

THE NEW BISHOP.

REV. MGR. DECELLES CONSECRATED AT ST. HYACINTHE.

The Ceremonies Attendant Upon the Occasion—A Large Attendance of Distinguished Roman Catholic Prelates.

The ceremonies in connection with the ordination of Mgr. Decelles, Coadjutor of St. Hyacinthe, commenced Wednesday afternoon, when at three o'clock an address was presented to His Grace on behalf of the citizens of St. Hyacinthe and by the mayor and councillors of the town. In the evening the new Bishop made his profession of faith, after which addresses were read by the presidents of the various charitable and benevolent organizations there. An immense number of clergy were there, coming from all parts of Canada and the United States. The specials from Montreal and the West Thursday morning brought out large crowds of clergymen and others.

The prominent people present comprise Mgrs. Moreau, Fabre, Duhamel, Racine, Lorrain, Gravel, Bois, Gabriels, Michaud, Very Rev. Albe Doka, Hon. Judge Teller, the administrator of Three Rivers, the administrator of Valleyfield, Hon. Boucher de la Bruere, Dr. Cartier, M.P.P., Grand Vicar Gravel, Mgr. Marois, Mgr. Paquet, Rector of Laval University; Rev. M. Colin, Superior of St. Sulpice, Mr. Dessaulles, Mayor of St. Hyacinthe; Grand Vicar Lacombe, Grand Vicar Thibault. The Prefect of the County of St. Hyacinthe, Mgr. Brochu, the Mayor of St. Roch, Canon Beauregard, the Superior of the Seminary of Nicolet, Canon Archambault, the Superior of the Seminary of St. Hyacinthe; Canon O'Donnell, the Superior of the Seminary of Ste. Therese; Canon Larocque, the Superior of the Seminary of L'Assomption; Canon Jeannotte, the Superior of the Seminary of Three Rivers; Canon J. B. Dupuy, the Very Rev. Father Superior of the Jesuits, the Very Rev. Prior of the Dominicans, the Very Rev. Guardian of the Franciscans the Very Rev. Provincial of the Oblats, the Very Rev. Father Superior of the Redemptorists, the Very Rev. Superior of the Viatores, Canon Bouillon, Canon Godard, Canon Desorey, Canon St. Georges, Canon Leage, Canon Trepanier and Canon Savariat, also the Presidents of the Union St. Joseph, St. Vincent de Paul Society, the Societe des Artisans, C. M. B. A. Catholic Order of Foresters, St. Jean Baptiste Society and Cercle Catholique. These will also be at the table of honor at the banquet.

A little before ten o'clock there was a procession of the clergy inside the church, after which Pontifical

HIGH MASS WAS CELEBRATED.

The Cathedral was densely crowded. Over two hundred priests occupied seats in the aisles and several more were seated behind the altar railing. His Grace Archbishop Fabre, accompanied by the associate assistant bishops, Mgrs. Racine and Gravel, and the Bishop-elect, took their places in front of the altar. His Grace the Archbishop, as consecrator, ascending the throne prepared for him, the Bishop-elect went to his own chapel, in company with the assistant bishops. Mgr. Decelles then assumed the stole and cope, and went with the assistant Bishops to the centre of the altar, where he uncovered before the Archbishop, making at the same time a profound reverence. They then took their seats in the chairs prepared for them, Mgr. Decelles in front of the Archbishop, with Mgr. Racine as the senior assistant on his right, and Mgr. Gravel on his left, all uncovered. Mgr. Racine, then turning to the Archbishop, said: "Most reverend Father, the Holy Mother Catholic Church requests you to raise up this priest to the Episcopal rank." Thereupon the Archbishop put the question: "Have you an Apostolic mandate?" and Mgr. Racine replied: "We have."

"Let it be read," said the Archbishop. When the mandate had been read by His Grace, he concluded this portion of the ceremony by saying *deo gratias*. The oath was next administered to the Bishop elect kneeling before the Archbishop. The examination followed on the subject of the faith in the Holy Trinity, the government of the church, etc. The mass was then proceeded with in which the new Bishop joined after certain cere-

monies. Then followed the imposition of the Book of the Gospels and the ceremony of the imposition of hands. The prayer offered asked that the newly-elected should shine by his manner and his actions more brightly than the gold, pearl and rich garments in which he was clad. The Archbishop then anointed Mgr. Decelles, who knelt before him.

