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### FIAT JUSTITIA.

A Series of Letters on the Manitoba School Question

The REVIEW reprints a series of interesting letters published in the Nor Wester on the Manitoba School question. They are written over the nom-deplume "Fiat Justitia."

To the Editor of the Nor'-Wester.

Sir,-The judgment just rendered by the Judicial Committee of the Imperial Privy Council upon the Manitoba School question, brings the matter fairly and squarely into the Dominion political

Unfortunately, the Monitoba School question is one upon the niceties of which comparatively few people, indeed have correct knowledge. For example, how many persons are there not puzzled to understand how it is possible to reconcile the judgement rendered some time ago by this final court of appeal, that the Manitoba School act of 1890 was intra vires of the Legislature, with the judgment of a few days since, from this same tribunal, that an appeal would lie from the Catholic minority of Manitoba to the Governor-General-in-Council for remedial measures, against the operation of this act, in so far as it is prejudicial to the interests of said minority Doubtless, very few, Yet, without explaining at length, or contending for the righteousness or the reverse of either or both of these judgmen's, it is not really difficult to understand that there is no incompatibility between the two judgments-in fact, it would be strictly correct to say there is no relationship between them, as the questions decided, though both growing from the decided, though both growing from the common ground of what is popularly known as the Manitoba School question, are quite and entirely distinct.

Substantially stated, the first case was the question "Is the Manitoba School Act of 1890 intra vires of the Legis-

lature?" and the answer of the Privy Council was "Yes," and this answer (or judgment) whether right or wrong, dis-Removed for a few monthsto

posed of that question forever.

Now for the second case. Be it kept in mind that the Imperial and Dominion act, known as the Manitoba act, is not, as is in itself set out, the complete constitution of Manitoba. To get at this constitution of Manitoba. To get at this to the full, both this act and the Br tish North American, or Confederation act, must be read together, only excepting such provisions of the latter as are such provide such redress; are obviously inapplicable to Manitoba. Between these two acts, the Catholic minority of the people of Manitoba set up that it was provided to be within their specified constitutional rights to appeal to the Governor-General-in-

the Catholic minority to seek from, and for the Dominion to provide and grant, remedial measures against certain provisions of said act, inasmuch as they prejudicially affect certain rights and privileges which the minority had, prior to its enactment, enjoyed. It will be well to remember, to prevent confusion, that the Privy Council had in mind, as the rights and privileges of the minority prejudiced by the act of 1890, not any thing existing in the country before its creation as a Province and conserved by the Manitoba act, but something created after that event, by its own first Legis-lature at its first session, in 1871, and enjoyed down to 1890-rights and priv-

This briefly presents where the School question is today, and how it got there out with your indulgence I propose to; discuss it a little further.

FIAT JUSTITIA.

Situated on the corner of St. Mary and Hargrave Streets, served by the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. Very Rev. Adelard Langevin, Superior of the Oblates Rector, Rev. Fathers McCarthy, and O'Dwyer, assetants. Jan. 30, 1895.

To the Editor of the Nor-'Wester. IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.

Situated on Austin St. in Point Douglas Rev. A. A. Cherrier, Rector.

Catechism for boys, who have made theist Communion, at St. Joseph's school McWilliam St. west, cor. Ellen St. for younger boys and girls learning the short Catechism, and for those studying the Catechism for Perseverance, at the Immaculate Conception church, by the Rev. Father Cherrier.

Sir,-In my letter of yesterday I traced the Manitoba school question to here the later judgment of the Imper-ial Privy Council has eyond question placed it-within the jurisdiction of the Dominion, at least to the extent of providing a remedy for the invasion of he School act of 1890, of the rights and privileges enjoyed by the Catholic min-ority from 1871 to the passage of said

Sherrier. Sundays—Masses at 8.30 a. m. with short instruction, and at 10.30 a. m. with sermon. Vepsters at 7.15 p. m. Week days—Mass at 7.30 a. m. What are these rights and privileges, which in the opinion of the Privy Council, have been prejudicially affected, are clearly indicated by the following words from the formal judgment:

