

McMillan, Vicar General Dugas, Rev. A. Cherrier, Rev. J. Dugas, Rev. C. Cahill, Rev. U. Poitras, Rev. L. Drammont, Senator Bernier, Judge Prud'homme, Capt. Gauthier, Mr. A. J. H. Dubuc, Dr. Dubuc, Mr. Bourgoin, and Mr. Alb. Dubuc, while the ladies of the family discoursed sweet music.

ON SUNDAY

morning early His Excellency said Mass at the Maternity Hospital, and was present pontifically at the High Mass in the Cathedral of St. Boniface, occupying a throne on the epistle side, while His Grace was on the throne at the gospel side. The Mass was sung by the Very Rev. A. Dugas, Vicar General, with Rev. Dr. Beliveau as deacon and Rev. Father Dumoulin as subdeacon. Rev. Fathers Cote and Drummond assisted the Delegate, while Rev. Fathers Dandurand and Besson assisted Mgr. Langevin. The Assistant priest was Rev. Father Messier, the Master of Ceremonies, Rev. Dr. Trudel. The singing of the choir was particularly fine.

After Mass His Grace the Archbishop of St. Boniface read the following address:—

ARCHBISHOP LANGEVIN'S ADDRESS.
(Translation.)

To His Excellency Mgr. D. Sbarretti, Apostolic Delegate to Canada.

Your Excellency.—It is my duty and my happiness to greet you in the name of all the Catholics of this diocese and even, I faintly would add, in the name of all the Catholics of the ecclesiastical province of St. Boniface, as the worthy representative of His Holiness Pius X., our beloved Pontiff and Father, for whom we profess the most profound veneration together with the most complete submission and the most faithful love, because he is the Vicar of Christ on earth.

We cherish, Your Excellency, that beautiful saying of St. Ambrose, "Where Peter is, there is the Church." The Pope is Peter, and Peter is the Church; hence we feel a new increase of zeal and love for Holy Mother Church, when we welcome to-day among us the noble representative of the Sovereign Pontiff, a prelate already illustrious through the valuable services he has rendered to the Church of God on the American continent.

I am happy, Your Excellency, to be able to say that the Catholics of this diocese have deserved well of the Church, their mother, by cooperating willingly and generously in the works of charity and education that have, of late years, made truly astonishing strides, most consoling to the heart, of a bishop. If the number of priests has been multiplied threefold, growing from 50 to 150, if the number of Catholics has doubled in ten years, now reaching 60,000, I must add that the religious, intellectual and moral progress, the only progress necessary for true civilization, has also moved upward, and we see on all sides brick or stone churches taking the place of humble wooden chapels, large convents, spacious hospitals replacing more modest buildings, so that when I tried to sum up, for Your Excellency's information, the money spent, during the past eight years, for education alone, I myself was astonished at the enormous total of \$350,000, and this in spite of the enormous losses we have suffered since 1890 in consequence of the unjust laws depriving us of our school rights! And if I be reminded that there are still considerable debts to pay, I reply that we have full confidence in our ability to meet them. Besides, it is only fair to add that the religious communities of men and women take upon themselves alone the responsibility of those debts, to wit, the Oblate Fathers, the Jesuits, the Canons Regular of the Immaculate Conception, the Montreal Grey Nuns, the Sisters of the Holy Names, the Lyons Sisters of the Five Wounds, the Lyons Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions.