The foregoing ceremonies having been concluded the Bishop elect then retired to his chapel where the assistants rubbed his head with bread and wiped it with linen. The ceremonies were terminated by the Archbishop bestowing on the new Bishop the kiss of peace. The Gospel of St. John was then recited and then all retired in silence. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Canon O'Donnell, of St. Denis.—*Star*.

A Sketch of the Prelate's Career.

Mgr. Maxime Decelles, the new coadjutor Bishop has always been a favorite of Mgr. Moreau, and it was upon his strong recommendations, no doubt, that he was appointed by the Holy See to share the work of the present Bishop. The new Bishop is a native of St. Damase, St. Hyacinthe county, where he was born, April 30, 1849. He is therefore in his forty-fourth year. He was educated at the College and Seminary of St. Hyacinthe, and was ordained a priest in the Church of St. Athanase, July 21, 1872. He first became Vicar of St. Denis, twenty-one years ago, and then occupied a similar office in Beloeil. He then became parish priest of that parish, and in 1875 he was transferred to the Cathedral at St. Hyacinthe. He filled simultaneously the offices of cure and canon. In 1880 he went to St. Roch as cure, and in 1889 he was transferred to Sorel, where he remained until appointed to his new office. His new title was conferred upon him at the consistory held on January 18 last. He is to be known as Bishop of Druzipara, *cum futura successione*.

THE NEW BISHOP'S DIOCESE.

The diocese of St. Hyacinthe was formed by Papal brief on June 8, 1852. It was formed out of the then diocese of Montreal. It includes the following territory: Bagot county, 10 parishes; Bromfield county, 2 parishes (the other 3 parishes belong to the diocese of Sherbrooke); Iberville county, 7 parishes; Missisquoi county, 9 parishes; Richelieu county, 10 parishes; Rouville county, 10 parishes; St. Hyacinthe county, 8 parishes; Shefford county, 9 parishes; (the three other parishes belong to the diocese of Sherbrooke) and Vercheres county, 3 parishes (the other five parishes belong to the diocese of Montreal). The total Catholic population of the diocese is 118,000; priests, 197, of whom 18 belong to regular orders; 121 members of other religious orders; 600 nuns; 4 commercial colleges, 10 academies, 20 convents, 6 religious schools, 9 hospitals or asylums, 72 parishes and 2 seminaries. The town of St. Hyacinthe, the See of the Bishop, claims to be the third in the province in point of population, wealth and enterprise. The Cathedral Church is a splendid stone edifice, and near by is the Palace, a commodious brick structure. Close to the Palace is the church of the parish of St. Hyacinthe, which is controlled by the Dominican Order. Some acres away is the Mother House of the nuns of the Precious Blood. The Seminary, or college, of St. Hyacinthe is one of the most important educational institutions in the province and has produced many leading men. The Convent of the Presentation is one of the largest in the province. When Mgr. Decelles succeeds to the Episcopal See he will be the fifth Bishop of St. Hyacinthe. The first Bishop was the late Mgr. Jean Charles Prince, titular Bishop of Martyropolis, appointed to the See of St. Hyacinthe, June 8, 1852. He died May 5, 1860. He was succeeded by the late Mgr. Joseph Larocque, Bishop of Cydonia, who was first coadjutor bishop of Montreal, and then Bishop of St. Hyacinthe from September, 1860, to 1865, when he retired, being appointed titular Bishop of Germanopolis. Mgr. Charles Larocque was the third bishop, from March 1866, to July, 1875. The present bishop, Mgr. Louis Zephirin Moreau, succeeded to the See in January, 1876, having been appointed November 19, 1875.

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RELIGIOUS NEWS.

The Catholics of Louisville are preparing for a glorious celebration of the Jubilee of Bishop McCloskey.

