

ST. JOSEPH.

Enthusiastic Reception to the Hon. Mr. White, Minister of the Interior.

Special Correspondence to the REVIEW.

Last week we had the honor of a visit from the Hon. Mr. White, Minister of the Interior, accompanied by the Hon. Joseph Royal, M.P., Mr. Smith, Government Land Agent. The people of St. Jean Baptiste and neighboring districts attended in large numbers and received the Minister very warmly. Prominent amongst those present were Rev. Father Filion, Father N. Jutras and Father N. Pelletier, Mr. H. Tennant, M.P.P., Mr. J. B. Tetu, Immigration Agent, &c. The address presented to the Minister was in French and read as follows—Honorable Sir—Believe us, it is with great pleasure that we greet your presence in our midst. You have, we are aware, but a short time to remain with us, but, appreciating as we do your sympathy for us, of which you have given us abundant proof, we thank for this visit, and shall long remember your visit. Years have elapsed since we first pitched our tents in this part of the Dominion, emigrating here from the different provinces and the United States; we have come to work together as energetically as we can for the prosperity of the Province of Manitoba, the future granary of the world. If, Sir, our efforts in the past have not been crowned with success, we regret to say that the cause, to a great extent, due the oblivion to which we were consigned by past Governments.

In vain have we for the past fourteen years asked for a solution of our difficulties through the medium of our influential men, whose earnest efforts we have always appreciated. It is painful to see, Sir, a Government dispute a poor half-breed's claim, or a settler's possession of a few acres; to see a Government sell by public auction such, thus working to the advantage of the speculator and to the detriment of the settler. We have no desire, however, of blaming your predecessor in office; we know well the great and unavoidable difficulties attendant on a Minister in the discharge of his duties, especially in dealing with districts so far away, but we confidently hope that that your visit to day and the knowledge you will thus acquire of our condition will be the means of having our wants speedily redressed, which your humble petitioners anxiously await."

After the reading of the address the Hon. Mr. Royal then addressed the assemblage, and with his proverbial eloquence supported the petition of the inhabitants, which was presented to Mr. White. The Minister of the Interior then replied as follows: Mr. Royal, Rev. Fathers and Gentlemen—You have read me an address in the French tongue, this language so beautiful and dear to you, and I will endeavor on my part to say to you a few words in French. I thank you very heartily for your kind address. Gentlemen, as soon as I was called to the Department of the Interior, I thought it was my duty to do all in my power to insure the prosperity of Manitoba and the Northwest. On the prosperity of the Northwest depends, to a great extent, the welfare of the whole Dominion. The desire of the Administration is certainly to give the settlers and cultivators the necessary advantages to make them prosperous. If in the past, on account of the distance, of the difficulty of communication, of the frequent want of exact information, faults and errors have been committed concerning land, titles, &c., you may hope soon that all grievances will be redressed and I promise you that I will examine with great care your petition and will do all I can to have the grievances complained of adjusted. The hon. gentleman then made a brief and eloquent speech in English saying that there should be no French, or English Canadians nor Half-Breeds, but all Canadians.

The Rev. Father Filion was warmly called for and addressed the assemblage briefly but putting the grievances of his people in a clear and striking manner before the Minister, and stating that during the present depressed state of the country the price of Government land was far too high and the time allowed for payment too short.

Mr. Royal and Mr. Martin also addressed the meeting. Mr. White is evidently desirous of knowing everything and of examining more at length, for he took notes of everything that was said, put questions and lent to everybody an attentive ear. Mr. Royal here addressed the meeting in English and spoke in a very manner of the wants of the settlers not only of St. Jean Baptiste but of the whole Red River Valley and stated that he was happy to be able to place their complaints before the new Minister. The meeting dispersed after Mr. White had called for three cheers for Rev. Father

Filion, immediately after which the Minister gave a private audience to the settlers. The visit of Mr. White has made a good impression on the people of this locality great satisfaction being expressed on all hands and the best results are likely to come of the visit of the Minister. P. TONIELLI.

THE PAPAL ENCYCLICAL.

Catholics in Politics—The Church the Friend of all Heartfelt and Legitimate Liberty.

