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FROM THE CAPITAL.

BOT WEATHER AND THE LEGISLATORS.

The Likelihood of the Manitoba School Question to Come Up; a Lively Week in Athletic Circles; "Naming" Member; The Divorce Committee; "Corpus Christi"; The Separate Schools; International Convention of Catholic Foresters.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, June 17.—Already members of Parliament are beginning to get homesick and to talk of the winding-up of the session as soon as possible. Both sides seem content to expedite as much as possible the clearing of the track which leads to prorogation; but whether they will be successful in getting away from the Hill before the middle of July, is a question. It is hinted now that no important legislation will be brought down during the next few weeks, in order to clear off the sheet before a fortnight, but it is anticipated in well informed circles that work as friendly as they will, the legislators cannot get home before August. There is a strong probability of the Schools question coming up, and if it should, there is certain to be a three weeks debate on it alone. Even the Public Accounts Committee has several weeks work ahead yet, so that the last of the session, which will ultimately bring dissolution with it, cannot be expected for two months at least.

So far as excitement goes it was strictly confined to the Buildings last week. In the city things were unusually quiet, perhaps on account of the all-absorbing athletic struggle between the Shamrocks and Capitals, and which the latter won so easily. In the Senate and Commons, however, there was sufficient to keep wagging tongues going for months. It is provided in the rules of the English Parliament, upon whose regulations the laws that govern our own legislatures are modelled, that when a member is guilty of a breach of parliamentary decorum his punishment shall be most lenient. To the ordinary citizen a statement that any member thus guilty shall be "named" by the Speaker would not seem to presage much to be feared, but to the parliamentarian the punishment has certain and determinable terrors. Never in the history of the Canadian Commons has this penalty been imposed, but Friday Joseph Martin, M.P. for Winnipeg, very nearly incurred it for scoring Boyd, the member for Marquette, contrary to parliamentary practice. He accused Boyd of uttering a falsehood, and was called down. After much hesitation Martin withdrew the statement and thus escaped the awful penalties.

Following this came the resignation of the Divorce Committee of the Senate, because their reports were always negotiated by the Catholic Senators, who are opposed to the principles of Divorce entirely. The Senators who resigned were Kirk-Holler, Read, Lougheed, McKindsey, McInnes, Primrose and Ferguson. On Sunday the feast of Corpus Christi was solemnly and fittingly observed by the leading Catholic societies of the city. The procession from the Basilica was the largest in years. Thousands of all creeds flocked the streets where the procession passed. The decorations along the route were appropriate and grand in the extreme. Rev. Canon Baillou carried the Blessed Sacrament in the absence of His Grace Archbishop Duhamel, who is away on his pastoral visits.

As announced last week, the School Commission will go on. Two other gentlemen were appointed this week by the Government and the work is already under way. The teachers of various separate schools are receiving every assistance, particularly the Christian Brothers, than whom none are more anxious for the investigation than themselves. It will be two weeks before a report is ready.

The Catholic Foresters have already begun preparations for the International Convention here in September. A moonlight excursion on Thursday evening was held to help defray the expenses of the convention. A grand church parade on the Sunday preceding the opening day of the convention has been arranged. It will take place to St. Patrick's Church, Rev. Father Whelan, a very enthusiastic Forester himself, having given his consent.

ST. PATRICK'S CONCERT.

IN BEHALF OF THE RESTORATION FUND OF THE CHURCH.

Last Friday evening a magnificent concert was given at the Victoria Armory in aid of the restoration of St. Patrick's Church, under the patronage of the clergy of St. Patrick's, and under the very able management of Mrs. Cornwallis Monk. The programme was certainly one of the finest ever presented at a similar concert. In fact there were enough talented musicians to supply three ordinary concerts.

