

PASTORAL LETTER
of the
RIGHT REVEREND BISHOP OF
PETERBOROUGH
on the
Erection of the Diocese of Sault Ste.
Marie, and the Appointment of
the Right Reverend David
Joseph Scollard to the
new Episcopal See.

Richard Alphonsus O'Connor, by the
grace of God and the favor of
the Holy See, Bishop of
Peterborough.

To the Clergy, Religious Communi-
ties and Laity of our Diocese, health,
peace and benediction in the Lord:

Dearly Beloved Brethren:

The Apostolic See, ever watchful
over the interests of the Catholic
Church, and solicitous for the spiri-
tual needs of her members in every
portion of the Christian Common-
wealth, places Bishops to rule the
Church of God, and dispense the mys-
teries of religion to the faithful. As
a country becomes more populous, and
the wants of the people are multiplied,
new Dioceses are created and Bishops
are appointed to direct and govern
them.

On account of the large influx of
settlers of late years into New Onta-
rio, which embraces the northern
and western part of the Diocese of
Peterborough, the Holy See has been
petitioned to establish a new Diocese
in that district.

Our Holy Father Pius X, has been
graciously pleased to grant our re-
quest, and has erected the new Diocese
of Sault Ste. Marie, which comprises
the western part of Nipissing District,
the Districts of Algoma and Thunder
Bay, including Manitoulin and St.
Joseph Islands. This new Diocese will
extend from North Bay west about
800 miles to the eastern limit of the
Rainy River District, whilst the Dio-
cese of Peterborough will comprise the
Counties of Northumberland, Durham,
Peterborough and Victoria, with the
Districts of Muskoka and Parry
Sound.

A glance at what has been accom-
plished in the western portion of the
Diocese during the fifteen years of our
administration will, no doubt, be in-
teresting, as well as showing the rapid
growth of the Catholic population in
that district. During that time 72
churches have been built, 49 of which
are within the limits of the new Dio-
cese of Sault Ste. Marie. In addition
22 other churches have been enlarged
or improved. To provide suitable
dwellings for the clergy, 19 Presbyte-
ries have been erected, and of these,
13 are in the new Diocese. Four hos-
pitals have been constructed, and
three of these are located in impor-
tant towns of the new Diocese, viz.:
Sault Ste. Marie, Port Arthur and
Sudbury—suitable centres to afford
relief and consolation to the sick and
injured that are brought from the sur-
rounding districts. In most of the
parishes and missions Catholic schools
are established, where the children re-
ceive religious and moral training.
Moreover, there are about 6000 Catho-
lic Indians, or 82 per cent. of the to-
tal Indian population in the Diocese.
These are provided with three board-
ing schools, where the children are
educated and trained by devoted and
self-sacrificing Sisters, under the direc-
tion of the Jesuit Fathers. Besides
there are several day schools where
the rudiments of a religious and liter-
ary education are imparted to these
aborigines.

The Catholic population of the Dio-
cese of Sault Ste. Marie is about
27,000, with 35 priests and 64 church-
es, whilst the Catholic population
of what will henceforth constitute the
Diocese of Peterborough, is about 24,-
000, with 29 priests and 45 churches.
Thus, the new Diocese will contain a
larger extent of territory and also a
greater number of priests to attend to
the spiritual welfare of the people.

From these few details it can be
easily perceived why the Holy Father
was pleased to establish a new Diocese
and appoint a Bishop, who will build
upon the foundations already laid, and
continue more effectually the works of
religion in that section of the Provin-
ce. In the action taken to urge the
partition of our Diocese, we sought
not to avoid the burden of personal
labor in God's vineyard, but were ac-
tuated by the desire of providing for
the increasing demands of religion and
of promoting the expansion of the
church. Experience has taught us
that many of the descendants of the
early Catholic settlers of Ontario have
been lost to the Faith, owing to a
scarcity of priests, who would seek

them in their isolated homes, and to
the want of churches in which they
might assist at the Holy Sacrifice of
the Mass, receive the Sacraments and
secure a knowledge of their religion.

Our Holy Father Pius X has selected
as Bishop of the new Diocese, The
Rt. Rev. David Joseph Scollard, Pas-
tor of the flourishing parish of North
Bay. For several years he was our
secretary and chancellor, and dischar-
ged the duties of these offices with
marked ability and fidelity. During
the past nine years he has proved
himself a pious, zealous and energetic
pastor, whose labors have been bles-
sed with much fruit and great suc-
cess. The faithful of the diocese of
Sault Ste. Marie will find in their new
Bishop a kind and loving father, who
will be ever ready to encourage them
in their undertakings and sympathize
with them in their trials. We part
with one of our devoted and gifted
priests, a true friend who has ever
been loyal to his Church and obedient
to his Bishop.

For many years past the opportuni-
ties for the development of New Onta-
rio in agriculture, commerce, min-
ing, manufacturing and other indus-
tries, have been recognized, thereby
causing a large increase in popula-
tion.

