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CALENDAR FOR NEXT WEEK.

MARCH.

29 Palm Sunday.
30 Monday in Holy Week.
31 Tuesday in Holy Week.

APRIL.

1 Wednesday—Spy-Wednesday.
2 Maundy Thursday.
3 Good Friday.
4 Holy Saturday.

Ecclesiastical Province of St. Boniface.

I. HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION.

- All Sundays in the year.
- Jan. 1st. The Circumcision.
- Jan. 6th. The Epiphany.
- The Ascension.
- Nov. 1st. All Saints.
- Dec. 8th. The Immaculate Conception.
- Dec. 25th. Christmas.

II. DAYS OF FAST.

- The forty days of Lent.
- The Wednesdays and Fridays in Advent.
- The Ember days, at the four Seasons, being the Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays of
- a. The first week in Lent.
- b. Whitsun Week.
- c. The third week in September.
- d. The third week in Advent.
- The Vigils of
- a. Whitsunday.
- b. The Solemnity of St. Peter and Paul.
- c. The Solemnity of the Assumption.
- d. All Saints.
- e. Christmas.

III. DAYS OF ABSTINENCE.

All Fridays in the year.
Wednesdays in Advent and Lent.
Fridays

Thursday in Holy week
Saturday in Holy week
The Ember Days.
The Vigils above mentioned.

CITY AND ELSEWHERE.

This is Lady-Day, the anniversary of the day on which the Word was made flesh.

Next week is Holy Week, a time given up to sympathy with the sufferings of our Lord, an excellent time for even the most temperate to practice total abstinence.

Mr. Elzear Couture and his wife are in the city for a few days.

Mr. Antoine Bernhart returned to the city on Sunday from his long trip to Europe.

Mr. P. Harkness, of Fort Rouge, an old timer, died last week and was buried on Sunday at St. Boniface.

Rev. Dr. Beliveau is at present at Regina ministering to the spiritual wants of the Catholics there.

Next Wednesday, being the first of the month, will be the regular meeting night of Branch No. 52 of the C. M. B. A.

His Lordship Grandin, of St. Albert, is staying at St. Boniface the guest of His Grace the Archbishop.

Mr. Joseph Couture, of St. Boniface, who has been working all winter at Darwin, arrived home last Monday.

It is announced that the seance given last week at the Tache academy will be repeated to-morrow evening when Bishop Grandin will be present.

The Montreal Star of the 19th inst. contains true distinct telegrams from Winnipeg, one of which reproduced our whole article on the proposed conference.

Rev. Father Lacombe is expected with the conference delegates to-day. Mr. A. Desjardins is, so far, the only Catholic whose name has been mentioned as a delegate.

Rev. Brother Doyle who has spent several years at St. Mary's, leaves this week with Rev. Father St. Germain for the latter's mission at Fort Ellice. His departure will be much regretted by the parishioners.

For fine tailoring go to Wm. Markinski, Rossin House Block, near C. P. R. He does ladies, and gentlemen's tailoring in first class style and at reasonable rates. Ladies furs altered to latest fashions and repaired.

The Rev. Father N. Weckel occupied the pulpit at the Church of the Immaculate Conception on Sunday evening and preached on the necessity of penance. The choir at this church are busy preparing appropriate music for the Easter festival.

Mr. John W. Little, mayor of London, Ont., President of the London and Port Stanley railway and of the Huron and Erie Loan company, and member of the successful dry goods firm of Robinson, Little & Co., was in Winnipeg this week and returned home to-day.

The committee in charge of the St. Vincent de Paul concert wish to thank those who assisted in carrying out the programme on the evening of St. Patrick's Day, and also those who lent flowers and bunting used in decorating the hall and the chairs for invited guests.

The True Witness, in an able article on the school bill, points out very cleverly, by reducing them to sylogistic form, three out of about fifteen contradictions in Mr. Laurier's latest speech. Our Montreal contemporary also contains a good letter from "one of the laity" showing how laymen agree with the clergy in this school question.

The local legislature has adjourned until the 16th April. In the meantime a conference on the school question will take place between the representatives of the Provincial and Dominion Governments. The delegates of the latter body left Ottawa for Winnipeg on Monday. They are the Minister of Justice (Hon. Mr. Dickey) Sir Donald Smith, M. P., and Mr. Desjardins, M. P.

The branch lines of the C. P. R. will have a three-trains-per-week service after Sunday next. Trains for the south-western branches will leave the city on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, returning to Winnipeg on the alternate days, at the same time as in force last month. On the West Selkirk and Stonewall branches, trains will go out from the city on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, as before returning the same days. To Estevan on Saturday, returning Monday; to Alexander on Wednesday, returning on Thursday. The determination of the company to restore the old train service will be welcome news to the towns interested.

The Catholic Truth Society have received from England a large consignment of tracts and leaflets on important subjects. These are intended for general distribution and will be placed by the members where they think they will do the most good. This is a good start in the right direction, but it is only a start, and the members intend, if possible, to follow it up and arrange for a constant supply of good, healthy Catholic literature of this nature. These leaflets are published by the parent society in England and written by some of the most eminent among the clergy and laity of the old country. The local society is now a regularly affiliated branch of the parent organization, and at the last meeting it was decided to change the name of the local body which in future will be known as "The Catholic Truth Society of Winnipeg," instead of as formerly, "The St. Joseph and Catholic Truth Society of Northwestern Canada."

