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VERY REV. CANON BRUCHESI

Appointed Archbishop of Montreal.

The Appointment Received With Enthusiasm Throughout all Parts of the Archdiocese.

A BRIEF SKETCH OF HIS BRILLIANT CAREER.

The Ceremony of Consecration to Take Place on August 5—His Grace the Recipient of Congratulatory Despatches from the Different Parts of the World—An Interesting Interview—Words of Kindness for Irish Catholics.

THE news that Canon Bruchesi had been raised to the dignity of the Archbishop of Montreal, which spread through the length and breadth of Catholic Montreal last week, was the signal of one unanimous expression of satisfaction. In all parts of the great Archdiocese the name of the successor to the late Archbishop was greeted with marks of the most unmistakable approval, and not only do the faithful of the Archdiocese feel happy, but in the ranks of our Protestant fellow citizens there is expressed on every side the same sentiment. During his long and intimate connection with the Palace the new Archbishop had endeared himself to all classes and all creeds.

The New Archbishop.
 is a native of Montreal. Born October 20th, 1855, Napoleon Paul Bruchesi received his elementary education in the Christian Brothers' school of St. Joseph's Church, of which in later years he was destined for a period to be the vicar. Last Sunday the Curé of St. Joseph's referred to this fact in his morning sermon, adding that not only did His Grace study in the parish school but that it was at the altar rails of St. Joseph's that he made his first Communion. There are many of the parishioners of this well known parish who recollect His Grace as their spiritual father and bear in grateful remembrance the unassuming young priest who soothed their troubles and who was always ready to assist them in all their trials. It may be said here, that as secretary to the late Archbishop Fabre, Canon Bruchesi is personally known in every parish and church of the archdiocese. There is not a pulpit he has not spoken from or an altar at which he has not celebrated the sacred sacrifice of the Mass. Being already in such close personal relations with his large flock it is not to be wondered at that when the news of the honor and dignity conferred on Canon Bruchesi became known the sentiment expressed was one of unfeigned satisfaction.

LEAVING ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL.
 young Bruchesi entered the Montreal College where he first determined to study in the Church. On the completion of his first year in philosophy he left for France, where he continued his studies in the grand seminary at Issy, near Paris. After spending a year there he entered the Seminary of St. Sulpice, Paris. His course there extended over three years, after which he went to Rome, being admitted to the sacred order of the priesthood in the Eternal City in 1878, in the month of December. While in Rome his thorough knowledge of the laws of the Church and the vast knowledge he had acquired while still a young man attracted the attention of the Papal Court, and before leaving Rome for his native city he was honored with the degree of Doctor of Divinity and Licentiate in Canon Law. Returning to Montreal in the year following his ordination, Canon Bruchesi was at once appointed Professor of Dogma in the Laval University, of Quebec, occupying the chair for four years. At the expiration of this period Archbishop Fabre

SUMMONED HIM BACK TO MONTREAL
 and gave him the charge of the parish of St. Brigid, but three months later he was transferred to the vicarship of the Church of St. Joseph, on Richmond street. He remained at St. Joseph's Church until 1886, when His Grace appointed him as one of his advisers when he formed his Chapter in that year. Canon Bruchesi represented the Educational Department of the Province of Quebec at the World's Fair in Chicago, and held the Chair of Professor of the Faculty of Arts at Laval

University. He has also been Chairman of the Board of School Commissioners since 1893. As a thorough educationalist and one who knows and realizes the wants and requirements of the Irish and French Catholic schools of the Province, the new Archbishop ranks high. As the confidant of Mgr. Fabre and one on whom he relied thoroughly and also as one whose position compelled him to know all that passed in the archdiocese affecting the well-being of the Church and the interests of his charge, Archbishop Bruchesi, in the full vigor of manhood, assumes the reins of government of the most important See not only in Canada but on the Continent of America. Since the published announcement of his appointment the new Archbishop has been