The feature of the evening was of course the playing of the well known violinist, Monsieur Le Simple, professor of the Academy of Music, London, England. M. Le Simple has a European reputation, he is a perfect artist, and his masterly manipulation of what to the uninitiated is an unfriendly instrument, was something wonderful. He seems so thoroughly at home and perfectly independent of the orthodox position. His playing is characterized by all the possible *variations* of light and shade, tenderness and fire and dainty tripping passages. The following numbers were played by him and each

in itself was a separate treat: (a) *Antante Gottermann*, (b) *Gavotte, Squire*; (a) *Melodie, Gluck*, (b) *Tarantella, Popper*. In addition to these charming *morceaux* were given as encores. Mr. Saucier accompanied M. Le Simple in a most artistic musicianly manner. M. J. Goulet, violinist, contributed greatly to the success of the concert, by his solos and also by the obligatos to the different songs. "Kathleen Mayourneen," soloist Mrs. Humphrey, violin obligato, M. Goulet, piano accompaniment, Mrs. Monk, was a very fine number.

The other ladies and gentlemen taking part were: Miss Taschereau, Miss Terroux, Miss Nelligan McAndrew, Miss May Millay, Miss Turcotte, Miss Hubert, Mr. Feron, Mr. Algernon Reid, Miss Baffie and Professor Fowler, accompanists. The audience was large and enthusiastic, and Mrs. Monk had to veto encoring, except in a few instances. A substantial proof of the success of this very excellent concert will no doubt be given to St. Patrick's Restoration Fund.

CANDIDATES ORDAINED

BY THE ARCHBISHOP AT ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL

Montreal sustains its importance as a Roman Catholic centre of education for the whole continent, as can easily be seen by the following list of ordinations made by Mgr. Fabre at the Cathedral:

Tonsure—Messrs. J. B. M. Brisset, C. J. Brodeur, A. J. Champagne, E. J. Laporte, O. D. Leveque, E. E. Mongeau, A. Culianian, E. Fauteux, J. Jodoin, J. Jodoine, A. Lessard, S. Renaud, Montreal; R. McDonald, Antigonish; P. J. O'Reilly, Burlington; P. D. McGuigan, Charlottetown; M. C. Bolender, M. M. Grady, C. S. Regan, W. J. Weirich, Dubuc; F. A. Zettler, Hamilton; F. P. O'Neil, Manchester; F. J. Dubbel, Nesqually; J. T. Trudel, Saint Boniface; O. L. Roberge, St. Hyacinthe, Z. O. Letendre, Sherbrooke; M. F. Abbott, F. A. Lane, J. E. Jollig, Springfield; A. J. Grenier, Three Rivers; E. J. Aubin-Maille, H. A. Durisic, A. J. Millard, Valleyfield; L. H. Lachance, cong. des Peres de la Misericorde; E. Gelot, in religion Fr. Marie Etienne, J. Descomptes, in religion Fr. Archangel, ordre des Freres Mineurs; T. Brown, J. McGarry, Burlington; W. Purcell, L. O'Leary, Chatham; J. Abe, J. Reid, A. Studer, Grand Rapids; B. Donnelly, H. Quinn, J. Steapleton, Hartford; J. Creedon, Manchester; J. O'Neil, J. Roche, Ogdensburg; P. Desjardins, A. Laflamme, Portland, Me.; F. Penaud, Providence; M. Bissonnette, T. Cummings, J. Delehaney, M. Domagrace, G. Gagnon, E. O'Malley, Springfield; T. O'Donnell, A. O'Leary, Toronto; P. Hayes, Orleans; P. Martel, clerc de Saint-Viateur.

Minor Orders—Messrs. J. L. Lefebvre, T. E. McDermott, G. J. McShane, A. Pateman, A. Peras, F. O. Morin, T. W. O'Reilly, J. A. Paize, Montreal; D. McDonald, Antigonish; H. J. Maillet, Burlington; E. F. Burns, Grand Rapids; J. B. Ouellette, London; T. M. O'Leary, Manchester; J. J. Corcoran, Marquette; M. A. Clary, J. A. Flynn, T. M. Hurley, M. Reilly, Portland; J. F. Barry, N. A. Messier, Providence; A. P. Archambault, E. J. Lemonde, A. Perrault, Saint-Hyacinthe; H. G. Coyne, T. B. Cunningham, Springfield; J. Massicotte, Three Rivers; P. E. Myre, M. D. Pilon, Valleyfield; R. Roy, in religion Brother Joseph-Marie, of the Order of the Freres Mineurs; P. Martel, clerc de Saint-Viateur.

