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# CONSECRATION OF ARCHBISHOP GAUTHIER.

The inhabitants of the historic city of Kingston tendered a most enthusiastic reception to Mgr. Gauthier, the Archbishop-elect, on his arrival on Monday afternoon from Brockville. Thousands of citizens and people from all parts of Canada lined the streets along the route of procession from the depot to the cathedral to greet his Grace.

Mayor Livingston was at the station when the Archbishop arrived, and welcomed him in the name of the corporation. In the carriage with his Grace were Archbishops Duhamel and Bruchet, and Bishop O'Connor of Peterborough.

The journey to the cathedral was one continued ovation. At the Convent of the Congregation de Notre Dame the pupils rendered several very beautiful selections. It was a pleasing and inspiring sight. As the carriage occupied by his Grace passed by little Miss Beatrice Thompson presented the Archbishop with a magnificent bouquet of flowers. Past private houses profusely decorated the procession wended its way, and at the cathedral the members of the Y. I. C. B. led the way and lined either side of the main aisle from the front door to the chancel. Through this avenue of devoted parishioners his Grace the Archbishop entered the cathedral, which reverberated with the strains of Mendelssohn's "March of the Priests," performed on the cathedral organ and deepened and beautified by a section of the 14th Battalion band. Archbishop Gauthier was supported in his entry by Mgr. Farrelly and Archbishop Duhamel of Ottawa. Some moments were spent in prayer, after which the following addresses were presented to the Archbishop elect by the clergy and laity.

which mark the Christian gentleman, which you have ever shown to those around you.

As a priest among your brother priests, your record is not less admirable. You have ever been a bright example to the young and a stimulus to those of riper years, because of the unassuming, pious, faithful, devoted and untiring manner in which you have fulfilled every duty of your sacred calling as a tried and trusted servant of the Lord. We cheerfully bear testimony to the uniform courtesy which has characterized your intercourse with us in the past, and we are satisfied that in the future you will be none the less the loving friend and brother, although now an Archbishop in God's Holy Church. In the greeting which we so gladly bring to you to-day it is but natural, therefore, that a very deep sentiment of personal kindness and affectionate good-will towards yourself should be wedded to that reverence and obedience which every priest of Kingston feels because of your official position and character. You come to this diocese and to this cathedral church not as a stranger to its priests and people, but as a well known and well loved friend and father, with a certificate of many fruitful years of meritorious work faithfully achieved for the uplifting of the people and the advancement of religion in our midst. You come, moreover, as one who was the trusted lieutenant, the friend of him whose place you are now called upon to fill—the distinguished prelate, the illustrious churchman—our late lamented Archbishop, Dr. Cleary. Now, we believe that your glorious record of the past is a happy augury for the future. Under your fostering care and skillful guidance this mother diocese of Ontario shall flourish and know an ever increasing prosperity. You will maintain her honor and extend her usefulness; and in all your undertakings you may be certain of the love and loyalty and unswerving support of the priests who now surround you, and who will consider it an honor and a privilege to labor by your side. With the assurance of our sincere esteem and regard, we also ask Your Grace to accept this purse of gold as a symbol—modest and inadequate, indeed—but still an emblem of the wealth of deep affection which we each and all entertain towards you.

One other important duty rests upon us, and that is to express to Your Grace, in a public and formal manner, the debt of gratitude which we owe to the Right Rev. Administrator for the very efficient and faithful manner in which he has fulfilled his duties. His bearing towards the priests has been that of the enlightened, courteous gentleman, the kind and sincere friend, and the brotherly fellow clergyman, and in consequence he has endeavored to win in affectionate, respectful and lasting esteem. For this evidence of his kindness to us, and his devotion to the duties imposed upon him, we thank him. In the hope that Your Grace may live long to honor your exalted position and to make your priests and people happy, we hereto subscribe as follows:—Right Rev. James Farrelly, Administrator; Very Rev. Thomas Kelly, Very Rev. J. S. O'Connor, Very Rev. J. Masterson, Very Rev. C. Murray, Revs. M. J. Stanton, C. Duffin, Thomas Davis, John McDonough, C. A. McWilliams, P. A. Twomey, Thomas Spratt, John Hogan, J. J. Connolly, Geo. A. Cicolari, Michael McDonald, Denis A. Twomey, Michael Spratt, William Walsh, J. D. O'Gorman, P. J. Hurting, J. P. Fleming, J. S. Quinn, Thomas McCarthy, John McCann, M. J. O'Rourke, Thomas Carry, T. P. O'Connor, Alexander Carson, Charles Kellen, J. V. Neill, J. P. Kehoe, J. J. Collins, John O'Brien, W. A. McDonagh, P. C. O'Brien, M. J. Meagher, John Meagher, W. T. Bidone (on behalf of his community).

