitude. Receive it now; and true to your promises grow in faith and grace, faithful till the end."

HOME BANK

The annual report of the Home Bank of Canada for the current year was submitted to the shareholders at the annual meeting held at the head office on Tuesday forenoon. It was noticeable that the signature of M. J. Haney took the place of the former vice-president, Thomas Flynn. The figures of the report were typical with that of other banking institutions for the current year. Cash assets are 80% of obligations to the public, and cash and readily available securities are over 50% of obligations to the public.

As the president explained in his address, a bank cannot keep its assets on hand in the form of ready cash and at the same time advance loans from its assets to increase the annual earnings.

The directors for the coming year will be: C. A. Barnard, K. C.; Thomas A. Crerar, Thomas Flynn, M. J. Haney, C. E.; John Kennedy, A. Claude Macdonell, K. C. M. P.; Brigadier-General Hon. James Mason, John Persse.

PRIESTS ON THE BATTLEFIELD

An English exchange tells of a collection of pictures at present in London which ought to be of much interest to Catholics. They are half-tone pictures taken from photographs brought from the front by a Catholic journalist, who presented them to one of the clergy attached to St. Etheldreda's Church. They show priests engaged on the battlefield, discharging the solemn duties of their sacred office. They include views of a priest celebrating Mass in the Belgian trenches; a French Bishop presiding at High Mass said in the open air, and assisted at by British and French soldiers. A most striking picture is that showing French, British, Belgian and German soldiers kneeling side by side at the celebration of Mass on the ground separating the trenches of the rival armies. Another one shows Allied soldiers and their enemies receiving Holy Communion side by side at Mass celebrated in the open air "on the very spot which had been the centre of several bloody battles," to quote the words written under the photograph.

The set also includes a picture of a priest saying Mass in Italy on the summit of a hill 7,500 feet above sea level, while his congregation are worshipping within view in the valley beneath. Another photograph is that entitled "Friend and Foe," assisting at Mass in the open in Russian Poland. The picture of a religious service in Alsace-Lorraine held while fighting was in actual progress is most interesting. The remarkable thing about all the photographs is that the officiating priest appears to be quite as unperturbed as though he were celebrating the Divine Mysteries in his own church. "This, surely, is suggestive, not only of their piety, but of their heroism," remarked a Protestant lady who was viewing the pictures with keen interest.—Sacred Heart Review.

THE POPE AND PEACE

ROME SILENT AS TO REPORT OF REPLY OF PRESIDENT TO SOVEREIGN PONTIFF
(By Catholic Press Association Cable)
Rome, June 22.—As between the Holy Father and President Wilson and Germany and as regards peace, the uncertainty of the last week has now been practically cleared away. There is Sir Edward Grey's statement in the House of Commons that the British Government had heard from Sir Henry Howard, its representative here to the Holy See, that "the Vatican had not been in communication with any Power concerning negotiations for peace, but that it had approached Germany to induce it to abandon the war with submarines."

That the information should come from London instead of being published officially here first is only in accordance with diplomatic etiquette. The information bears out what has been so often written from here that the Holy Father will make no official move towards intervention for peace until he is assured that efforts on his part in that direction will be at least accepted by all the Powers interested, and being thoroughly informed of the position of events and the views of all the Powers, he knows that that moment has not yet come. But that does not prevent him pray-

ing, hoping that the length of the war may be diminished by a month, a week, even a day, to lessen the slaughter by any period, nor does it prevent him keeping himself always perfectly informed in order to be able to place the whole moral influence of the Holy See at the back of the movement in favor of peace when the opportune moment arrives. As regards the other half of the communication, it was stated here that the Pope could not, in virtue of his neutrality and impartiality, interfere between the United States and Germany. He has not done so, and consequently the criticism does not hold.

What he has done is to use the influence of the Holy See to induce one fighting power to cease employing a method of warfare which is contrary to the laws of humanity and acknowledged international conventions, and his right to do that has been stated again and again in pontifical pronouncements. Nothing has been said here officially as to the report of a letter from President Wilson to the Holy Father, but that there should be such a reply to the Pope's communication to the President is, again, only a matter of diplomatic courtesy.—Catholic Transcript.

DEATH OF MRS. DUNCAN McRAE

Mrs. Duncan McRae passed to her reward June 2. The deceased was one of the best-known and best-beloved residents of Thorah township. Like her husband she was of Highland Scotch ancestry and lived a life of faith and self sacrifice worthy of the best traditions of that ancient and sturdy stock. Not only in her own home but throughout the community where for a quarter of a century she held a foremost place, her name breathes like a benediction.

