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THE CATHOLIC PLATFORM

- 1 Control of our schools.
- 2 Catholic school districts.
- 3 Catholic teachers, duly certificated,
but trained in our own training
schools as in England.
- 4 Catholic inspectors.
- 5 Catholic readers, our own text-
books of history and descriptive
geography, and full liberty to
teach religion and comment on
religious questions at any time
during school hours.
- 6 Our share of school taxes and gov-
ernment grants, and exemption
from taxation for other schools.

NOTICE.

We have mailed to all subscribers
who are behindhand with their sub-
scription, a circular urging immediate
payment of arrears. We hope to re-
ceive remittances for our Christmas
box.

CURRENT COMMENT.

A Spitfire.

A copy of a recent
issue of the RE-
VIEW was sent to
Mr. A. M. Dechene,
M. P., of Village des Aulpaies, P. Q.
Though it was intended only as a
specimen copy to call attention to
certain articles it contained, Mr. De-
chene was so much afraid of a possible
continuation of our unanswerable re-
marks that he took the trouble first to
have the local postmaster send us a
notice of refusal, and secondly to write
us a postcard himself, from which we
cull the following gems: "Mr. D.
says he has better advisers than you or
Monseigneur Langevin on the school
question. With all of you, party goes
before all, even religion, which latter
has been so abused to serve the Con-
servatives. Our eyes are open now,
our confidence is in Laurier and Tarte
and our independent clergy." Who
the 'independent clergy' are Mr. De-
chene would be at a loss to indicate;
but it is characteristic of the writer
that he should pin his faith to two
men who have proved that they have
none, and that, serving a leader who
has put party interests 'before all,
even religion' and has made his follow-
ers abuse religion for the service of
of party, he should accuse us of his
own besetting sin.

The Great Meeting.

Never have the
Catholics of Win-
nipeg held such an
enthusiastic and
harmonious meet-
ing as the one which they conducted
with such admirable spirit last Wed-

nesday. It was thoroughly represent-
ative of all classes of the Catholic
community. Liberals and Conserv-
atives, English, Irish and French com-
bined in one fraternal protest against
triumphant fraud. Hardly one Cath-
olic family was unrepresented. And
it was, from first to last, preeminently
a laymen's meeting. No significant
was the great demonstration of an in-
dignant minority that the Tribune
strove to minimize its effect by naming
two of "the best French Canadians"
in Winnipeg who were conspicuous by
their absence. To be praised by the
Tribune is rather a reflection on the
goodness of these two worthy but mis-
guided gentlemen, one of whom, by the
way, is not a resident of Winnipeg.
Nor has their abstention any influence
on the heart of the Catholic body in our
capital city. The loss is theirs not ours.

Three Blunders.

"La Presse" of
Montreal, which,
having the largest
daily average cir-
culation of any newspaper in Canada,
can afford to be accurate in its infor-
mation, has unfortunately allowed a
very great blunder to creep into its
reporting columns. In the issue of
December 9th, p. 5, in a report of a
small meeting (some dozen members)
of the Laurier Club in Montreal we
find this extraordinary statement put
in Mr. Raymond Prefontaine's mouth:
"Les commissaires des écoles de
Manitoba ont même ratifié le règle-
ment par une majorité de deux sur
huit;" that is, The Manitoba school
commissioners have even ratified the
settlement by a majority of two out of
eight. This short sentence contains no
less than three errors of fact: (1) The
school trustees of the small town of
St. Boniface are magnified into com-
missioners for the whole of Manitoba,
though they represent only one twen-
tieth of the Catholic population of the
province; (2) The St. Boniface school
trustees did not in any way approve or
ratify the settlement; they merely
abstained from protesting, because
they thought the government situa-
tions held by the majority of the
meeting did not allow them
to act as free agents; it is well
known that not one of those who de-
clined to protest would send his child-
ren to any but the most Catholic
schools; (3) The majority was, not two
out of eight, because only seven
persons were present, and as no vote
was taken the majority was never
counted.