OVERWHELMED WITH CONGRATULATIONS
 and addresses, not only from the Province and the Dominion, but from all parts of the world. Telegrams and cablegrams poured into the Palace from Rome, Paris, New York, London, Dublin, and in fact from all the dignitaries of the Church in the Catholic world. The Palace was besieged with throngs of prominent citizens tendering their respects, and for the whole week His Grace has held what might be called an informal reception. The solemn consecration and induction has been fixed for August 5, and already preparations are in progress to make it the most solemn function ever witnessed in Catholic Montreal. Invitations will be sent not only to all the Bishops and Church dignitaries in Canada and the States, but it is expected that prelates from the Old World will assist at the ceremonial. An effort is being made to induce Mgr. Merry del Val, the Papal Alegate, to delay his return to Rome until after the consecration ceremonies and the new Archbishop takes formal possession of his See.

Words of Congratulation from His Conference.

The following congratulatory despatch was received in the course of the week by Rev. Canon Archambault, Chancellor of the Archdiocese:

"Monseigneur Bruchesi, Archbishop, Quebec.

"The capitulary vicar, the canons and priests of the Archdiocese of Montreal, present their cordial and respectful felicitations to their dear and venerated confrere who has now become their Archbishop."

Le Semaine Religieuse, the official organ of the Palace, has the following article commenting on the appointment:

"Many despatches received from Rome this (Friday) morning inform us that M. Louis Joseph Paul Napoleon Bruchesi, titular canon of the cathedral, has been appointed to the See of Montreal, rendered vacant by the death of the regretted Mgr. Fabre, since the 29th of December, 1895.

"These despatches, coming from different sources, confirm absolutely the tenor of a first cable message received on Friday last, June 18th, which already announced the election to the episcopacy of our dear and venerated confrere.

"This appointment causes us great joy, and we thank God for it.

"We are sure that it will be received throughout the diocese with joyously sympathetic plaudits.

"At the feet of the holy and illustrious Pontiff, Leo XIII., father of the faithful, and of their pastors, may we be permitted to offer, in the name of the Catholics and clergy of Montreal, the public testimony of a profound and religious gratitude.

"To the nominee and to his venerable mother we send, in a common and sincere expression, our most lively and most respectful congratulations."

During the week Archbishop Bruchesi found time to pay a hurried visit to Quebec, but he is once more in the city and will remain here until after his consecration. His Grace has signified his intention of adopting the name "Paul" as his archiepiscopal signature, dropping the others.

The Bruchesi family came from St. Eustache, where the mother of the new Archbishop still resides. The news of the honor conferred on her son was conveyed to her on Saturday by Rev. Father Perron of the Palace. His Grace is a brother of Mr. Bruchesi the well known lawyer of Montreal, and through him connected with the family of Police Magistrate Desnoyers, Mr. Bruchesi having married one of the daughters of the latter.

A MESSAGE TO THE IRISH PEOPLE.

His Grace accorded an interview to the representative of THE TRUE WITNESS yesterday afternoon. The writer was met at the door of the long audience chamber of the Palace where, in the old days, the predecessors of Archbishop Bruchesi held their receptions. The Archbishop welcomed the interviewer.

them that I have only one heart and in that heart is enshrined my people of Montreal. My feeling of affection to my Irish Catholics is well known to them and to their pastors, and you may be assured that that feeling has not decreased with my elevation to the Archiepiscopate. On my return from Quebec I received the congratulations of all the Irish clergy of Montreal. They know how I love their people and my devotedness to their welfare. I have personal friends among my Irish priests. There is Rev. Father Quinlivan, who was a fellow student with me in the Montreal College and has sat with me for so many years on the School Board."

"It is my desire to be consecrated on the Feast of Our Lady of the Snow, (August the 5th), which is also the feast of St. Mary Major, the great patroness of Rome, and I have applied to the Holy



MGR. BRUCHESI Archbishop-Designate of Montreal.

Father for a dispensation to permit the ceremony to take place on that day. You must understand that except with special dispensations consecrations must take place on some feast day of the Apostles, but I am in hope that the dispensation permitting me to depart from this rule will be received in time.

"You may state that it will not be long after my consecration before I meet the Irish Catholic congregations of my diocese. Of course before that will come the pastoral retreats."

