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### Calendar for Next Week.

#### NOVEMBER

- 13—Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost (Office of the sixth Sunday after Epiphany). Dedication of all the churches of the diocese of St. Boniface. Feast of St. Stanislaus Kostka, S.
- 14—Monday—St. Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr.
- 15—Tuesday—St. Gertrude, Virgin.
- 16—Wednesday—St. Didacus, Confessor (transferred from the 13th inst.).
- 17—Thursday—St. Gregory the Wonder-worker, Bishop.
- 18—Friday—Dedication of the Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul.
- 19—Saturday—St. Elizabeth of Hungary. Widow.

### THE RECENT GENERAL ELECTION

The result of the general election on the 3rd inst. was a surprise to both parties. Many of the wisest among the Liberals felt nervous before the voting day. The most sanguine did not dare to hope for a majority of more than twenty, and when they saw the majority creeping up to seventy they could hardly believe their eyes. This means that they will have nearly two-thirds of the House on their side. So great a majority undoubtedly has its dangers. The intoxication of triumph tends to make members and ministers reckless. If the Liberals lose their heads the Conservatives will be on the watch to trip them up.

Just now, however, the outlook for the Conservative party is not bright. Some of their best men have fallen before the popular vote, and even had they been elected the Conservative party would still mourn over its dearth of really able leaders.

Elected for the third time, by a greater vote than ever, Prime Minister of Canada, Sir Wilfrid Laurier must assuredly feel that the vast majority of the Canadian people trust him and are proud of him. During the remaining years of his political life, he has nothing to fear from adverse criticism. What a splendid opportunity this gives him, if he be strong and righteous of purpose, to reform and purify the politics of his country! The recent elections have revealed and will continue to reveal for a long time to come the awful corruption of our practical politics. Open bribery, ballot-stuffing and unjustifiable erasures of voters' names have been rampant in many places. Now an honest and immensely popular Prime Minister should be the first to punish such political crimes. A word from him would initiate measures that would minimize the recurrence of such scandals. And somebody must move in this matter, or we shall become a byword among nations. Twenty or thirty years ago we Canadians prided ourselves on the superior purity of our elections as compared with those of the United States; but at the present time we have sunk far below the level of our American neighbours. They are beginning to punish corruptionists by imprisonment and even by long terms in the penitentiary. A great popular movement against political and municipal "grafters" has begun in Missouri and Wisconsin, President Roosevelt has fearlessly uncovered the recent postal frauds and his energy is rewarded by an overwhelming majority. No such signs of healthy public feeling are observable among us. Let the thrice victorious Prime Minister bring in effective legislation against corruption, and to be effective it must be framed on the model of Great Britain, the originator of modern representative government and one of the few countries, Belgium being another, where government is fairly representative of the best elements in the nation. Let him especially enact the admirable British law that gives the electoral seat, without any new election, to the candidate who has the largest

vote after the member unseated for corruption or bribery.

Sir Wilfrid's unchallenged leadership ought also to suggest to him that the time is now come for strenuous action in the Manitoba School question. After his first election he might with some excuse have pleaded the uncertainty of his new tenure of office. After his second victory in 1900 that excuse was already threadbare. Now, after his third victory, it would be absurd. And here again the initiative must come from him. The majority of his French Canadian followers are so hypnotized by the fascination of his leadership that they will not stir hand or foot in the cause of their own paramount religious interests unless he blazes the trail for them, and then they will be delighted to follow him. Look at how they behaved in St. Boniface the other night, giving an ovation to the Hon. Clifford Sifton, who, fairly just as he has proved himself in the administration of his own department, has no sense of justice in religious matters, has proved himself an enemy of their race and creed, and is still the chief obstacle to a settlement of the school question. It is "up to" Sir Wilfrid to keep the young Napoleon in his proper sphere.

### HIS GRACE SPEAKS OUT

At the impromptu blessing of St. Mary's School last Sunday, Nov. 6, the most remarkable utterances were the address and the reply here given. After the ceremony of the blessing of the magnificent school building, His Grace entered St. Mary's church, which was filled to the doors. On taking his seat in the sanctuary the committee of parishioners appointed for the purpose approached and the following address was read and presented by Mr. F. W. Russell.

The Most Rev. L. P. A. Langevin, Archbishop of St. Boniface.

Your Grace,....The people of St. Mary's parish are happy to have this opportunity of receiving you so soon after your return from your visit to Rome and the Holy Land, and wish to take advantage of the occasion to tender you renewed assurances of the love and veneration they entertain for your grace personally, and of our devotion to the sacred office you fill. We were not amongst those who were able on the day of your return to offer you a tribute of our joy and regard, but it is not too late, we hope, to assure you of the lively and intense interest with which we followed your grace's travels in those far off lands, and our gratitude to Almighty God for bringing you safely home again. We are well assured that at the centre of Christendom when presenting the homage of your people to our Holy Father the Pope, and when beseeching his blessing on the flock committed to your care, you did not forget that portion of your people constituting the parish of St. Mary's, and knowing well your ardent thoughtfulness for all your spiritual children, we know that we were also in your grace's mind throughout the pilgrimage to the sacred places of the Holy Land.

This afternoon your grace has solemnly blessed our new school building. To no one, we are sure, better than to your grace, is known the difficulties which this parish has confronted as a result of the sacrifices we have to make for the maintenance of Christian, Catholic, education for our children. The struggle has been a hard and bitter one, and the additional obligations we have now contracted in the erection of the magnificent new structure will need much greater sacrifices on the part of our people in the future than even those of the past. In all humility we think we may claim that this undertaking is a public evidence of our sincere conviction that at all cost we must assure for our little ones the priceless boon of Catholic education, and it is an object lesson that whilst awaiting the day which, be it sooner or later, must inevitably come when justice will be done in this matter, we shall ever strive to maintain our parochial schools at the highest possible state of efficiency. With our new school building up-to-date in every respect and with an equipment second to no primary school in the city, with a staff of teachers devoted to their work and of exceptional attainments and unquestionable ability, we shall cheerfully meet the increased financial necessities sustained by the consoling reflection that not only are we thereby securing for our children the very best secular education given in the city of Winnipeg, but also that we are thereby doing our full duty in this connection as members of the Holy Catholic Church. In the meantime we shall ever pray that the day may be hastened when our burdens will be removed and we shall once more enjoy that measure of liberty to which we are entitled, and which is still so unjustly withheld from us.

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#### Words of Counsel

In reply His Grace said that nothing could give him more pleasure than blessing a parochial school, and anxious as he was to see churches built and properly equipped he must say that the great necessity of the movement was the Catholic schools all over the land. The school he had just come from was a magnificent monument to their faith in Catholic education and to their disposition to be even more generous in the future than the past in maintaining an efficient school for the boys and girls of the parish. The school, too, spoke most eloquently of the fact that the school question is not settled because it was perfectly evident to everybody that the maintenance of the school meant a great additional burden for them. He congratulated the pastor and people of St. Mary's and in eloquent terms assured them that some continued on page 3.

### La Grippe Coming Again

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