

## MENU.

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| Celeri   | Olives             |
| SOUP   |                    |
| Ox Tail a la Beaudin   |                    |
| FISH   |                    |
| Lake of the Woods White Fish, Egg Sauce a la Francaise         |                    |
| BOILED   |                    |
| Tongue a la Rat Portage  |                    |
| Leg of Mutton a la St. Boniface, Caper Sauce                   |                    |
| ENTREES  |                    |
| Chicken Salad a la Gendreau                                    |                    |
| Manitoba Pine Apple and Raspberry Salad                        |                    |
| ROASTS   |                    |
| Turkey a la Canadienne, Native Cranberry Sauce                 |                    |
| Sirloin of Beef a la C.M.B.A., Brown Gravy                     |                    |
| Veal a la Catholic Forrester, Dressing                         |                    |
| EXTRAS   |                    |
| Partridge and Rabbit a la Poitras                              |                    |
| VEGETABLES   |                    |
| Mashed Potatoes a la Irlandaise                                |                    |
| Scotch Parsnips with Cream Sauce                               |                    |
| DESSERT  |                    |
| Plum Pudding a la Catholic Hospital, Brandy Sauce a la Central |                    |
| Lemon Pie a la Presidente                                      |                    |
| Jellies a la Consecration                                      | Klondike Ice Cream |
| Fruits   | Nuts               |
| Assorted Cakes   | Grapes             |
|  | Tea and Coffee     |

## SPEECHES.

When the time for speeches—strictly temperance toasts, since the strongest beverage was coffee—came, Rev. Father Gendreau rose and asked the Archbishop to speak for him as he thought he could not do justice to the occasion. However, he really did the thanking very handsomely. He thanked the ladies for so tasty a banquet, the Archbishop for having consecrated the church—had he (Father Gendreau) been able to consecrate it, he would have done so, for he always preferred to do his work himself—the preacher for his eloquent sermon, the guests for honoring him by their presence, the attending priests for their skilful assistance in the singing and the ceremonies.

His Grace, on rising, referred first to Father Beaudin, the founder of the Catholic church of Rat Portage, as he is the founder of St. Mary's, Winnipeg, St. Augustine's, Brandon and St. Michael's, Selkirk. Father Beaudin deserved to be congratulated on his fruitful citizenship. We are all deeply rooted in the country. What useful citizens are the priests of God when faithful to their vocation! In Rat Portage Father Beaudin is a public man, and though he does not make much noise, he does much good, he has realized the French saying, "Le bruit ne fait pas de bien, et le bien ne fait pas de bruit." This consecration is not only a Catholic ceremony, it is an event in the history of this country, and marks a great advance in the temporal order. Our interests are blended, we are all citizens of the same country. Religion helps a great deal for material progress. Rat Portage is a most delightful place, and though it has not yet made as much progress as some of our western towns, Sir William Van Horne believes in its future. Of course the Northwest is fast filling up, but surely Rat Portage will have its day when it will double its wealth and population. The name of Father Beaudin will ever be intimately connected with Rat Portage. Hence I am glad to see him honored. The "ox tail a la Beaudin" doubtless alludes to the terribly hard time he had in the rough beginnings of this place according to the French expression, "tirer le diable par la queue." Good Father Gendreau also deserves great praise for having prepared the consecration by his financial ability in freeing the church from debt. He is a man of many abodes; hence the appropriateness of the first-class salad a la Gendreau. He is a man of progress, afraid of nothing. He has done things more wonderful than paying off the debt of a church. When at the age of 59 he went to the Yukon, he displayed real heroism. It takes a man of warm heart to go into that frozen country. Now Father Gendreau comes here to crown the work of revered Father Beaudin. Father Poitras is mentioned in the menu: Partridge and Rabbit a la Poitras; it was he who built this commodious residence. I am glad also to thank the ladies; this banquet is a credit to them. Finally, it is a treat for me to meet so many prominent gentlemen here.

Father Beaudin wished to be excused from making a set speech. "I am an invalid. Still I must say

I am thankful for the kind remembrance everybody has of me. I hope that I may spend the rest of my life at least in praying for the welfare of the parish, which I began amidst so many hardships. Those days are now gone, and everything is bright and promising."

His Grace then called upon Father James Dugas, Rector of St. Boniface College, who said: "Only one word to thank the Reverend Fathers and the citizens of Rat Portage for their kindness to the young rector of St. Boniface College, and I hope your kindness will continue to be shown to the Fathers of our college in as tangible a way as in the past. What I observe with pleasure is the union of different nationalities. I notice in the menu, "Sauce a la Francaise," "Turkey a la Canadienne," "Mashed Potatoes a la Irlandaise" and "Scotch Parsnips," a fine amalgam of races well mixed up. I may say that I have already noticed in St. Boniface College, which good Father Gendreau so aptly characterized as "our college," for it belongs to us all, great union and charity between French, Irish, German and Scotch boys. Religion it is that produces this result. There is one great centre from which all the charity in the world radiates, the Sacred Heart of Our Lord, who left His Heart to His Church. There is nothing like the influence of Catholic missionaries to weld different elements together. So I thank the ladies especially for having thus emphasized the union of races."