For a quarter of a century she made her home a hospice for priest or nun visiting that part of Brook parish; and took a leading part in all the undertakings of the Thorah mission. Hers was a generous dedication of self to the cause of home and Church. She belonged to the school of mothers called by the "new woman," "old-fashioned," but who, unlike the "new woman," have the rare charm of not getting "old." True to the "old-fashioned" ways she made her home the temple of her love and the scene of her affection and devotedness.

Believing that the strongest virtue is home-love and the strongest character is home-fashioned, she spent no time or pains to inspire her sons with true Catholic ideals of lofty manhood.

Her funeral was largely attended. Father Redmond, the pastor, sang the Mass and Father Cline, of Toronto, delivered the funeral sermon. Fathers Jas. Hays and Kenneth McRae assisted in the sanctuary. The deceased is survived by her husband and two sons, Fred and Louis, and Mrs. Alex. McDonald, Beaverton.

THE LATE MRS. ELLEN CLEARY

The funeral of Mrs. Ellen Cleary took place from St. Patrick's church, Caledonia, on Saturday, June 24th, at 10.30 a. m. Mass was celebrated by her son, Rev. G. J. Cleary, of Caledonia, with Rev. Father Donovan, of Dunnville, as deacon, and Rev. Father Englert of St. Anne's Church, Hamilton, as sub-deacon. Very Rev. Dean Brady, of Brantford, gave the absolution, and addressed a few words of consolation to the friends. He also thanked the soldiers of Caledonia who so kindly formed a guard of honor at the entrance to the church, and again on the main street, on the outskirts of the town as the funeral passed on its way to Holy Sepulchre, Hamilton.

TEACHERS WANTED

CATHOLIC TEACHER FOR SEPARATE SCHOOL. Town of Whitby, 2nd class professional, duties begin September 1st. Apply giving references, also state experience, salary, etc. To T. Desmond, Sec., Whitby, Ont. 1968-1.

TEACHER WANTED HOLDING 1ST OR 2ND CLASS PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL SECTION NO. 1, BISCO. Salary \$700 per annum, duties to commence Sept. 1st. Apply to W. F. Burke, Sec. Treas., Biscotasing, Ont. 1968-3.

WANTED A TEACHER FOR CATHOLIC SEPARATE SCHOOL, NO. 10, CARRICK. Apply to Jos. H. Schwehr, Sec., Midland, Ont. 1968-3.

TEACHERS WANTED HOLDING FIRST OR SECOND CLASS ONTARIO CERTIFICATES FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS. For further particulars apply to A. F. McDonnell, Sec. Treas., Charlton, Ont. 1967-1.

TWO CATHOLIC TEACHERS WANTED FOR HANOVER SEPARATE SCHOOL. Qualified teacher for junior classes, Salary \$450, also qualified teacher for senior classes, Salary \$500. Duties to commence Sept. 1st. Apply to Wm. Bohart, Sec. Treas., Hanover, Ont. 1967-2.

TEACHER HOLDING SECOND CLASS NORMAL CERTIFICATE FOR SOUTH GLOUCESTER CATHOLIC SCHOOL. Salary \$300 per annum. Duties to begin Sept. 1st, 1916. Apply to Rev. Geo. D. Prudhomme, P. P. Sec. Treas., South Gloucester, Ont. 1967-4.

NORMAL TRAINED TEACHER WANTED FOR CATHOLIC SEPARATE SCHOOL, CHARLTON. Duties to begin after summer holidays. Apply stating experience and salary to A. F. McDonnell, Sec. Treas., Charlton, Ont. 1967-3.

FOR CATHOLIC SEPARATE SCHOOL, NO. 3, MARCH. Holding 2nd class certificate. Salary \$600. Duties to commence Sept. 1st. For further particulars apply to Ambrose Carroll, Sec. Treas., R. R. No. 2, Dunrobin, Ont. 1968-4.

WANTED TEACHER, 2ND CLASS CERTIFICATE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL, HAZAR. Salary \$500. Duties to commence after holidays. School in village of Marketon on main line C. P. R. Apply to J. Brown, Sec. P. S., No. 1, Hazar, Marketon, Ont. 1968-2.