It has been our consistent desire
that religion should keep pace with
the material advancement of the coun-
try. Hence our motive for building
churches and schools wherever possi-
ble. The establishing of an Episcopal
See in the midst of this extensive dis-
trict will carry out our designs in re-
gard to religious progress, and will
encourage Catholics to flock to the
vacant and fertile lands of these re-
gions and to the centres of industrial
enterprises.

The severing of the happy and inti-
mate ties that bound us to the faith-
ful of the new Diocese causes a pang
of regret, and our heart is deeply
moved at the thought of bidding fare-
well to this part of our beloved flock.
However, as the separation is for the
greater advancement of God's Church
and the promotion of religion, we
willingly make the sacrifice of our per-
sonal feelings.

We cannot forget the many sacrifices
made by the new settlers to preserve
the traditions of their fathers, and
build up the works of religion and
education in their new homes. With
pleasure, we recall the many pastoral
visitations to the distant missions of
our Diocese, when we witnessed the
strong faith of the people and their at-
tachment to the practices of their re-
ligion, as well as their reverence and
expressions of joy in receiving their
Bishop into their humble dwellings.
Our purpose was to bring them the
blessings of Heaven and offer them
words of encouragement and advice
for their spiritual and temporal pro-
gress.

How edifying and consoling, on visit-
ing the Indian missions, to behold
the fervent faith and reverential con-
duct of those beloved children whose
simple piety and fervor might well be
imitated by those who enjoy a larger
share of the benefits of civilization
and learning.

We shall ever remember the noble
and zealous Jesuit Fathers who have
proved themselves worthy disciples of
St. Ignatius in training the Indians to
follow in the path of religion and in-
fusing into them habits of morality,
sobriety and industry. To these fellow-
laborers who have charge also of the
parishes and missions in the new Dio-
cese, must be attributed the glorious
success attained by God's Church in
this extensive district. They have
borne the heat of summer and endured
the hardships of winter, in bringing
the Bread of Life and announcing the
word of God to the faithful of the
sparse missions of early years and the
more populous parishes of recent ti-
mes. Like the Good Shepherd, they
have labored in season and out of sea-
son, searching after the scattered
sheep, guiding them into the true
fold and to the fountain of living
waters. Nor can we fail to extol the
zeal and self sacrifice of our secular
clergy who have likewise labored
energetically in building up religion in
the missions entrusted to them.

We cannot praise too highly the
Religious Communities whose mem-
bers are devoted to forming the mor-
al and intellectual character of the
youth, or consecrated by their life of
charity to alleviate the sufferings of
the sick and helpless members of our
Divine Lord. Their life of self-denial
in promoting works of education, and
charity have won for them the love
and reverence of the members of the
Church, as well as the admiration and
esteem of those who do not share our

faith. Truly they are the spotless vir-
gins, who, after saving and relieving
the afflicted of God's children will be
amongst those who in Heaven "sing
a new canticle before the throne and
follow the Lamb whithersoever He
goeth, . . . for they are without spot
before the throne of God."—Apoc.
XIV. 3, 4, 5.

We bid a paternal and affectionate
farewell to all our beloved priests, de-
voted Sisters and faithful people of
the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie. Though
no longer their Bishop, we shall ever
retain a pleasant memento of the many
visitations we made to the parishes and
missions, when we were amply repaid for
the inconveniences attendant upon travel in
a new country, by the ardent faith and
fervent piety we witnessed in these
pioneers of religion.

In conclusion, Dearly Beloved, we
earnestly exhort you to pray Almighty
God to bestow upon the new Bis-
hop, in abundance, the graces of the
Holy Spirit, that he may be spared
for many years to zealously labor for
the advancement of religion and the
salvation of souls: that the Holy
Ghost may enlighten, protect and
guide him in all his ways: that the
flock entrusted to his charge may af-
ford him joy and consolation: that the
priests and faithful co-operating
with him, the Diocese of Sault Ste.
Marie may become one of the most
flourishing in the Province.

The Consecration will take place in
our Cathedral, Peterborough, on Fri-
day February 24th, Feast of the
Apostle St. Mathias.

This letter shall be read in all the
churches and chapels of the Diocese as
soon as convenient after its reception.
RICHARD ALPHONSUS O'CONNOR,
Bishop of Peterborough.

M. J. O'BRIEN, D. D.,
Secretary.

Peterborough, February 9th, 1905.

SCOTCH LOGIC.