Sub-deaconship—Messrs. H. C. Gagnon, T. Z. Lafontaine, O. Papineau, Montreal; A. O'Hanley, Antigonish; S. Turbide, Charlottetown; D. E. Malone, E. Racette, Grand Rapids; C. E. McMains, Halifax; C. J. Crowley, Ogdensburg; W. A. Doran, J. S. Dunn, M. F. Reddy, Providence; J. J. McInerney, Pontiac; H. S. Belisle-Vassour, St. Hyacinthe; E. P. Dunphy, Springfield; A. J. Connerford, Syracuse; W. L. Hart, H. J. Swenny, Toronto; H. Leblond, A. Seignon, of the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament.

Deaconship—Messrs. Cournoyer, Montreal; D. Chisholm, M. Doyle, A. McDonald, Antigonish; M. J. Thiffault, Dubuc; W. J. Kinsley, Grand Rapids; J. A. Grenier, P. J. O'Reilly, Hartford; S. Leinfelder, Lacrosse; W. Fogarty, P. L'Heroux, London; J. Mettill, Manchester; J. McGrath, J. A. Rivard, Springfield; J. McEachren, P. McEachren, A. P. Small, M. D. Whelan, Toronto; L. Hudon, P. Prince, Jesuits.

Priesthood—Rev. Messrs. J. B. Berard, L. J. Desjardins, S. B. Dubé, Montreal; A. J. Roy, Manchester, E. J. Hamelin, Quebec; and A. Desautel, Albany.

ARCHBISHOP LANGEVIN

GIVES HIS OPINION ON THE MANITOBA GOVERNMENT'S ANSWER.

WINNIPEG, June 14.—Archbishop Langevin was asked to-day by wire for his opinion on Manitoba's reply to the School order. The following is the answer:

ST. BONIFACE PALACE, June 14th.

I am sorry for the local Government's bad will. It is rather strange that after five years of public discussion the memorials should blandly charge the Ottawa Government with ignorance and claim for themselves the monopoly of knowledge. I trust that the Government and Parliament of Canada will sustain the judgment of the Privy Council of England and stand by the constitution of the country.

Signed, LANGEVIN.

THE GREAT TOMBOLA.

DON'T FORGET TO MORROW EVENING.

In twenty-four hours, perhaps less, from the time of reading this week's paper, the Grand Tombola of St. Mary's parish will have taken place. While there is yet time secure tickets for the

Tombola, and don't forget to attend the grand concert. Remember that Madame Durand and the "World's Wonder, Little Tootsie," will be there. The admission is only twenty-five cents. But the great and all important fact of the drawing for such splendid prizes as those offered will be the most satisfactory feature of the event. Get a book of tickets at once; five for a dollar. To-morrow (Thursday) evening the drawing takes place. In our next issue we will publish the winning numbers. Don't risk the after regrets for not having taken a chance seldom afforded both for a prize and a good work.

THE RELICS OF ST. BLAISE.

A VISIT TO THE SHRINE AT GRAND LIGNE.

Some Facts Concerning the Career of the Saint and a Few of the Cures Which He is Said to Have Obtained.

The Star gives the following graphic account of a most interesting event:

The men and women of St. Jean Baptiste parish, under the direction of Rev. Father Morin, took a special train at Bonaventure station on Thursday last for the purpose of visiting the shrine, at St. Blaise, this being the first pilgrimage to St. Blaise ever organized in this city.

Arrived at the odd little country village, a move was at once made for the church. This is a fine stone structure, very prettily decorated inside in blue and white and gold. A low Mass having been said, at which a choir of about 100 small boys sang several very choice selections, Father Bonnin, the parish priest, announced that there would be a short interval to permit those who had been fasting all the morning in order that they might receive Communion, to obtain some breakfast, after which the exposition of the relic and a grand procession would take place. The old church, a roomy wooden structure within a few yards of the new building, is now used as a dining-room and restaurant, and serves the purpose excellently, their being accommodation for about 500 persons to eat at one time.