Regina Notes.

Rev. Father Beliveau from St. Boniface, is with us since last Sunday, and we expect him to remain till after Easter. Rev. Father Leuret, of Wood Mountain, also remained with us for a fortnight recently and Rev. Father Zerbach, from the surrounding missions, has always been ready to devote portions of his over busy time to our services, so that it is plain, though we have no resident pastor, our needs are not neglected.

A movement for the establishment of a cottage hospital under the local branch of the National Council of Women, and the impulse given by the gracious Lady Aberdeen, has been gathering force all winter, and money and promises sufficient to justify practical work for the sick are already in the hands of these energetic ladies.

The formation of a company for the running of a creamery in Regina is under way and with slight encouragement from the Dominion or Local governments. A very necessary industry can soon be started in our midst.

The political atmosphere which has been thick with the fog of uncertainty as to the probable fate of the Remedial Bill has been cleared with a veritable thunderbolt in the shape of news that the bill has been passed and that the affirmative vote and voice of our own M. P., figured largely towards granting that justice to the Manitoba community.

To those of us accustomed to see parliamentary servants stifle their own ideas of right and justice in response to the demands of loud-mouthed intolerance, a different vote from Mr. Davin would not have caused surprise, nor would it have driven us into camps where less rights and greater wrong holds sway. It remains to be seen if a similar spirit animates partisans who share the honors and obligations and in many cases the profits arising from adherence to party, but who view the school question from an opposite standpoint and with a negative interest.

THE REMEDIAL BILL.

Resolutions Passed by Local Catholic Societies.

ST. MARY'S BRANCH NO. 52, C. M. B. A.

At the regular meeting of St. Mary's Branch No. 52 of the C. M. B. A., held last week, a portion of the evening was spent discussing the debate in the Dominion House of Commons on the Remedial Bill. The vote had not then been taken, but there was a unanimous feeling amongst the members in favor of expressing in some way their appreciation as Catholic laymen of the stand taken by the Dominion Government in defence of the constitutional rights of the minority in this country. Special reference was also made to the noble action of certain members of the Ottawa

opposition, who had been outspoken in their determination to vote for the bill regardless of party considerations, and in this connection the names of Mr. C. R. Devlin, Mr. McIsaac and Mr. Beausoliel were received with great enthusiasm, and a committee was appointed to draft a letter to these gentlemen expressing the feelings of the branch. In accordance with this action the following letter was the next day despatched to each of the three gentlemen named:

WINNIPEG, MAN., March 18, 1896.

SIR—At a regular meeting of Branch No. 52 of the C. M. B. A., held here this evening, a resolution was unanimously passed, instructing us to convey to you the appreciation of our members of the noble stand you have taken on behalf of our schools, in the debate going on at present in the House of Commons. In common with all our fellow-Catholics in this city and country, we are watching the proceedings in the Dominion Legislature with the very greatest anxiety. As Catholic laymen we have a vital interest in this matter, and while we shall forever be grateful to all who assist in seeing that justice is done, we feel that we owe special thanks to those members who, like you, have separated from their political friends for the defence of our most cherished rights.

We beg to ask you, therefore, to accept this feeble expression of our obligation to you, and may assure you that in thus addressing you we are voicing not only our own sentiments, but those of, practically, the whole of the Catholic laity in this city and Province. We have the honor to remain,

Your obedient servants,
L. O. GENESE,
President.
H. A. RUSSELL,
Secretary.

CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY OF WINNIPEG.

At the meeting of the Catholic Truth society held on Tuesday evening the following resolution was unanimously carried and copies have been forwarded to Sir Mackenzie Bowell, Sir Charles Tupper, Hon. T. M. Daly and Mr. C. R. Devlin:

"That we, the members of the Catholic Truth Society, have, as citizens of this grand Dominion, witnessed with pride the noble stand taken by the Dominion Government in what is known as 'The Manitoba School Question'; that we feel they are entitled to the admiration of all patriotic citizens for the statesmanlike way in which, after vain endeavors to induce the Manitoba Government to take up the matter and settle it in accordance with the Privy Council decision, they have recognized their own responsibility to deal with it in the manner directed by the constitution; that, as Catholics resident in Manitoba, we look upon the Remedial Bill as a measure which embodies the principles upon which a just solution of the difficulty must be based and which should be accepted and supported by all those who desire to see right and justice prevail in the government of the country; that in our opinion the action of those members of the opposition who, regardless of party considerations, have supported the Government by their vote, and promised to do so with their voice, is worthy of the deepest admiration, for it shows them to be men who when the best interests of the country are at stake, and when the most cherished rights of their co-religionists are assailed, are true Canadians and Catholics, able to raise themselves above the level of mere party politicians. Be it, therefore, resolved that this expression of our feelings be placed on our minutes and copies be sent to Sir Mackenzie Bowell, Sir Charles Tupper, Hon. T. M. Daly, as members of the Government; and to Mr. C. R. Devlin, Mr. Beausoliel and Mr. McIsaac, as representatives of members of the opposition supporting the bill.

F. W. RUSSELL,
Sec'y Catholic Truth society.
Winnipeg, March 19, 1896.

BRANCH NO. 163, C. M. B. A.

At the meeting of Immaculate Conception Branch No. 163 of the C. M. B. A. held yesterday evening, an appropriate resolution was also passed which we shall publish next week.

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