One of our exchanges tells the
following story illustrating how a
High Church divine in Scotland
vindicated himself for preaching
the doctrine of the Immaculate
Conception in the Episcopal Church.
"Cited before the Bishop to ex-
plain, the priest (sic), with a book
of the Church service in one hand
and a pinch of snuff between the
thumb and forefinger of the other,
argued as follows:

"My Lord, I point out to your
Lordship in this Calendar, under
date of December 8, the direction,
'Conception B. V. M.' I presume
that this direction follows the cus-
tom of the Church Universal. As
your Lordship is doubtless aware,
the Church Universal has never
celebrated the entrance of a soul
into a state of sin, either original
or actual. This is illustrated in
the fact that the feast of every
saint, excepting the Blessed Virgin,
St. John the Baptist, St. Elias, is
observed upon the anniversary of
departure from this life, not upon
the anniversary of the saint's birth
according to the flesh. Therefore,
since the Church does not direct us
to celebrate the Conception of the
Blessed Virgin in the state of origi-
nal sin, I respectfully submit
that the feast here appointed in
the Calendar must be that of her
entrance into physical human ex-
istence without original sin, and
this is what I understand by the
feast of the Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary. There-
fore, I stand justified in celebrating
this feast, as charged in the indict-
ment."

"The accused then took his pinch
of snuff and awaited judgement.
The Bishop pondered and post-
poned the matter sine die. Also
—just to finish the story—the ac-
cused, whose name was Thomas
Humphrey had previously been a
Scottish advocate, subsequently be-
came a Jesuit and has since written
a number of standard Catholic
books—circumstances which sug-
gest that the compound of Scotch
logic with Christian theology may be
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Regina Notes.

Miss Jennie Regan and Mr. Joseph
Bonneau were married in St. Mary's
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Miss Regan is one of Regina's popular
young ladies. She was previously re-
ceived into the Catholic Church by Rev.
Father Sufia. Mr. Bonneau is also well
and favorably known in the city. His
parents having been pioneer residents
of Regina. The first Mass your corres-
pondent ever heard in Regina, thirteen
years ago was served by Mr. Bon-
neau's father. We wish the young couple
very much happiness and prosperity in
their journey through life. We enclose
an account of the marriage clipped
from Daily Standard.

PRETTY WEDDING

Miss Jennie Regan and Joseph Bon-
neau Wedded at St. Mary's
Church.

One of the prettiest weddings that
has ever taken place in St. Mary's
Roman Catholic Church here was per-
formed on Monday morning last at 7
o'clock, by the Rev. Father Sufia,
O.M.I., when Miss Jennie Regan,
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Regan,
of this city, was united in marriage to
Mr. Joseph Bonneau, also of Regina.

Promptly at the appointed hour the
bridal party entered the church amid
the sweet strains of the wedding
march, which was creditably played
by Miss O'Connor. The bride looked
charming in a beautiful costume of
cream Persian silk, with draped bodice
and yoke of pointe d'esprit, edged
with Yetta lace; while the skirt, pret-
tily shirred, fell in graceful folds to
a flowing train. Attending the bride
was her sister, Miss Marguerite Regan,
attired in a very dainty white silk
dress with black picture hat; while
the duties of groomsmen devolved
upon Mr. Herman Gohnick, of this
city. The sanctuary was nicely deco-
rated for the occasion, particularly the
altar, ablaze as it seemed to be, with
lighted candles, intersected with small
colored lamps and flowers, presenting
an artistic and impressive appearance.

After the service the happy couple
drove to the residence of the bride's
mother, on Osler street, where a
sumptuous wedding breakfast was
partaken of.

The groom's gift to the bride was a
handsome gold crescent with pearl
setting, and to the bridesmaid a gold
bracelet. The number of handsome
and useful presents of which the bride
was the recipient testified in no small
degree to the esteem and affection en-
tertained for her by her friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Bonneau purpose leav-
ing for the north in the spring, but in
the meantime will occupy a comfort-
able suite of rooms in the Windsor
Hotel. The Standard joins with the
many friends in the wish that the
newly married pair may be blessed
with many years of happiness and
prosperity.—Regina Standard.

The weather continues very cold but
not stormy. Building operations
during the coming season bid fair to
be very active. Real estate men seem
to be already doing great business
and lots are daily changing hands at
very good prices.

A late issue of the "Catholic Re-
cord" contains an incident where a
grateful gentleman showed his appre-
ciation of kindness received from Sis-
ters of Charity by having a sumptu-
ous meal prepared for a Sister whom
he met in travelling. In Regina not
very long ago, one of those saintly
women, Sisters of Providence who at-
tended our High School, was passing
towards the school building when a
gentleman stopped in the street and
asked her to allow him show his
gratitude towards Sisters from whom
he had received so much kindness and
he placed a banknote in her hands.
This gentleman had been an inmate
of an Hospital presided over by Sis-
ters and he said he never could ex-
press the gratitude he felt for the
holy women who had there shown
him such great care.

We much regret that Mr. D. McCus-
ker is seriously ill in Regina Hospi-
tal. Last accounts are, he was resting
comfortably as well as could be ex-
pected. To the family we tender sym-
pathy and trust he may be restored
to health.

Yeast—"Do you know the difference
between working and playing?"

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Business in force Dec. 31,	
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Interest received, 1903	93,035
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