Then His Grace said that he would call, not only upon members of the Church, but upon those who are friends from the outside, in particular upon one who is prominent in business here, Mr. Weir.

Mr. Weir: "I did not expect to have to speak, but I am glad to say a few words to congratulate Your Grace and the other Catholics present on the great event celebrated to-day. I am not going to enlarge on Father Beaudin's merits. Not only do I know what he has gone through, but we are old foes. He may be a very good priest, but he cannot play chess. In the old days I used to beat him about twice a week. What Your Grace so kindly said about the sympathy of outsiders I should have liked to have heard said before a larger audience. Although I am not myself a member of your flock, my better half belongs to the Church. I thank you very much for the honor of this invitation."

Rev. Father Charles, C.S.S.R., whom His Grace introduced with the announcement that, when Rev. Father Godts wrote, he said that, not being able to come himself, he had sent the best man he had (ce qui avait de mieux), spoke as follows: "I am grateful for the invitation and happy to have been chosen. Among the good things I have heard to-day, I was struck with the fact that Father Beaudin founded the Brandon mission, where a new and fine church was consecrated lately. As a representative, though a poor one, of Brandon, I can fully appreciate the labors of a pioneer where the work was harder and less agreeable than elsewhere. I wish also to congratulate Father Gendreau and all the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, the congregation

to which Your Grace has the honor to belong. We shall ever continue the kindly relations between our two congregations."

Mr. Erniay, editor of the "Miner," then spoke: "Though I am not much of a speaker, what I shall say comes from my heart. I am pleased to hear reference made to Father Beaudin as a citizen of this town. His memory is carefully treasured in Rat Portage. His was the name most frequently mentioned to me when first I came to Rat Portage, but I never realized the extent of the good he has done till Father Gendreau dwelt upon it so feelingly just now."

Mr. L'Heureux said: "I must claim your indulgence, for I am not used to speaking in public, and should have preferred that someone else had been called upon. However, as a representative of the Catholic Order of Foresters, I thank Father Gendreau for inviting the officers of our sister societies to this magnificent banquet. I may say that the two Catholic societies of Rat Portage, the C.M.B.A. and the C.O.F., are greatly pleased with the encouragement which Father Gendreau gives them. I thank the ladies for their splendid service. Everything has combined to make this a day of religious festivity."

Mr. Lullier said: "My first words must be congratulations to Father Beaudin, our first missionary at Keewatin, and I humbly echo His Grace's praise and good wishes. Father Beaudin has been kinder to us than we have been to him. I thank the ladies for their tact in arranging this sumptuous repast. Nor can I forget Father Gendreau, superior of the mission, on whom we depend. He has done much for Keewatin, and I hope will long continue to minister to its spiritual wants."

## REPLIES TO ADDRESSES.

At 7 p.m. the newly consecrated church was densely thronged for the evening service, which began by the recitation of the Rosary and the singing of the Magnificat. Then His Grace the Archbishop received three addresses, one from the parishioners of Rat Portage, Norman and Keewatin, one from the C.M.B.A. and one from the Catholic Order of Foresters. We have space but for the first, which is well worth reading for the high principles it enunciates.

To His Grace the Most Rev. the Archbishop of St. Boniface.

May it please Your Grace.—It gives us great pleasure to welcome Your Grace upon this your first official visit to the parish since the appointment of the Rev. Father Gendreau as parish priest.

That Your Grace has come to consecrate our church, Notre Dame du Portage, is to us an extreme joy, in that it increases the merits of the prayers of the faithful, and is, therefore, heartily welcome.

We are highly appreciative of the self-sacrificing devotion to our interests evidenced by Your Grace in declining the invitation to Ottawa, and denying yourself the pleasure of meeting there on the 8th inst. all the Archbishops of the Dominion, together with the privilege of taking your part in ecclesiastical affairs. As the Church ministers to the soul, so does the school minister to the mind, or intelligence. All the world knows how Your Grace has striven and is still striving against soul-sickening difficulties for the Catholic schools of Manitoba. Even our separated brethren believe in our theory that education is not imparted solely through the generally accepted teaching by word of mouth. "Practice is better than precept" is a good motto now and forever. Only the Religious who is freed from selfish ambitions and distractions, and who does not work for money, manifests, in his or her personality, the Christian discipline that teaches how to live and how to learn throughout a lifetime.

Of eighty-seven separate schools in Ontario, eighty-two are taught by nuns, and five by the Christian Brothers; these are in such cities as Ottawa, Toronto and Hamilton. If the instruction in these schools were not all that could be required and hoped the teachers would not be retained. We, too, hope once more to enjoy the privileges known to other towns and cities; and trust that success, crowning the efforts of Your Grace, we may secure for next year the additional services of the Sisters for the separate schools of Rat Portage.

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