Your Excellency, the unreflecting stranger, the superficial man, who contemplates the almost gigantic material progress of the flourishing city close to St. Boniface, may perhaps be tempted to believe that our fellow citizens of a different religious faith are the only ones that have advanced in the path of progress; but the serious and well-in-

formed visitor will think otherwise and will be constrained to bear this just witness to the Catholic Church that she has maintained her post of honor in the vanguard of intellectual and moral progress. The fact is that, despite our small numbers, despite our comparative poverty, despite what I shall style our school misfortunes since 1890, no religious denomination in the country can claim as its own so many and such large edifices erected of late years, whether for educational or charitable purposes. Wherefore we can point with legitimate pride to our fine College of St. Boniface, the most spacious of all the classical colleges of the country, to our three hospitals, especially to the General Hospital of St. Boniface, which will soon be enlarged by a wing half the size of the present building, to our two large boarding convents for young girls in St. Boniface and Winnipeg, our fine Hospice Tache built by my lamented predecessor, and moreover to the new schools built and building in Winnipeg out of the contributions of Catholics, who thus have to pay a double tax; and then we can say to Your Excellency, "These are our jewels, these are our consolation, this is our answer to those who might twit us with not being progressive."

Assuredly, Your Excellency, we are not unaware that the Church, the mother and queen of intellectual and moral progress, has never failed to favor material progress in the measure and to the extent that befits it. And I am glad this day to be able to announce to Your Excellency that our beloved episcopal town of St. Boniface has greatly rejoiced my heart and fulfilled my most ardent wishes by voting enthusiastically a considerable sum (\$100,000) for all those modern improvements which rightfully belong to the cradle of Christian civilization in the Canadian West. Moreover, we hope that ere long a cathedral more worthy of our religion and of this beautiful land of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories, will be erected on this very spot as a witness of our lively faith and our confidence in the ever growing future prosperity of this vast country.

Your Excellency is not like that Roman ambassador who carried in the folds of his toga a message either of peace or war; you bring us peace, and you say to us all, "Pax vobis." You want peace in justice; "Justice and peace have embraced." Let us therefore hope that, under your wise and prudent direction, and thanks to the spirit of fairplay which shows a tendency to prevail in our young country, we shall see our school situation, as yet precarious since our rights are not yet acknowledged by law, take a more favorable turn, especially in centres of mixed population.

If our past struggles for the defence of our rights have been followed by a peaceful period, during which the situation of our schools has improved, this is because we have conscientiously obeyed instructions from Rome, and also because of the good will of the civil power.

May your paternal encouragement and your blessing enhanced by that of the beloved Father who sends you to us, strengthen and console us at this moment. In return we beg of the adorable Heart of Jesus a long life for our great and meek Pontiff, Pius X., "Pro Decimo vitam," and length and great happiness of days for Your Excellency—"Ad multos et felicissimos annos."

Mr. Turanne, Mayor of St. Boniface, also read an excellent address, setting forth the claims of the town of St. Boniface as the cradle and centre of Catholicism in the West. His Excellency replied in French, extolling the faith of the Catholic population and paying a glowing tribute to the early missionaries, secular priests of heroic mould, and to their successors the Oblate Fathers, whose praise was in all the churches. Mgr. Sbarretti surpassed himself in the beauty of his description of the glories of true religious faith. Although he is less familiar with the French language than with the English, all his hearers agreed that the eloquence of his expressive face, varied intonations and magnificent gestures held them spellbound and made them long to

hear him understandingly in his native Italian.

On retiring to the Archbishopal palace His Excellency held a levee, receiving all those who wished to see him. The throng was immense, composed of rich and poor, who all went away delighted with their reception.

The programme for the afternoon was a most interesting one. The Papal Delegate conducted three different services, and regretted as he drove away from the last modest little edifice that the afternoon had passed so quickly.

Shortly after 2.30 a long line of open carriages drew up in front of the palace at St. Boniface, in which were seated representative Catholics of the city. There were 33 carriages of all descriptions, headed by a victoria drawn by four horses, in which were seated His Excellency and His Grace Archbishop Langevin. Down Main street the long procession wended its way without the strain of music or the flying of flags, the usual accoutrements on such an auspicious occasion. Crossing the track the procession turned down one of the narrow streets to the church of the

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.