"I have received many letters of congratulation? Well, I may say I have, and they are mounting high up in the hundreds. I have been so busy that I have not had an opportunity to read them all or half of them, but those friends will know how I appreciate their kindly wishes. Among those I have had time to read are many from English speaking Protestants, quite a number being clergymen. I accepted their congratulations with gratitude."

"It is a matter to be noted that I received the notification of my appointment to the Archiepiscopal See of Montreal not only in the Month of the Sacred Heart, but on the very day dedicated to its special honor."

"I went to see my mother at St. Eustache on Sunday last and yesterday I paid my respects to Madame Fabre, the mother of my late Archbishop. I desire through you to thank all my flock and particularly the Irish Catholic portion, for the love and devotion they have expressed to me."

Mgr. Bruchesi has always manifested a deep concern in all matters associated with the Catholic press, and on more than one occasion has spoken in eloquent tones in its behalf.

The TRUE WITNESS adds its humble voice to the grand chorus of congratulations which has been heard in every quarter of the Archdiocese in approval of the choice made.

MR. WILLIAM MURPHY

APPOINTED LEADER OF ST. ANN'S CHOIR.

The vacancy created by the death of Mr. John Morgan, in the leadership of St. Ann's Choir, has been filled by the appointment of Mr. William Murphy, for the past ten years the efficient and talented tenor soloist of the choir. The new leader is well fitted for the office, as apart from his qualifications as a musician, he is popular in the ranks of the parishioners, young and old.

We have received a photograph of the newly elected Archbishop, Mgr. Paul Bruchesi, from Messrs. Lapres & Lavigne, photographers, 300 St. Denis street. It is an excellent likeness.

THE PETE DIEU.

The Parishioners of St. Ann's Hold Their Annual Procession.

A Magnificent Parade—Line of March—Decorations Along the Route.

St. Ann's Parish Church devotedly observed the feast of Corpus Christi on Sunday last. Under the new regulations dating three years back, His Grace the late Archbishop had decreed that the congregations of St. Ann's, St. Joseph's and St. Anthony's join together to cele-

brate this great Christian festival. This year, however, the order has been departed from, and each parish celebrated the day within its own bounds.

Sunday last will be long remembered in the great Irish parish of St. Ann's as a red letter day. All week preparations had been silently going forward for the hour when the King of Kings and Lord of Hosts would bless his faithful children by being carried by devoted priests through the streets where during the busy days of the week the hum of traffic and rush of workmen is all that is heard. But when there filed out of the portals of good St. Ann's Church the thousands who marched to do honor to their God and Lord the grim streets wore a different aspect. The church building itself, grown grey in its mission of love and peace, was beautiful to behold. Festooned with flags and rich with bunting and evergreen, it was a striking example of the enthusiastic devotion of the parish.

The route of procession was along McCord, Ottawa, Colborne, Smith, Murray, Wellington, St. Patrick's Park, St. Etienne and Wellington Street to the Church. Along the entire line of march nothing was to be seen but flags and other decorations, but special mention may be made of the following buildings which displayed great taste and attracted general comment:—The residence of Mrs. Bailey, Colborne street; the Convent on McCord street, where at each window might be seen two angels worshipping in silent adoration; the residence of Mr. T. Donnelly, where the balcony had been converted into a beautiful little chapel; and the Young Men's Hall, where amid hundreds of flags, beautiful appropriate mottoes stood out in strong relief. They were the work of the artist of the Society, Mr. Owen. One of the mottoes read—"Young Men Praise the Name of the Lord, for His Name alone is exalted." Psalm 110.

But it was in St. Patrick's Park that the full devotion of the parish was manifested. There, on the site of the disused fountain, had been erected a lovely altar, one mass of green and flowers. There the great final ceremonial of the procession was to be carried out, for it was from this altar the Solemn Benediction of the Most Holy Sacrament was to be bestowed on the assembled thousands.