THE OLD SYSTEM

One of the speakers at the recent
mass meeting of Catholics in this city
said that although they did not ask for
the restoration of the old school system
yet they did not thereby mean to admit
that all the hard things said about that
system were founded on fact. With
strict accuracy he added that they
could point to the results achieved as a
sufficient vindication of the education
given to Catholic children prior to
1890, and they could compare the boys
trained in that very school in which
the meeting was held (St. Mary's) with
the boys educated at the same time in
the public schools of the city and could
show that the Catholic boys were more
than holding their own in the keen
competition for employment and prefer-
ment which exists in the business and
commercial life of Winnipeg. It is, in-
deed, an outrage to attempt to force
Catholic parents to take their boys
from the excellent teachers who are
now imparting to them a perfectly
sound education which will give them
an immense advantage over their con-
temporaries who are being trained in
the Public schools. And if it is an out-
rage in respect to our boys it is an in-
famy in the matter of our girls, for
where, we may well ask, are the girls
to be found in the community who can
compare with the pupils who pass
through the hands of the nuns in being
fitted to adorn and to grace that station
in life which almighty God intends our
women-folk to occupy.

THE MASS MEETING.

The meeting of the Catholics of the
city held at St. Mary's school-house on
Wednesday evening last at which reso-
lutions were passed denouncing the so-
called "settlement" of the school ques-
tion was the most largely attended, the
most enthusiastic, the most determined
meeting ever held by the Catholics of
Winnipeg—and this is saying a good
deal when the grand meetings which
were held in the early days of our
trouble are taken into consideration. It
was called by public advertisement and
every Catholic in the city was in-
vited to attend. Practically every Cath-
olic family was represented, the absent-
ees being so few as only to serve to
mark the general rule; laymen of both
political parties and of many national-
ities took part in the proceedings, the
greatest freedom of discussion was al-
lowed, and there was not one dissentient
voice, the most perfect harmony prevail-
ing throughout the proceedings and each
resolution being carried amidst intense
enthusiasm. The meeting clearly evi-
denced the splendid unanimity which
prevails amongst the Catholics of Win-
nipeg—for six long years they have
shown a united front to their enemies—
without one traitor, and now, thank God,
they can claim that with the exception
of one or two unfortunates with whom
political interest or reward has been too
strong the Catholics of the city are pre-
pared again to shoulder the burden and
carry on the great fight until victory
shall be achieved.

INFORMATION WANTED!

Who is the Mr. Forget named by the
Hon. Israel Tarte as one of the repre-
sentative Catholics of Manitoba whom
he consulted in connection with the ne-
gotiations between himself and the
Provincial government over the school
question? Can it really be the govern-
ment official of that name who resides
at Regina and, if so, when we would
ask and under what circumstances did
he become entitled to pose as a repre-
sentative of the Catholics of Manitoba?
If it is not this gentleman then we
should like to know who it is, where he
to be found, and all about him. No
Catholic in Winnipeg seems to know
him, and all the Catholics of Manitoba
resent the imputation that they have
given their confidence to, or accepted
as a representative, anyone of the
name. We say nothing at present
about the other two gentlemen men-
tioned in conjunction with the mysterious
Forget, except that we know them,
and we are sorry for them.

THE CANADIAN FREEMAN.

The Canadian Freeman again de-
clares that it is a small band—Tories
first and Catholics afterwards—who
are objecting to the arrangement made
between the Dominion and Provincial
governments. It also claims that Mr.
Greenway is anxious to be the very
good friend of the Catholics of Mani-
toba and concludes a remarkable article
with these words:

"We want to see Catholics of Mani-
toba get all that can be obtained for
their benefit, but we are decidedly op-
posed to their being used by factionists
for the benefit of a faction that is re-
sponsible for whatever loss they have
sustained and suffering they have en-
dured."
Now what in Heaven's name does
the Freeman mean? Everyone knows
that all our troubles have come from
the action of Mr. Greenway and his
followers—and this being so it is posi-
tively dishonest on the part of the
Freeman to take the stand it adopts in
the article we are referring to. We are
not partisans, but it is so plain that
the only measure for our relief that has
yet been taken emanated from a Con-
servative government and that that
government fell in its attempt to give
us justice whilst on the other hand a
Liberal government has sold us to our
enemies that we are forced into the
conviction that our only hope of relief
lies in the success of the Conservative
party. The Freeman's attitude is un-
Catholic and an insult to the persecut-
ed Catholics of this Province who for
so many years have been the victims
of a gang of unscrupulous politicians

one of whom—Clifford Sifton—has been
promoted by Mr. Laurier to a position
in the cabinet of the Dominion. The
Freeman and all others of its kind may
throw all the cold water it can on our
efforts to regain our rights, may mis-
represent us and calumniate our Arch-
bishops, past and present, and all our
friends to its heart's content, but it
cannot put us down and with the as-
sistance of our Eastern friends who are
many and powerful the politicians who
have been parties to the late disgrace-
ful bargain will be eventually brought
low and statesmen will be put in their
place who will vindicate the constitu-
tion of the country and give us again
the precious rights of which we have
been robbed.