QUALIFIED TEACHER WANTED FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL. Section No. 3, Greenock Township, Bruce County (South). Average attendance about 15. Rural mail. Salary \$500 per annum. Duties to begin Sept. 5th, 1916. Apply to Daniel Madden, Chapeau, Ont. 1967-4.

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THE HOME BANK OF CANADA
Statement of the result of the business of the Bank for the year ending 31st May, 1916.

Submitted at the Annual Meeting of the Shareholders held at the Head Office, Toronto, Tuesday, June 27, 1916.

| PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT. | | To the Shareholders— | |
|--|-----------------|---|-------------------------------|
| Balance of Profit and Loss Account 31st May, 1915 | \$ 26,290 27 | Capital (subscribed, \$2,000,000) paid up | \$1,946,375 18 |
| Net profits for the year after deducting charges of management, interest due depositors, payment of all Provincial and Municipal taxes and rebate of interest on unmatured bills | 133,406 25 | Reserve for contingencies | 309,099 09 |
| Transferred from Rest Account | 109,000 00 | Dividends unclaimed | 1,372 84 |
| | \$239,696 53 | Dividend No. 28 (quarterly), being at the rate of 5% per annum, payable June 1st, 1916 | 23,225 47 |
| | | Balance of Profit and Loss Account | 42,759 00 |
| | | | \$15,562,062 62 |
| CAPITAL PROFIT ACCOUNT. | | ASSETS. | |
| Premium on Capital Stock received during the year. | 333 74 | Gold and other current coin | \$ 11,375 63 |
| Which has been appropriated as follows:— | \$260,030 27 | Reserve Government Notes | 2,699,197 00 |
| Dividend No. 27, quarterly, at rate of 5% per annum | \$24,317 01 | Deposit with the Minister of Finance as security for note circulation | \$2,816,573 63 |
| Dividend No. 26, quarterly, at rate of 5% per annum | 24,317 17 | Notes of other Banks | 89,000 00 |
| Dividend No. 27, quarterly, at rate of 5% per annum | 24,320 23 | Cheques on other Banks | 119,051 03 |
| Dividend No. 28, quarterly, at rate of 5% per annum | 24,325 47 | Balances due by other Banks in Canada | 439,854 45 |
| Government War Tax on Note circulation | \$ 97,875 88 | Balances due by Banks and banking corporations elsewhere than in Canada | 207,639 71 |
| Payments on account of special subscriptions to Red Cross, Patriotic and other funds | 17,259 79 | Canadian Municipal Securities and British, Foreign and colonial public securities other than Canadian | 551,067 82 |
| Provision for depreciation in Securities held for Debts, and for Contingencies | 100,000 00 | Railway and other Bonds, not exceeding market value | 270,459 79 |
| | \$2,790 00 | Call and Short (not exceeding 30 days) Loans on bonds, debentures and stocks | 2,271,634 47 |
| | \$260,030 27 | | \$6,773,797 79 |
| GENERAL STATEMENT. | | Liabilities. | |
| To the Public— | | Notes of the Bank in Circulation | \$ 1,977,635 00 |
| Deposits not bearing interest | \$1,530,502 49 | Deposits bearing interest, including interest accrued to date of statement | 8,603,283 05 |
| Balances due to Banks and banking correspondents in the United Kingdom and foreign countries | 484,215 39 | Balances due to Dominion Government | 500,000 00 |
| Balances due to Imperial Government | 55,275 00 | Balances due to other Banks in Canada | 58,159 60 |
| | \$13,247,170 53 | | |
| | | M. J. Haney, Vice President. | JAMES MASON, General Manager. |

AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS.
In accordance with sub-sections 19 and 20 of Section 56 of the Bank Act, 1913, I beg to report as follows. The above balance sheet has been examined with the books and vouchers at the Head Office, and with the certified returns from the Branches, and is in accordance therewith. I have obtained all needed information from the Officers of the Bank, and in my opinion the transactions coming under my notice have been within the powers of the Bank.
I have checked the cash and verified the securities of the Bank at its Chief Office, both on the 31st May, 1916, and also at another time during the year; the cash and securities of one of the Branches have also been checked, and in each case they have agreed with the entries in the books of the Bank with regard thereto.
In my opinion the above balance sheet is properly drawn up so as to show a true and correct view of the state of the Bank's affairs, according to the best of my information and the explanations given to me, and as shown by the books of the Bank.
SYDNEY H. JONES, Auditor.