Rome, November 11—Contrary to the reports erroneously telegraphed from Rome, the Pope's Encyclical letter has not yet been published, but will be in a few days. The entire proof sheets of this important document were placed at my disposal on the condition that they should not be communicated to any European newspaper. The Pope during the past eighteen months has amended and rewritten the entire encyclical no less than twenty-one times. It is entitled "De Civitatum Gubernatione Christiana," and is dated All Saints' Day November 1. The final proof sheets; now before me, are in Latin and comprise thirty-eight pages of closely printed type and bear marginal corrections in the Pope's own handwriting. The following are literal translations from the Latin of passages not mentioned in my last despatch—

"It is a calamity to suppose the Church is incompatible with the principles of modern civil government and society as now constituted. Man cannot exist without society; this requires authority and all true authority comes direct from God. The participation of the people in the States' Government should not be blamed but encouraged. The Church is not the enemy but the friend of all healthful and legitimate liberty. If the Church holds that various sects of Christians cannot be tolerated on a footing of equality with the true religion, she does not go so far as to blame Governments for permitting such sects to have influence in governing, provided those forming the government seek to attain some good object or to avoid misfortune.

The Church is tolerant, for according to St. Augustine restraint can obtain everything from man except faith.

"The Church warmly patronizes all true liberty, and especially the liberty of nations and individuals against despotism."

"The Church accepts most cordially all that contributes to the prosperity of mortal life and encourages all researches of human brain."

"The Church will always accept with joy all that contributes to the conquests of science, particularly of natural science."

"The Church encourages all modern discoveries and inventions, and countenances pleasure in all modern progress and devices that have for their object to adorn life and make it more comfortable."

"The Church encourages all arts and all honest industries."

"We thus proclaim freely and openly the truth, not with any ulterior design of profit from the actual political situation, but because we wish to see public affairs follow less perilous channel and repose on a more solid basis."

"The Church is in perfect harmony with all modern progress, and leaves intact the legitimate liberty of the people. Every Catholic should rigidly adhere to the teachings of the Roman Pontiffs, especially in the matter of modern liberty, which already, under the semblance of honesty of purpose, leads to error and destruction."

"We exhort all Catholics who would devote careful attention to public matters to take an active part in all municipal affairs and elections, and to further the principles of the Church in all public services, meetings and gatherings. All Catholics must make themselves felt as active elements in daily political life in the countries where they live. They must penetrate wherever possible in the administration of civic affairs; must constantly exert the utmost vigilance and energy to prevent the usages of liberty from going beyond the limits fixed by God's law. All Catholics should do all in their power to cause the constitutions of States and legislation to be modelled in the principles of the true Church. All Catholic writers and journalists should never lose for an instant from view the above prescriptions. All Catholics should redouble their submission to authority, and unite their whole heart, soul, body and mind in the defence of the Church and Christian wisdom."

At a private meeting held during the recent Catholic Congress at Munster, Germany, Prince Lowenstein was deputed to arrange for the fitting celebration in Germany, of the Pope's golden jubilee.

CATHOLIC NEWS.

Rev. Father Lecours one of the oldest priests of the diocese of St. Hyacinthe, Province of Quebec, celebrated the 50th anniversary of his priesthood on Oct. 22.

We are glad to be able to state that the Rev. Charles H. Burleigh Harte, late Protestant curate of Colchester, England, has been received into the Church.

Last Saturday was the anniversary of the first baptism which took place in Canada. The ceremony was performed by a Recollet Father at Quebec, on the 24th of October, 1621, and the child's name was Eustache Martin.

On the 4th of July, of this year, Father Verius, a Missionary of the Sacred Heart celebrated in an improvised hut built where he landed on the southern coast of Papua, in a bay facing the Isle of Roro, the first Mass ever said in New Guinea.

The Mikado of Japan has promised to continue his protection of Catholic missionaries, and announces his intention of sending an embassy to the Vatican.

The Church exists to promote brotherly love, Christian charity, peace, and harmony. It should not be made the occasion of just the opposite feelings. Feud and contention about a church constitute the worst moral desecration.

The Capuchin Branch of the great Franciscan Order was established in England in the year 1851.

The Northern Pacific Railway authorities have named two railway stations after two of the most widely known Jesuit Fathers—DeSmet and Ravalli.

The Sacred Congregation of Rites is convoked, in "preparatory," that is for the second of the three requisite sessions, to examine the authenticity of two miracles—both instantaneous cures—alleged to have been wrought by the intercessions of the venerable servant of God, Pomplius Maria Pirrotti, a professed priest of the congregation of the Pious Schools (Scolopi). This meeting will be held on November 17th, in the Vatican.

The place for the Canadian Theological College at Rome has been prepared. The building will cost \$200,000 and will be located on the "Corso." The Pope has consecrated the work, and the British government has conferred upon it its especial protection. It is expected that the college will be completed in two years.

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