POWERFUL FRIENDS.

Once more be beg to thank our excel-
lent English-speaking Catholic con-
temporaries of Toronto, London, Mont-
real and Antigonish for their noble de-
fence of the Catholic minority of Mani-
toba and of our beloved Archbishop
against the vile attacks those who
thereby try to cover up the disgraceful
arrangement Mr. Laurier and his
cabinet have made with the Greenway
government. With such powerful and
sincere friends our confidence in the
ultimate success of our cause is
strengthened, and the Catholics of
Manitoba will buckle on their armour
for the fight that is before them with
the assurance that although they have
bitter and unscrupulous enemies to
combat they have on their side an able
press before which the mass of misap-
prehension, misrepresentation and cal-
umny which will have to be met and
dealt with will be overcome and event-
ually brought low. These papers can
well afford to disregard the dirty insin-
uation of such partisan journals as the
Canadian Freeman and United Canada,
which have completely lost all right
they even possessed of pretending to
voice Catholic sentiment, and evident-
ly for the sake of their political mas-
ters would be willing to sell not only
the rights of the Catholic minority of
Manitoba but Catholic interests in all
parts of the Dominion.

ST. MARY'S ACADEMY.

Last Tuesday being the Feast of the Im-
maculate Conception, former as well as
the present Children of Mary of St.
Mary's Academy united in spending a
very happy afternoon and evening within
the walls of their dear convent.

The Benediction of the Blessed Sacra-
ment, which was a fitting and beautiful
commencement for so joyous an enter-
tainment, was presided over by His
Grace Archbishop Langevin, assisted by
Rev. Fathers O'Dwyer and George. The
music and singing were all that could be
desired and the altar decorated as it was
with rare and lovely flowers and illu-
minated with many delicately shaded lights
was a perfect vision of sacred beauty.

Before the conclusion of the service
eight new members were received into
the sodality, and His Grace in a short but
impressive address not only explained the
duties involved on entering the society,
but also dwelt on the glorious privilege of
being thus placed under the special pro-
tection of the Queen of Heaven.

The names of the newly received were
as follows: Lucy O'Brien, Jennie Benoit,
Albina Lauzon, Marie-Ange Cormier,
Julia Burke, Catherine Lynch, Nellie
Healy, Mary Ellen Ryan.

Although the above mentioned young
ladies were undoubtedly the honored ones
of the day, their enthusiasm was shared
by the many former pupils, who gladly re-
sponded to the invitations; of these were
Mrs. Brisbois, Mrs. Tomlinson, Mrs.
Fournier, Mrs. Gaudaur, and the Misses
F. Dubuc, B. Chevrier, L. Barrett, A.
Chevrier, E. Golden, S. McDermot, A.
Haverty, E. Gelly, W. Cummings, M. L.
Caron, F. Caron, M. A. Caron, A. Caron,
G. Lanclot, J. Furlong, M. Furlong, E.
Connell, A. Flanagan, L. Motta, R. Birch,
Y. Rocan, M. L. Bertrand. Invitations
were also extended to the officers of the
parishes of the Immaculate Conception
and St. Mary's. Miss Klinkhammer, Miss
Corwin, Miss Wise, Miss Tobin, Miss
Shaw and Miss Cleary represented the
former parish and Miss McPhillips, Miss
Brownrigg and Miss Gingras the latter.
The dramatic and musical portion of the
fete was not neglected, and the following
programme, which was successfully car-
ried through from beginning to end, is
sufficient proof of the excellency of the
entertainment.

The introductory orchestra selection
was well rendered. Miss L. Becher, Miss
M. O'Brien, Miss B. Stanford and Miss M.
Tennant were the mandolinists; Miss B.
Dubuc, Miss A. Prud'homme and Miss M.

McIntyre the young guitar players, and
the banjo was cleverly handled by Miss
M. Lander. The accompanist was Miss
L. Daunais.

"Festal Chorus" next followed and was
ably sung by the Misses Gelly, Healy,
Becher, Coyle, Daunais, Wood, P. Wood,
Tennant, McDonald, Burke, Cass, Kelly,
Guilmette, Chevalier, Lynch, Chevrier,
Dubuc, Prud'homme, Benoit, McIntyre,
Landers, Healy, Head, McKenzie, Ger-
main, Ryan, Barrett and Chenier, accom-
panist Miss A. Doyle.