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Rev. Father Spratt then presented His Grace with a purse of gold, containing \$2,200 in \$20 pieces.

The address of welcome from the laity was read by the Hon. Senator SULLIVAN, who was supported by Dr. Ryan, Dr. Phelan, Ald. Behan, L. O'Brien and others. The address read as follows:—

The congregation of this cathedral, in public meeting assembled, by unanimous vote deputed the undersigned to address you in their behalf, offering you their warmest congratulations on your accession to the high and sacred office of Archbishop, extending to you a cordial welcome to this city and expressing the pleasure they feel in tendering you their love and obedience. Assuredly you do not come among strangers; your career is well known to us, beginning with your student life in old Regiopolis, best days, when you were among her most brilliant sons, finishing by becoming rector, the duties of which you performed as you did all others, with signal success and to the advantage of all concerned. We recall with pleasure the enduring results of your long, varied services as parish priest. Every parish in which you labored can ex-

hibit some memorial of your great energy and zeal, as well as your love and deep interest in the welfare, spiritual and temporal, of the people entrusted to your care, all of whom deeply regretted your departure from among them. Churches, schools, hospitals and presbyteries are the monuments which mark your progress. Again, your many good qualities secured the admiration and regard of the venerable Bishops under whom you served. They delighted to honor you with any gifts at their disposal, and none more so than the late illustrious Archbishop. You thus acquired in rapid succession all the dignities of the clerical order before receiving the present great honor. The affairs temporal of the diocese are well known to you, to none more so. Besides the regular arduous duties, you are confronted with a very great debt and an infant college. It will be for you to meet them as your judgment and fertility of resources may direct; you may rely on the warm support of a people unsurpassed for generosity, who will cheerfully assist you in reducing the one and elevating the other. The address goes on to speak of the various predecessors of the Archbishop in the seat, and the subscribers rejoice that a Canadian and a priest of their own diocese is elected to the holy office. The address was signed by M. Sullivan, Edward Ryan, L. O'Brien, Daniel Phelan, James Swift, Patrick Daley.

Immediately after the reading of the address from the laity, Rev. Father Murray, of the diocese of Peterboro', read an address on behalf of his brother priests, congratulating the Archbishop upon his elevation to the Archiepiscopal See. We take the following extract from it:—

"We saw the old pioneers passing away and their work taken up by new and vigorous hands. In the frequent vicissitudes of these years we saw you advanced from one position to a higher one until you had reached the highest place in your diocese. In this long period of time you were always the same kind affable man, full of charity for your brothers of the clergy, zealous in the works of your parish, endeared to everyone by your gentle character, and possessing within the complete confidence of your illustrious predecessor. We who had studied with you under the same professors, who had afterwards taught in the halls of Regiopolis College, who had assisted one another in the first works of the ministry, who knew so well your great ability, were made sensible of the wisdom of that great and good man, Pope Leo XIII. in elevating you to the Archiepiscopal See of Kingston. We unite with your clergy and your people on this eve of the day of your consecration to the episcopacy in the time honored salutation, 'ad multos annos.' May your years be long and happy and fruitful."

His Grace, in rising to reply, was visibly moved at the warmth of the reception which had been accorded to him. His Grace said:—

My first words, in reply, must be of thanks to God, the giver of all good gifts, who has been so graciously near upon this my first entrance into this city and cathedral as the Archbishop of Kingston. I am overwhelmed by such an expression of good-will towards me. I thank you, my brother priests, of the Church here, with whom I have been associated for so many years, having but one thought and one purpose as we labored together side by side for the glory of God and the advancement of His Kingdom. I thank you for the brotherly sentiments of affection with which your address is so replete. It has been pleasing to Almighty God that I should be appointed your leader and your guide, and you seized the earliest opportunity to proffer to me your confidence and allegiance. And I, for my part, assure you that the brotherly affection which I feel towards each of you is to remain unchanged, or, if changed, it will be changed to the affection of a father.