When the pilgrims returned to the church the statue of St. Blaise on the main altar was almost buried in flowers, while innumerable small tapers had been lighted before the figure of the saint and around the relic. These last consist of two small pieces of the rib of the saint, about five and a half inches long altogether, which are now of a darkish brown color. They had been exposed in a finely decorated ostensorium in front of the statue, where they remained in full sight of the people during the whole of the remaining services. In an eloquent address Father Bonnin gave the main facts concerning the life of St. Blaise, and also made reference to several miracles, which are said to have been wrought through his intercession, in and about the village.

Following the sermon came the blessing of the throats, the ancient ceremony which has come down to the present day through fifteen hundred years of the Church's history. The candles having first been blessed, the congregation crowded up to the altar rail to receive the special blessing, which the priest says in Latin:

By the intercession of holy Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God free thee from all sickness of the throat and from all other evils. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. Amen.

The ordinary candles which have been blessed are eagerly secured by the worshippers, so that in case of sickness in the home they may be lighted while St. Blaise is invoked. And now the throats are all blessed, and

THE PROCESSION BEGINS TO FORM.

First come the altar-boys, in their white surplices, followed by some hundred other little ones, in their Sunday clothes, walking two by two. Next come the young girls of the parish and the pilgrimage, followed again by the matrons and older women. In the centre is the ostensorium containing the precious relic, borne by four brothers, and surrounded by the following priests: Rev. Fathers Dupuis (St. Valentine), Rabane (St. Lambert), Palardeau (Champlain), Chalifour (Napierville), Morin, Prefontaine, Desjardins, Grosclain, Delphose and Marsolais (Montreal). Bringing up the rear are the men, also marching two by two. The big double door of the church is thrown open, and they come. As the boys reach the rough plank sidewalk they begin to chant an invocation, the whole body of men, women and children swelling the refrain *Our pro nobis*. The parish priest leaves the procession and stands in the middle of the small square, three sides of which are lined with pilgrims and villagers. The singing stops, and the voice of the priest is heard repeating the Pater Noster and "Hail Mary." Once more they move on still chanting evenly and solemnly. Presently the boys turn, and begin to retrace their steps toward the church, and as one man the whole body of processionists burst into the *Laudate dominum omnes gentes*, the last words of the *Glory* being sung just as the brothers bearing the relic reach the door of the sacred edifice. The remainder of the day is spent in meditation and prayer before the shrine of the saint, who is depicted as holding an iron wool comb in his hand, this being one of the chief instruments of torture by means of which he was made to suffer. For this reason he has been chosen patron saint of all Christian wool combers.

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THE FETE DIEU.

ONE OF THE GRANDEST CELEBRATIONS OF THE FEAST.

Mgr. Fabre Carries the Sacred Host—The 65th and St. Mary's College Cadets Act As Escort—Scene Along the Route of Procession.

The celebration of Corpus Christi, on last Sunday, was one of the grandest and most imposing ever held in this city.

All the parishes of the city of Montreal, composed of their societies, assembled in and around Place d'Armes Square at 8.30 a.m. They immediately formed in line, and after a low Mass at Notre Dame Church had been said, at which the societies were not present, owing to their great number, they immediately began the march.

The route of the procession was by

Place d'Armes Hill, St. Urbain, Dorchester, Visitation, Lagauchette, Campeau, Dubord, St. Denis, Bonsecours and Notre Dame streets to Notre Dame Church.

Several arches had been erected and many columns adorned the route. Saplings, maple and palm trees were planted everywhere; streamers were extended across the streets and flags were displayed at windows and hung at flag-staffs. Pious pictures were also hung on the walls of houses. The decorations of the Maternity of La Misericorde, on Dorchester street, were very beautiful; the Sisters made every effort to enhance their property, which is of great dimensions. The repository was situated at St. Peter's Church. There the Archbishop blessed the people, and all rested for a few moments.