The drama of Mrs. Willis' Will was
truly a sketch from real life and was
cleverly acted by the young ladies com-
posing the caste:

Mrs. Robinson—Miss M. O'Brien.
Lady Spindle—Miss L. Becher.
Mrs. Dwindle—Miss D. Chevalier.
Jennie—Miss L. O'Brien.
Rachel—Miss M. Molloy.

The French dialogue, "Un rat dans un
pauvre," was probably the most humorous
part of the programme, and so well did
Miss Chevrier and Miss Cormier illustrate
the feminine dread of the rodent order
that the audience was in a constant state
of laughter.

The artistic performance of the "Japan-
ese Fan Drill" was very graceful and
pretty in its effect. Those who took part
were the Misses Daunais, Wood, McIn-
tyre, Becher, McDonald, P. Wood, Head,
Healy, A. Healy, Burke, Chevalier, Lau-
zon, Doyle, Benoit, Prud'homme, Malloy,
Accompanist, G. Cass.

The sweet song, "La Liberti Catho-
lique," was touchingly rendered by Miss
E. Gelly and the chorus was full and
heartfelt.

The drama of Mary Queen of Scots next
appeared among the list of attractions
and proved itself a worthy page from his-
tory. Miss Mary Marrin as Mary Queen
of Scots, and Miss Blanche Stanford as
Francis II, as usual did justice to their
parts and were ably assisted by the minor
performers. Those of the caste were:

Mary of Lorraine—Miss E. O'Donnell.
Francis II—Miss B. Stanford.
Katherine of Medicis—Miss C. Whymys.
Queen Elizabeth—Miss C. Germain.
French Ambassador—Miss E. Dubuc.
Kenny—Miss M. Tennant.
Earl of Kent—Miss C. Lynch.
Mary Queen of Scots—Miss M. Marrin.
Mary (Francis' sister)—M. A. Coyle.
Lady Laura—J. Kelly.
Lord Dudley—Miss M. Landers.
Page—Miss D. McKenzie.
Alice—Miss J. Burke.
Executioner—A. Lauzon.

The mandolins and guitars again did
duty in playing the sweet old ballad,
"Blue Bell's of Scotland," and with the
crowning tableau of the Children of Mary
the entertainment was brought to a close.

The guests and fair performers then de-
scended to the dining-room, where a
dainty supper was served and all did jus-
tice to the delicate viands set before
them. The evening was passed amid
songs, laughter and gay conversation, and
with the recitation of the congregational
prayers another sweet memorable day
was laid to rest, and one and all felt that
Our Mother's Feast had been indeed hap-
pily spent.

FATHER LEDUC

HONORED AT EDMONTON.

The following address was presented
to Rev. H. Leduc, V. G., last week at
Edmonton:

On this blessed Feast of the Immacu-
late Conception of the ever Blessed Vir-
gin, we, the Catholic population of Ed-
monton, are most happy to celebrate, to-
day, the thirty-second anniversary of
your elevation to the sacred ministry of
the priesthood. Whilst coming here this
evening to offer you our heartiest good
wishes on this auspicious occasion, we
cordially unite in begging that the Lord
may spare you to us for many years to
come.

A well merited repose should be yours
today, after the long and saintly life
which you have devoted to the salvation
of souls, and which forms a very beau-
tiful apostolic career. But not so. Yet
a while, you must fight for the great and
good cause, that of education and of main-
taining our rights as Catholics. You
have never flagged in this arduous task:
"non recuso laborando." The solicitations
of our venerable and saintly bishop have
been responded to by your generosity in
the struggle of every day, in protecting
the flock confided to your paternal care
from the dangers of an education which
would lead to the loss of our children's
faith. Therefore we, the Catholics of
Edmonton, consider it a sacred duty to
come forward today and tell you how
great is our appreciation of your untiring
devotedness to our welfare.

Guided by our zealous pastors, we will
follow their teachings, and, with them,
we shall endeavor to keep our rights in-
tact. Allow us to vouch, Reverend
Father, that we will ever be ready to
obey the dictates of our holy religion and
to follow the teachings of our devoted
pastors, being always united with them
in claiming our religious and school
rights.

May our prayer be heard! May health
be granted you, Reverend Father, and
may success attend your undertakings in
the good cause.

(Signed by nearly all the Catholics,
heads of families, without distinction of
nationality or political party.)