I thank you for the allusion you made in your address to the Right Rev. Monsignor Farrelly, many times administrator of this diocese, and who always administered the diocese to the acceptance of all parties—of the priests and the people. Mgr. Farrelly's record is one that everyone should be proud of. It is one without spot or stain; it is a record that reaches altogether for nearly a half century, and is such as to command our veneration, our respect and our love, and the respect, veneration and love of none more than of his Archbishop, who will try to take care to show him that even here the Church finds means to reward such faithful merits.

I thank you, my dear brothers of the Diocese of Peterboro', who have come here to-day to join our own clergy in their felicitations to me and the expressions of your good wishes.

And now a message to the people:—Knowing as I do the striking spirit of faith that animates you, I am aware that no matter who the one who came was, no matter who he might be, the one who is honored by the Holy Father to be your Archbishop would not fail to secure a cordial reception in coming among you. But I assure you I was not prepared for, I did not expect, I did not anticipate, the magnificent demonstration with which you have been pleased to greet me here to-day.

I shall pray for you to Almighty God that He may bless and reward you for the renewed courage and strength which your actions have given me. I

thank you for your beautiful address, with its kind wishes for my welfare, with its sincere congratulations, and at the same time with its evidence of cooperation with me in the time when difficulties might come—and to some of the difficulties you have already made reference to. But, my brethren, I may say to you that, with such a united clergy as the clergy of the Diocese of Kingston, with such a united people as the people of the Diocese of Kingston, and with the blessing of Almighty God upon us all, I have no fear for the future.

In closing His Grace said: I was born in the diocese brought up in the diocese, educated in the schools of the diocese. There is not an interest in the diocese that has not been entwined in every fibre of my heart. And now it has been pleasing to me that I should hold the position of government in the diocese, that I should guard its interests, and that I should do all that lay in me, so that the Diocese of Kingston may stand as it has stood for many years past—always a diocese that her sons are glad of and proud of. And now, my dearly beloved brethren, I ask you, the clergy first, and secondly the laity, to allow me to thank you again for this demonstration of good will, this kind welcome, those expressions of good wishes toward me.

On Tuesday morning, at half past nine, the visiting prelates and priests assembled at the palace and escorted the Archbishop-elect to the cathedral, where the solemn and imposing ceremony of his consecration was to take place.

The interior of the cathedral was beautifully decorated with flowers and plants, while the altar in its white and gold and myriad of lights presented a most striking appearance.

Every available space in the sacred edifice was occupied long before the hour fixed for the ceremony, which occupied nearly three hours.

Among those who occupied seats of honor near the sanctuary were: Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Madame Laurier, Hon. Wm. Harty, Sir William Hingston, Hon. Senator Scott, Hon. Senator Sullivan, Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick, Solicitor General, Mr. M. J. F. Quinn, Q.C., M.P.; S. Russell, M.P.P., East Hastings; George P. Granam, M.P.P., Brockville; Mayor Livingston; Col. Titchell, C.S. Consul; A. H. St. Germain, Toronto, and others.

The consecrating prelate was Archbishop Duhamel, of Ottawa, and His Grace was assisted by the Very Rev. Father McCann, V.G., Toronto, and Very Rev. Father Murray of Trenton, as deacon, and Rev. Father Spratt, Wolf Island, as sub-deacon. The Archbishop-elect was assisted by Father O'Hara, Brooklyn, and Very Rev. Dean Lester, Prescott. Rev. Father Parent, Montreal, was master of ceremonies.

The sermon was delivered by Archbishop O'Brien of Halifax. His Grace spoke eloquently and took for his text: "For this was I born and for this came I into the world, that I should give testimony to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth heareth my voice." St. John viii, 17. There could His Grace said, be no reasonable doubt in the mind of anyone who believes in Holy Scripture or who makes a profession of Christian religion that the mission of our Lord Jesus Christ was twofold in its object: He came to redeem and to begeth to teach. These were the basic principles of the Christian religion, the primary elements in its teachings, and they constitute at one and the same time the reason of its being and its regenerating power. By Christ alone have all men been redeemed, by Christ alone are all men to be instructed in the eternal life. These two fundamental principles were explicitly taught by every page of the New Testament.