It was about 10.15 before the different societies had moved along the line of march sufficiently to allow the dais which covered the Blessed Sacrament to be moved. The procession was by

the route before evening. They had processions in their own parishes. As things were on Sunday, the Host only left the church at 10.15 a.m., and it did not return until two o'clock. It took the processions an hour and a half to pass any given point.

St. Mary's parish led the way, under the direction of the parish priest, Rev. Father O'Donnell; a squad of policemen preceded them. The boys' and the girls' schools of the parish, with the banners and regalia, were the first; after them came the children of Mary, and the ladies of the Rosary Society, all wearing their regalia; the members of the Holy Name Society, and the gentlemen of the parish followed.

The next congregation was that of St. Peter's, accompanied by the Oblat Fathers. The societies of this church in the ranks were: The Congregation of the Ladies, with banners and banners; the Society of Temperance, with banners and flags; and the band "Union Musical"; the Men's Congregation of the Blessed Virgin, and the Young Men's Congregation, besides these were the Ladies of St. Anne with banners and regalia, and the boys of St. Peter's School.

St. Bridget's parish followed. It consisted of the boys of the Christian Brothers' School, and the girls of the School of the Congregation of the Nuns; then came the young men of the Congregation of the Blessed Virgin with banners, the Men's Congregation, with banners, and the Children of Mary, wearing white veils and carrying flags, banners and banners; representing the fifteen mysteries.

St. Ann's parish also took part in the procession. The St. Ann's Young Men, St. Ann's Temperance Society and the gentlemen of the parish walked with the Redemptorist Fathers.

St. Anthony's parish, consisting of the ladies of the parish, the Young Men's Society, and parishioners, preceded St. Joseph's parish.

Amongst the societies of the latter in the ranks were Les Dames de Ste. Anne with banner, the Children of Mary, the Congregation of Young Men, l'Union St. Joseph, l'Union St. Vincent, the Women's Congregation and the Men's Congregation of the Blessed Virgin, all carrying flags and banners.

St. James' parish was composed of the Congregation of the Blessed Virgin for Young Men, and that for the men, as well as the Congregation for the Ladies of the parish. They carried their banners and flags and they were accompanied by acolytes.

St. Patrick's parish came next in the order of march. The Sodality of the Living Rosary, the ladies of which were dressed in white and several in black; they carried the banners of the fifteen mysteries; they were very much admired; the Ladies of the Sacred Heart; the Children of Mary; the children of the schools; St. Patrick's Temperance Society and St. Patrick's Society. In the ranks of St. Patrick's Society were noticed Hon. J. J. Curran, Hon. James McShane and Dr. Guérin, the president of the society; Rev. Father Quinlan, parish priest, Rev. Father Martin Callaghan, Rev. Father James Callahan and Rev. Father James McCallen. The members of the Catholic Truth Society were also seen in the ranks of the procession, as well as the members of the Catholic Sailor's Club.

Notre Dame parish came last. The societies of this parish were: The Congregation of La Sainte Famille, the Men's

Congregation and the children of the schools. The Sisters of the Congregation and the Grey Nuns also preceded the Host.

After the various parishes came the pupils of Mount St. Louis with their band, the students of St. Mary's College and those of the Montreal College with the band of the college. The band of the 65th Battalion preceded the clergy. Immediately preceding the Host were the students of philosophy and theology of the Grand Seminary, the sub-deacons and deacons in their diaconals and the priests in their chasubles. Then came the canons of the archdiocese, accompanied by four Franciscan Fathers and a priest of the Greek rite, robed in the vestments required by that rite. The 65th Battalion, under command of Lieut.-Col. Prevost, and the St. Mary's College Cadets, under the command of Capt. Henri Mercier, acted as a body guard. A squad of policemen surrounded the canopy, As the Host passed, the crowds that lined the sidewalks bared their heads and knelt.

Following the canopy were the clerics of the Superior Court and Judge Justice Mathieu and Quintin, representing the Bench. The sheriff, Hon. Mr. Tibout, in his robes of office, also