Contrast the position of the Roman Catholics prior to and subsequent to the actafron which they appeal. Before these passed into a which they appeal and proportional which they appeal and proportional the control and management were in the hands of the Roman Catholics, which the control and management were in the control and management were in the control and management were in the books to be used and determined the character of the religious teaching. These schools received their proportionals the school legislation as will make it conform to what the Privy Council finds share of the money contributed for schools provided and the proportional as well make it conform to what the Privy Council finds will be for the Dominion Government to act; and it is against this contingency in the lump to the control and the proportional as well and the protection of disorganized sects, whereas collection of disorganized sects, whereas a catholicity is a united body. Unless that Privy Council finds will be for the Dominion Government to act; and it is against this contingency in the lump to the two parties to prepare by laving a common plan of act; and it is against this contingency in the lump to the two parties to prepare by laving a common plan of act; and from the State. They must depend entirely for their support upon the contributions of the tomac Catholics to redouble their efforts for the conversion to the denied, should be of the proportional three proportions and private proportional proportion and proportion the difference of the schools provided in the proportion of the tomac catholics, and private proportion and proportion of the tomac catholics and p Contrast the position of the Roman Cath-

assessment for school purposes the proceeds of the assessment are no longer dest ned to any extent for the support of Catholic schools but afford the means of maintaining schools which they regard as no more suitable for the education of Catholic children than they were of a distinctly Protestant character. In view of this comparison it does not seem possible to say that the rights and privileges of the Roman Catholic minority in relation to education which existed prior to 189. have not been effected.

The Privy Council decides that the Governor-General-in Council (in other words, the Dominion) has the power to make the remedy for the full restoration of the rights and privileges of the min-ority before the 1890 change in the Provincial law. The court is careful to say, "It is not for this tribunal to "intimate the precise steps to be taken," "explaining that "it is certainly not "essential that the statutes repealed by "the act of 1890 should be re-enacted or the act of 1890 should be re-enacted, or "that the precise provisions of these statutes should be again made law;" but adding, "all legitimate ground for complaint would be removed if the system was supplemented by provisions which would remove the grievance upon which the appeal is founded and if it were modified so far as might be "necessary to give effect to those provis-

Herein is clearly indicated to what extent, under the constitution, the Catholic minority may demand from and the Dominion may go in providing a remedy for the invasion of their rights

by the School act of 1890. To this limit, therefore, it follows that a Dominion decree would constitutionally supercede and nullify anything of a contrary nature emanating from Provincial authority; and from this, again, it foliows that to this limit no Dominion lawor decree could in any sense, an invasion of "Provincial rights"—seeing that Dominion that Provincial rights cannot be other than such as are vouchsafed by the constitution, and the highest court in the empire having interpreted our constitution, in this respect, as meaning that this power of revision and correct tion is reserved to the Dominion. To arkue otherwise, in the light of this judgment, is besitting only the ignora-

musor the demagogue.

But it is not to be forgotten that, while this judgment finds it competent for the Dominion to remedy that of which the Catholic minority complains, it is not of the nature of being legally obligatory. Practically, the judgment is of the effect to tell the Catholic minority that it has the constitutional right to appeal to the Dominion for redress; and, as well, to tell the Dominion that it has the conwith the Dominion, purely a question of policy whether it will or will not act.

FIAT JUSTITIA, Jan. 31, 1895.

ing too much to believe that the desire on the part of the Dominion regardless of that political party may be in control, will be to meet the requirements as they have presented themselves as constitutional and just. But, unfortunately, there is too much ground to fear that expediency will be a powerful factor in directing the course to be followed. It is quite safe to say that this Mantoha school question is one of great embarrassment to both political parties, indeed, it is not more or less so to the one than the other; and there is no doubt each of them would be glad to be entirely rid His choicest gifts of joy and consolation.