His Grace pointed out that professing Christians, while readily admitting that salvation comes from Christ alone, failed to appreciate or to attach sufficient importance to the fact that salvation, can be attained only by the application of this grace of redemption to the individual soul. He asked if the professed desire of some for the truth was any more sincere than Pilate's question of the Saviour when he inquired "What is the truth?" and immediately after went forth again to the Jews. Tractability of disposition was necessary to acquire truth, and was the characteristic of every profound scholar and thinker as contrasted with the shallow scoff of skepticism. Some men were so affected by the word dogma as to lead one to think they had lost their mental equilibrium. Even the simple admonition "love thy neighbor" involved dogmatism, and he affirmed that election was absolutely impossible without it.

The sermon on the Mount propounded principles which, if acted upon, would solve all the social problems of life, and if men would only bear in mind that they are as powerless to change the supernatural as they are to change the natural order, there would be no useless and sinful rebellion against God's holy religion. His Grace pointed with pride to the historic fact that the Catholic Church as an institution is founded on every page of history for the last 1,900 years. Its principles had never changed; there was no trimming of sails to catch the popular breeze, and she had never lowered her flag at the bidding of either foreign tyrant or rebellious sons. There was

no possible denial of the fact that she was in truth the instrument of God to continue the work for which Jesus Christ was born into this world.

His Grace then spoke of the various ranks of the clergy, and referred to the spiritual dignity and power of the Bishops of God. He dwelt upon their awful responsibilities, and implicitly spoke of the woe which would follow any neglect of the episcopal duties. This was why a true Bishop must always run counter to the world, correct its errors, reprove its maxims and place its members. "Today," continued the preacher, in this cathedral, a new link has been added to the lengthening chain of apostolic succession, a new instructor has been placed over a portion of God's vineyard; a new sentinel has been posted on the towers of the holy church. Chosen and appointed by the Pope, he receives from the imposition of hands the plenitude of his princely power. With sacred ceremonies the ring, the symbol of his solemn episcopal with the church is put upon his finger; the mitre, emblematic of regal dignity is placed on his head. He is invested with a cross, a token of pastoral authority, and told to use it with loving severity in correcting vices.

A few months ago, said His Grace, the late Archbishop laid down the insignia of his office and entered into his rest. You mourned him sincerely because you loved him well, and you were grateful for the watchful care which for so many years he had exercised in your behalf. But though the man died the office lived on; the instrument of his power was indeed broken, but the power itself survived. Today your mourning is changed into joy, for the vacant see is filled, and all the spiritual powers and prerogatives of the late Archbishop are conferred upon his successor, to whom your faithful allegiance is due. Let that allegiance be an honorable and ready submission in God and for God, through His Divine Son, Jesus Christ, His Holy Spirit. I press no new doctrine and I make no ungrounded claim on your prejudice and be subject to them, for they watch as men to render an account for your souls."

Finally, His Grace admonished the congregation, telling them that whilst salvation and the means of salvation are from God alone, the immediate application of the means of redemption is likewise of God's ordinance, and of His grace. "The ceremony of today," he continued, "which has been parallel in every age and year of the church in the past, should teach this lesson. By it the new Archbishop of Kingston is joined to a vast church which has innumerable ramifications. But each link of that chain is united by the fact of its immediate descent into the Divine Founder of the Church whose mission to his faithful was to carry out for mankind long and happy years."

After the sermon, which lasted an hour, the services were continued, the Archbishop presiding in the cathedral. The priests kneeled the ring as a token of submission, and the silver ended.

A striking feature of the day was the meeting of the members of the C.M.B.A. at the Grand Opera House, and the presentation of addresses to His Grace Archbishop Gauthier, and Mr. M. F. Hackett M.L.A., the Grand President. Dr. Ryan presided. His Grace received an ovation when he appeared upon the stage.

Grand President Hackett read an address to His Grace, expressing the pleasure at the elevation of His Grace to such an important position. In replying the Archbishop said he admired, loved and blessed the clergy. There could be no more noble object in view.

The order has the approval of the Church and, of course, must be right. I look upon you as an auxiliary of the Church. I thank you for the pleasure of coming to you on this the momentous day of my life, and I shall look back to this occasion with pleasure too."

Archbishop O'Brien, Halifax, Grand Spiritual Adviser of the Order, also addressed the assembly. He impressed on his hearers the fact that the C.M.B.A. instills a strong Catholic spirit.