At the doors of this place of worship there were assembled many hundred men, women and children, who stood reverently watching the approach of the distinguished prelate. Immediately as the carriage containing the respected personage drove up, the heads of the men and boys were bared, and a passage-way made through the jostling crowd, where the devout stood with bowed heads as His Excellency marched with measured tread to the steps. As he moved along through the crowd he bowed and smiled and wore a look of genuine interest and appreciation of the wonderful demonstration of

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to the tribunal he represents. He donned his robes in a small room at the entrance to the church and marched down the aisle to the altar accompanied by His Grace and about twenty priests. On the left side of the altar a special throne was erected, on which His Excellency sat. When the clerical procession had passed down the aisle the waiting faithful crowded in and in less than five minutes the seating capacity of the church was taxed, the aisles were crowded and many found seats in the choir gallery.

AN ADDRESS PRESENTED.

The service opened with a grand music march on the organ of the church by the Rev. Father Sauve. Then followed the singing of H. Millard's "Ave Maria" in E flat by Mrs. Ant. Bernhart, whose voice was really at its best, after which Mr. John Markinski, of the parish of the Immaculate Conception, presented the Apostolic Delegate with the following address:—

ADDRESS AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.

To His Excellency The Most Reverend Donato Sbarretti, Apostolic Delegate to Canada, etc.

May it please Your Excellency,

We, who are assembled here to welcome Your Excellency in our midst, pride ourselves in being the children of the only one true Catholic and Apostolic Church, and as such we do most unreservedly give our sincerest allegiance to the successor of St. Peter and Vicar of Jesus Christ the Supreme Pontiff of the Roman See. Therefore, we feel the want on this propitious occasion of conveying to Your Excellency the expression of the deep sorrow that we all felt when the sad intelligence came to us of the death of the illustrious Leo XIII., as well as of the true joy that filled our hearts when the glad tidings reached us announcing the election of his eminence Cardinal Sarro, now His Holiness Pius X., to the immortal See of Peter.

Your visit to us, Your Excellency, being that of the immediate representative of our Holy Father the Pope himself in this country, we can hardly express in words the joy that overwhelms our souls on this occasion. The honor is the greatest that could befall us, and therefore we wish to lay at the feet of Your Excellency the homage of our warm love and true admiration for both your person and true per-

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Our little church in which we are proud to welcome Your Excellency, the erection of which has cost us so many sacrifices, will tell Your Excellency of that spirit of faith and piety which animates us all. We were but a very small congregation when some twelve years ago the corner-stone of this House of God was laid and blessed; we have increased in numbers since, and we are hopeful that the day will soon come when this sacred edifice shall be too small to contain the faithful that may seek admission therein to worship at the altar of Him who is the light and salvation of mankind.

Close by this church is the humble building in which our children receive their education. For many years it was also the place where we met every Sunday to adore the God of all glory; it has ceased since in a way to serve the same purpose, but it has continued to be a home of Christian instruction, where religion has a free admittance and permanent stay, where the principles of truth are imparted to the minds and the seed of virtue cast into the hearts of youth, without neglect, however, of the training in the various branches of secular learning.

This poor school-house, Your Excellency, where now for nearly twenty-five years, thousands of our children attended in turn, and where no less than 175 pupils are still in daily attendance under the able tuition of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, is extremely dear to us. Still we cannot see but with a legitimate envy the magnificent buildings where the children of our fellow-citizens of the other religious denominations receive their instruction also. Our individual limited means will not permit us to rival them in the putting up of such expensive structures, but we are proud to meet them in the field of rivalry for the complete educational equipment.

Your Excellency will forgive us for thus alluding to the difficulties, already well known to Your Excellency, under which we have labored for so many years and are still laboring. This statement we make without any bitterness of feeling against our fellow-citizens, but simply in the hope that your words and blessing may help us in the noble work that we perseveringly pursue.

With a renewed expression of deep respect and sincere love we kneel down craving the blessing of Your Excellency upon our beloved and devoted pastor, ourselves and our children.

The Parishioners of the Immaculate Conception, Winnipeg, Manitoba, by

JOHN MARKINSKI.

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