It occurs to me that a perfectly honorileges so created, being, by the plain able arrangement might be made bet-language of the constitution, quite as ween the two parties whereby this Hon. Mr. Laurier, agree to carry out in spirit the judgment of the Privy Council to the country. By this means justice would be done, and without advantage School question had never been.

hold it intact, despite judgments of the Privy Council or aught else. Such talk is simple puerile bragg\*doc'o and buncombe. In a published interview of Mr. J. S. Ewart, Q. C., he has the nail squarely on the head in saying, "I saw "that it had been said that the Province" would resist any interference from Ot-"tawa, but as a matter of fact the Province would have no more power to resist legislation emanating from Ot- church will be Catholic. tawa upon the subject of education, than "they would have to resist legislation through the same quarter upon the post"from the same quarter upon the post"foffice, the tariff, or the milita. When the country was the chief topic consid-

matter, will it be possible for them to do The judgment of the Privy Council is that in so far as it is corrective of intrusions upon the rights of the minority of the Provincial legislation Dominion legislation must prevall. In one parti-cular respect, in which this court finds a wrong is being done, is in the local tax upon Catholics for the maintenance of schools that are non-Catholic. Province may leave such a law in its statutes, but given a Dominion statute nullifying it, he courts are bound to hold it is nullified and the collection of such a tax could not be enforced. In two other respects the Catholics are also injured. By the enforced contribution of their share of the Local Governmen grant to the schools that are non-Catho lic; and by the entire benefit of the Dominion land endowment to education accuring to the same sort of schools. The Dominion Government is the primary disburser of the funds in both these cases, and Parliament having given the power, as the Privy Conucil tells it may may do, to distribute them in proper proportions, how is the Government to rustrate? It is simply impossible. There are no difficulties whatever in the way of the Dominion carrying out the spiri of the finding of the Imperial Privy Co-uncil, no matter how ordurate my be the Local Government in its endeavor to perpetuate an imposition upon the Catholic minority, which it only got the power to perpetrate by a specifically false pledge—no difficulties other than would be completely overcome by the plan I suggest of an agreement between

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Sir Mackenzie Bowell and Hon. Mr. Laurier to take common ground.

Feb. 4

#### TESTIMONY OF THEIR LOVE.

St, Albert Academy Pupils Address Archbishop Langevin.

During his recent visit to St. Albert, Archbishop Langevin was the recipient of many tokens of the love of the Catholics of the Northwest, but of none more loval than that which the pupils of the Academy at St. Albert addressed to him. It is as follows:

To His Grace the Most Rev. L. P. A. Langevin, Archbishop of St. Beniface.

May it please Your Grace,-I feel happy and privileged to be the interpreter of the English speaking pupils of this Academy, in presenting you our heartfelt felicitations and extending to flourishing satisfactorily ever since.

"The St. Jean Baptiste society, al-

Princes of the church, from various

Yes, in your sacred person we recognize apostoheal virtues and indefatigable zeal which won for him the noble title of "Apostle of the West."

which had been organized in this city on the 6th of August, I892.

The speaker they described the west." 'Apostle of the West."

In your presence our joy is supreme: our hearts beat with the liveliest emotions of gratitude, and our prayers are wafted to heaven in grateful accents thanking God for having called you to such a sublime vocation, and beseeching him to inundate your great soul with

Our happiness is still more enhanced, by the sweet assurance that your pre-

American Catholics are not alone in the belief that the future American

At a meeting of a Chicego club last "the idea is clearly grasped that according to the constitution, legislative power er confidently predicted that the is in the Dominion and not in the Pro- American church of the future would be

# CATHOLIC SOCIETIES.

Mr. A. H. Kennedy Lectures on Their Unity, Before the members of the Catholic Truth Society of Winnipeg. :3370

On Monday evening January 28th, Mr. A. H. Kennedy addressed the members of the Catholic Truth Society, Winnipeg on the "Unity of Catholic Societies." He