The Rev. Father Lava celebrated Mass at eight o'clock and at nine o'clock the procession issued from the church. Father Lava carried the Blessed Sacrament, supported by Rev. Father Simard as deacon and Rev. Father Cullen as sub-deacon. The order of procession was as follows. First came Children of Mary with their beautiful banner and carrying with them the Shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Those who bore the precious burden were Miss Annie Gazeau, Miss Hetch, Miss Sarah Carroll, Miss O'Rourke. Then came the ladies of St. Ann's Choir, under the

direction of Miss M. Leperance, and following them the members of the congregation of the church. The Choir proved itself a credit not only to the parish but to the whole Irish Catholic population of Montreal. The Ladies of the Sacred Heart followed with their banner, and preceding them were twenty little girls scattering flowers in their path. The Ladies of St. Ann's with their banner came next, then the Catholic Order of Foresters and the C.M.B.A. both in full regalia. Following them were the members of the Society of the Holy Family with their beautiful banner, and immediately in advance of the celebrant came the St. Ann's Temperance Society.

The Host, borne by Rev. Father Lava, assisted by the deacon and sub-deacon of the day, was overshadowed by the new canopy of St. Ann's. Its bearers were Ald. Connaughton, Ald. Kane-Ja. Mr. M. J. P. Quinn, Q.C., M.P., Mr. John Slattery, Mr. J. Gallagher, Mr. P. McDermott and Mr. Thomas Moore. The band of the Victoria Rifles furnished the music. The scene in St. Patrick's Park when before kneeling thousands the celebrating priest bestowed the Benediction of the Lord of Hosts on the multitude, will never be forgotten. The sun shone brightly, the silence was profound and all nature seemed hushed. The whispered prayer was even suppressed, and the sea of worshippers simply silently adored their Lord beneath the canopy of Heaven. It was a lovely and awe-inspiring scene, to witness which was a privilege. The congregational hymns of joyous jubilation. The procession reached the church on its return shortly before twelve o'clock.

The Rev. Fathers of St. Ann's will accompany the pilgrims in sufficient numbers to attend to their spiritual wants.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

At the Academy of Our Mother of Good Counsel.

A Successful Year Brought to a Close—Rewards of Merit—Addressed by R. v. Father O'Donnell and Rev. Father Shea.

R. v. Father O'Donnell, P.P., of St. Mary's, presided at the annual Commencement Exercises of the Academy of Our Mother of Good Counsel, which took place on Friday, June 18th, at 10 a.m. Rev. Father Shea also favored the pupils by his presence. The event, which was the grandest ever witnessed in the academy, will be long remembered by the pupils and the few privileged persons who had the pleasure of being present. As a consolation for the parents who send their children to school, it seems a pity such interesting and instructive events as the examinations and commencement exercises are not more public, particularly the event of the 18th, which was unsurpassed on any former occasion.

FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART

Observed With Special Ceremonies at Notre Dame Cathedral.

The festival of the Sacred Heart was celebrated with a devotion and pomp of ceremonial, in the grand Church of Notre Dame, on the evening of Friday last. One who formed part of the vast congregation will never forget it as long as they live.

The festival of the Sacred Heart always stirs the heart of the Catholic the whole world over with memories of youth as well as with the living realities of the present.

The interior of the sacred edifice was one blaze of light and decoration, the main altar particularly being massed with flowers and waxen tapers. The congregations of the churches of Notre Dame, St. Peter and St. Louis of France assisted at the service. R. v. Father Troie, S.S., was the celebrant and Rev. Father Knapp of the Dominicans preached the sermon.

The eloquent and gifted speaker took for the subject of his text, "The Fourth In," and as his tones swelled through the church he moved the hearts of all as he spoke of the sacrifices of the Redeemer and the sufferings He had undergone, voluntarily, in order to bring mankind to Himself and defeat the machinations of the evil one.

The Reverend speaker referred to the sacrifice of the Mass as the great bond which bound the Catholics of all the nations of the world one to another. A common sacrifice, a common religion made them brothers in Christ and directly under the protection of the Sacred Heart.

Those who heard Father Knapp say that the sermon was one of the most eloquent which has ever been delivered from the pulpit of Notre Dame, where so many gifted orators of the Church have instructed their flocks.

Monseigneur Merry del Val assisted at the celebration, and on the conclusion of his sermon, Father Knapp, turning to the name of the congregation, to bestow on all present the Papal Benediction.