The radical members of the House of Commons, at a meeting held Friday, decided to advocate the payment of salaries to all members of the House.

Father Elliot will interest the entire Catholicity of the country in his new departure—a mission to non-Catholics—which is to begin at Detroit this month.

Padre Denza, the well-known astronomer and chief of the Vatican Observatory, has been elected president of the Roman academy known as the Nuovi Lincei.

The learned Spanish Jesuit, Father Vincent, has just published a new work, *Socialism and Anarchy*, which is attracting much attention among his fellow countrymen.

The Golden Jubilee of Brother Athanasius, principal of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart, Bay St. Louis, Miss., was celebrated there on the 12th. The papal blessing was bestowed upon the jubilarian.

Princess Bandini has placed her magnificent apartment in Rome at the disposal of Cardinal Vaughan for the grand reception which he will give in honor of the English pilgrimage, which is expected on the 16th inst.

The Archbishops and Bishops of Ireland have sent a memorial to the English Government asking them that a law be passed for the closing of drinking houses on Sundays in Ireland, and at an early hour on Saturday nights.

A movement is being discussed in church circles to erect a new \$300,000 hospital in Providence, R. I., and also a new nunnery to cost a considerable amount. Prominent members of the different congregations propose to contribute to the new structures.

Bishop Messmer, of Green Bay, is about to publish a pastoral on the Sacrament of Marriage. It will set forth with great fullness of documents and theological accuracy all the principal points of this much-discussed subject. It will be published in English, French, German, Hollandish, Bohemian and Polish.

The Catholic Historical Society of Philadelphia will have an exhibit at the World's Fair. It will be a particularly valuable one, including, as it will, among many other things, some of the old albs and missals, a complete set of the first Bible published in this country and a soup toureen of Commodore Barry.

The superiority of Catholic schools was demonstrated recently in a striking manner at Newport, R. I., where a paper offered prizes for the best essays written by grammar school pupils of that city on a given subject, the judges to be two well-known literary men. The three best essays were written by pupils of the Hazard Memorial School, which is the parochial school attached to St. Joseph's Church, in Newport.

Most Rev. Father Fiat, general of the Lazarists, with 200 priests of the order, a large number of Sisters of Charity and 500 of their pupils were present on Jan. 25 at the Pope's mass in the Sala Ducale at the Vatican. Afterwards Father Fiat presented an address to the Holy Father, and His Holiness replied in a discourse which was read by Monsignor Tedeschi, president of the jubilee fetes committee.

Saturday, March 11, will be the twenty-seventh anniversary of the consecration of Most. Rev. John J. Williams as a bishop. He was appointed archbishop on Feb. 12, 1875. Other bishops whose consecration occurred in March are: Bishop Durier of Natchitoches, La., who became a prelate on March 19, 1885; Bishop McGovern of Harrisburg, Pa., March 11, 1888, and Bishop Messmer of Green Bay, Wis., March 27, 1892.

Right Rev. Ignatius F. Horstman, D. D., bishop of the Cleveland diocese, has purchased the title to a most valuable piece of property on Euclid avenue, Cleveland, O., where, in the course of some years, will be erected a most magnificent cathedral, which will be an ornament not only to the city of Cleveland, but will be second to no church structure in the West. The lot purchased has a frontage on Euclid avenue of 176 feet and a depth of 800 feet. The purchase price was \$27,400.

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PROVINCE OF QUEBEC, SUPERIOR COURT, District of Montreal. No. 219.

Dame Emma Fletcher Reid, of Montreal, authorized to sue, Plaintiff, vs. Thomas A. Bishop, of Montreal, Contractor, Defendant. An action for separation of property has been instituted.

Montreal, 6th March, 1893

HUTCHINSON & OUGHTRED,
21-5 ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF.

CANADA, Province of Quebec, Superior Court, District of Montreal. No. 199.

Dame Della Vian, wife of Modeste Barbeau, farmer, of the parish of St. Constant, District of Montreal, duly authorized to sue, Plaintiff, vs. the said Modeste Barbeau, farmer, of the same place, Defendant.

An action for separation as to property has been returned into Court, in this case, on the 13th February last.

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