Grand President Hackett, in reply to an address of welcome, after giving an outline of the objects of the C.M.B.A., said:—

It is time that Catholics should unite and know their strength; that the Catholics of the Maritime Provinces should know their brethren in Ontario and those of Ontario those of Manitoba. Among our Catholics there is a wide gulf, which divides the rich from the poor. We may meet fraternally but how often do we pass our brethren on the street without even a nod. Such is not the rule in societies to which our brothers of other faiths belong. There is brotherhood there both inside the fraternal room and outside and who can blame me for urging the same course among Catholics. We, as loyal citizens of Canada, all things being equal are bound to give our support to a society the aims of which are such as I have outlined. The speaker before closing asked that when the next Grand President addressed them—and the signs pointed to a Kingstonian—the local membership would be trebled.

# GLIMPSES OF THE EASTERN TOWNSHIPS.

I set out the other day, by the Grand Trunk Railway System, from Quebec, upon a trip to the White Mountains and Portland, Me. The region traversed is full of interesting objects of natural scenery from the time you leave sight of Cape Diamond in the fortress city until you land at your journey's end. As the train speeds along the south shore of the St. Lawrence you meet with many growing settlements and thriving towns of more or less importance. At Danville you see a live community of very industrious habits, who evidently have confidence in the future of their town, which is favorably situated amidst sloping hills that lend a picturesque air to the snug little town. It has some manufacturing industries, which in past years have been successfully operated.

Passing on to Richmond we see a railroad centre, where the streets and yards are crossed and re-crossed with steel rails, for this is the junction station whereat connections are made with roads to Montreal and Portland and all the intervening points between the two cities. Between the arrival and departure of trains we strive to get some knowledge of the status and prospects of this old town and we find the record favorable, for although the growth has not been rapid the upbuilding has been of a solid character, and the citizen enjoys a fair degree of commercial prosperity. The money earned by the Grand Trunk Railway employees is spent locally, and the incoming and outgoing trains give a stirring appearance of trade and traffic at all seasons of the year. The town itself is nicely situated on the St. Francis river, on the opposite bank of which is the beautiful village of Melbourn. Among the improvements noted is the splendid Catholic Church, of which the veteran Father Quinn is parish priest, having served there during a very extended pastorate.

I had an instructive chat with the venerable, yet hale and hearty, Mr. Murphy, the respected Collector of Customs, formerly the faithful station agent for a long term of years. He knows the rise and history of the town or more than a generation, and he imparts his knowledge with a vigor and geniality refreshing in itself.

Pushing on towards the far distant American seaport, we pass Wilder Mills, Brampton and other settlements until we train stop at the city of Sherbrooke, and this being the central seat of manufacture and commercial enterprise for the whole of the wide and populous district of the Eastern Townships, we determine to stop over, so as to gain a correct idea of the position and interesting features of this thriving young city, so picturesquely situated on the eminence above the St. Francis river, into which flows the turbulent waters of the Magog river, which forces its rapid course through the heart of the city, thus giving to Sherbrooke a water power unrivalled in any city in Canada. Hence the success of the long established Paton tinned mills and the numerous other manufacturing concerns, which give constant employment to the city's artisans and laboring classes. The entire district, of which Sherbrooke is the focus and centre, is particularly rich in scenery, and hill and valley and lakes and rivers. The famous Memphremong, whereat many Montaguers make their summer headquarters, is not far distant, and to get there you traverse a route abounding in lovely dells, nooks, lakes, rivers and forest scenery.

The Plains of Stanstead, a rich agricultural region, lead you on towards Rock Island and Derby Line, at which point you reach the domains of Uncle Sam. While in the vicinity of Stanstead a call upon Hon. M. F. Hackett, Q.C., Provincial Secretary in the late Administration of the Hon. Premier Flynn, will repay the tourist, for the hon. gentleman has the rich personal endowment of the Irish race as regards warmth of heart and genial manners. Apart from its picturesque features, the district about Sherbrooke is interesting to capitalists and miners as the locality abounds in minerals and other valuable substances. Take for example the copper mines at Capelton, which, from small beginnings, have developed into a concern of importance. Then, at Magog, is the extensive printed cotton manufacturing works, whose products have earned a high reputation in the wholesale and retail trade of the Dominion. In which ever way you regard Sherbrooke it must be reckoned a city of great worth and great future possibilities, because all of the surrounding districts must pay it tribute, but they receive from it as much in exchange, being the mercantile centre and headquarters of all the growing settlements in the wide district. Viewed in a religious and educational sense it occupies a strong position, and it gains additional prestige in having such a distinguished