His Excellency, when the speaker retired from the pulpit, stretched forth his hands over the vast throng and prayed for them, in the name of the Holy Father, that blessing from on high which is ever the reward of faithful servants of the Lord.

After this touching ceremony had been concluded, a magnificent service of song followed, in which the choirs of Notre Dame, St. Peter, St. Louis of France, the Children of Mary of the Congregation of Notre Dame, Mount St. Mary pupils, pupils of Madame Marchand's Academy, the Garden of Infancy, and the St. Urban Academy, all took part. The programme consisted of selections from the works of Gounod, Rossini, Saint-Saens, Riga and Faucouner. Miss Marie Terroux, the great Montreal vocalist, sang Gounod's "Ave Maria."

The procession of the Holy Sacrament followed, Mgr. Merry del Val carrying the Host, and thus terminated one of the most impressive religious ceremonies ever held in the Church of Notre Dame.

We are in receipt of a very, very fine photo of His Excellency, Mgr. Merry del Val, from Frederick Lyons, photographer, 101 King street west, Toronto, where copies can be secured at 25c and 50c. The 50 cent copies are the new dull finish and are very fine specimens of the photographic art. Mr. Lyons would like to secure agents to handle them.

The examination, at which the Reverend pastor, Father O'Donnell presided, would do honor to a much older institution. For the past few years this academy has been doing work which compares favorably with any institution of its kind in the province. The proof is that already a large number have received Model and Academy Diplomas at the Catholic Board of Montreal, thus placing the academy unquestionably in the first rank.

Miss Katie E. Clark had the honor of receiving a beautiful "Crown of Excellence" and a handsome gold medal, the gift of Rev. Father O'Donnell, as a souvenir of her success in obtaining an Academy Diploma at a recent examination. Miss R. Carrington also received a gold medal from the devoted pastor, for application—both these pupils having attended school after having received the ordinary graduating medal of the institution.

Miss Mary Cooke, on the part of the pupils read a beautiful address of thanks to the Reverend Pastor, for the unwearied zeal and devotedness always manifested in their welfare and in the prosperity of the institution.

In his reply, the Rev. Pastor was most complimentary and encouraging, and his many salutary counsels should be faithfully followed by the children, coming as they did from their most devoted father and friend.

Reverend Father Shea expressed the sincere wish that the children would ever continue to give the satisfaction and consolation to their pastor and the Reverend Sisters, as they had done during the past scholastic year, which terminated so happily for several of them, whose example he hoped the greater number would be enabled to follow.

The children began their vacation with happy recollections of the year, a few days previous having enjoyed a delightful picnic organized and procured for them through their Pastor.

IRISH CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE

TO THE FAMOUS SHRINE OF ST. ANNE DE BEAUPRE.

The annual pilgrimage to the famous shrine of St. Anne de Beaupre, under the direction of the Ralesmptorist Fathers in charge of St. Ann's parish, promises to surpass all previous efforts in this direction. Rev. Father Strubbe, upon whom the burden of the administration of the pilgrimage in former years had fallen, has now completed all the arrangements for the comfort and safety of the pilgrims. The present trip is only for ladies and children, and will be made by the old reliable river traveler, the steamer Three Rivers. The departure from Montreal will take place at 2:30 p.m., on Saturday, July 10, by leaving the wharf of the Richelieu Company. A very interesting feature of the pilgrimage will be the visit to the shrine of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, at Cap de la Madeleine. This is a splendid opportunity for this English speaking Catholics to visit two famous religious scenes around which are associated many memories dear to the Catholic heart.

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Cardinal Vaughan, speaking recently on the social needs of Catholics, said:—"In order to protect ourselves from losses, we need something more than the Church. We need a hall to bring together the men that frequent the Church to unite them in social intercourse. I trust you will encourage this, and thus assist the priests of the missions, for they need the help of intelligent and energetic laymen. Next to the use of the sacraments and frequent prayer, without which we shall do nothing, no work can be more effective in staying the leakage than the one you have taken up."

France is not going to leave England the domination of the oceans. She has just set apart \$52,000,000 for strengthening her already powerful navy.