"You are all aware that there are now in existence in this city five prominent Catholic societies, besides those excellent societies that are composed exclusively of ladies, and those societies are: The St. Vincent de Paul, the Catholic Mutual Benefit association, the Catholic Order of Foresters, the St. Jean Baptiste, and the St. Joseph and Catholic Truth society. Taking each of these associations separately I will endeavor to show how and why there should be a spirit of unity and fraternity always existing among them. The first of the societies existing here at present is the St. Vincent de Paul, which was organized in 1882, after baving laid dormant for a few years. It was founded in Paris, France, in 1833 by Ozinam and a few other students, who Ozinam and a few other students, who called it after that great apostle of charity, St. Vincent de Paul, who in 1634 established the glorious institute of the Sisters of Charity, or Grey Nuns. He died in 1660, at the ripe age of 84 years. This society is spread all the world over but so quiet and unobtrusive is its manner of relieving distress that its manner of relieving distress that its existence is often not even known in communities where its labors are most extensive. It courts not publicity nor notoriety; its object is to go about like the Master doing good among the poor and needy, whether that poverty he of the body for food and raiment, or of the soul for spiritual light and truth. The conference of this city is not rumprically conference of this city is not numerically strong, but its work is diligent and effective.

The Catholic Mutual Benefit associait has not been introduced into any part of Europe. It was first organized at Niagara Falls, N. Y., in the year 1876. On June 6th, 1879, the following gentlemen obtained a charter from the New York legislature, viz: Daniel Barrett, John Clifford, Sebastin Geyer, Joseph McKenna, Patrick Walsh, Michael Powers, James McCran James Martin, Jahn J. James McCrau, James Martin, John J.
McIntyre and Lawrence J. McParlin under the name it bears.

though not a beneficiary one does its work equally good in the social ranks of our French-Canadian brethren, thanks appeal to the Governor-General-in-Council for remedial measures against this School act which had already been held to be constitutional, and this final court gives judgment upholding the contention.

In simple words, the two judgments, taken together, mean that while the Manitoba School act of 1890 was within Manitoba School ac was carried on for some time with good his worthy successor, the inheritor of his throne, and the faithful imitator of the apostolical virtues and initiator of the which had been organized throne, and the faithful imitator of the which had been organized thrones.

The speaker then dwelt at length upon the aims and objects of the Catholic Truth society, and concluded as follows:

In these few observations I have endeavored to give a resume of the

aims, objects and duties of our differents socie ties, and would urge all our young men to enrol themseives under the nanner of some one of them. The Catholic Truth society covers the practical part of nearly all the others, inasmuch sence here to-day strengthens the chain physical, social, mental and spiritual language of the constitution, quite as defensible against violation as though, instead of being a creation, they had instead of being a creation, they had Hon. Mr. Laurier, agree to carry out in spirit the judgment of the Privy Council—formulate the agreement and give it to the country. By this means justice would be done, and without advantage fragrant with the filial affection we conceivable way and it now would be done, and without advantage instrain with the line line line in an economic we church is maligned and misrepresented or prejudice to either party; it would be, entertain for our beloved Bishop Gran-in every conceivable way and it now beloves instructions that the line and our devoted Oblate Fathers we beloves the state of the line and our devoted Oblate Fathers we below to the line and the line and our devoted Oblate Fathers we below to the line and the line a din, and our devoted Oblate Fathers, we behooves us to get out to meet the or political purposes, just as though the chool question had never been.

If, of course, notice that members of happiness and peace, to rule your impanse Archdiocese and fructify the hear had accommended to make the accommendation of the property of the property of the peace and the property of the peace and the peace are peaced by the peace and the peace are peaced by the peaced by f, of course, notice that members of the Manitoba Government are vehemently declaring that the school law is magnificent works of your illustrious support of our Catholic societies standing shoulder to should sho Asking your blessing on each and all of edly for God, country and truth. On motion of Mr. F. W. Russell, sec-

onded by Rev. Father O'Dwyer, a hearty vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Kennedy. Rev. Father Cabill was also present and delivered an interesting and instructive address. Mr. Kennedy is president of the society.

#### General News.

Our first number of St. Luke's the new English Catholic magazine, appears with a fine portrait and excellent sketch of Cardinal Vaughan as one of its lead-