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CANADIAN PRESS AND CATHOLIC INTERESTS.

Nothing could serve better to illustrate the natural antagonism of the entire Canadian secular press to the Catholic faith than the unanimity and enthusiasm with which the newspapers east and west have entered into a campaign of clamorous opposition to the Northwest Autonomy Bill.

The system is well suited to the Territories, and has always worked without friction. Magnificent as Sir Wilfrid Laurier's speech was, his Bill but continues the excellent schools of the Territories for the benefit of the new provinces.

incitement to their prejudices. They would, if they had the power, force the law-respecting and contented people of the new provinces to relinquish their schools, which are, as we have said, eminently satisfactory to all concerned and only displeasing to outsiders, who have no concern in them.

PROVINCIAL RIGHTS.

The political and sectarian opposition to the Autonomy Bill presented to parliament for Alberta and Saskatchewan has crystallized into a claim for provincial rights.

ADULTERATION AND FRAUD.

From a discussion that took place in the House of Commons at Ottawa last week it would appear that though Canada is a land where pure food should be abundant enough, it has but an unenviable fame for its preserved food supply.

of their lives. Even though Mr. Brodeur's office had a vigilance or preventive staff employed the frauds are too numerous to be stopped in a short time, if they ever will be stopped.

The opening of the Quebec Legislature takes place to-day.

At a joint meeting of representatives of the two universities, it was decided to amalgamate the medical faculty of Bishop's College with that of McGill.

Several letters have appeared in the London press speaking of fiendish cruelty to cattle shipped from Montreal. Animals are said to be kicked with heavy jack-boots and stabbed with pitchforks.

Mr. Janin, superintendent of the Montreal Water Department, submitted on Tuesday a proposal to increase the city's water supply at a cost of over \$2,000,000 by building a permanent concrete conduit alongside the present aqueduct.

Reports from Winnipeg show the C.P.R. is making surprising records in the running of trains in Manitoba and the Northwest. During the past two or three weeks, despite the storms in the west, trains have kept closely to schedule time, and the travelling public have experienced little delay or inconvenience.

The Toronto City Council voted with one exception—the exception was a bachelor—to extend the franchise to married women. In Toronto married women have a vote at school elections. A vote at municipal elections and on money by-laws is what the Board of Control is now working to secure to them.

At Tuesday's meeting of the Catholic School Commissioners a petition was read from the lady principals asking to be exempted from the examination which the Board has decided to impose upon teachers. It was decided after some discussion to so exempt those lady principals only who are not personally engaged in the teaching of any class.

There will be several religious institutions erected during the coming summer. At a cost of about \$400,000 there will be erected the mother house of the Sisters of the Congregation de Notre Dame, at the corner of Sherbrooke and Atwater. A large chapel and infirmary is to be added to the Montreal Seminary at a cost of about \$60,000; and the Ste. Cunegonde Church also will be built which will cost \$125,000.

In the Dominion House of Commons there was a long discussion on the abuse of the franking privilege. Mr. Ames called the attention of the Postmaster-General to certain advertising matter which he said had apparently been prepared in Montreal and sent to Ottawa to be mailed free.

The Holy Father has sent a brief to the President of the International Gregorian Congress, which is to be held at Strasburg from the 16th to the 19th of August next. His Holiness says he is glad that this Congress assembles in order to put faithfully into practice the exhortations of the Holy See on Sacred Music. He hopes that Divine grace may concur in rendering abundant the fruits of the Congress, and he concludes by sending his Apostolic benediction to all the Congressists.

The Congress is under the protectorate of Monsignor Ertzen, Bishop of Strasburg, and its promoters are Dr. Wagner, of the University of Fribourg, by the charge of the Pontifical Commission for the Vatican edition of the Gregorian Chant. From

letters of adhesion to the Congress already received, it is evident that there will be a large attendance, and this has enabled the committee to definitely arrange the programme, the principal scope of which is to promote the practical application of the wise prescriptions of the Sovereign Pontiff Pius X. regarding the restoration of the genuine Gregorian Chant.

Washington's Birthday At St. Laurent College

Washington's Birthday—a day on which every true American gives vent to the loyal and patriotic sentiments which fill his heart—was fittingly observed at St. Laurent College in the event of the fourth annual entertainment of the Kottophos Manstrels, under the direction of St. Patrick's Literary and Dramatic Association.

The American and Canadian students of the College joined hands in making this an event long to be remembered by all those taking part in it. At 7.30 o'clock the doors of the college theatre were thrown open to the reverend faculty, students and invited guests. As they entered the college orchestra, under the able direction of Mr. A. Crevier, struck up the "First Brigade." Soon the curtain arose displaying to the eager and expectant audience a tastefully decorated stage.

The address of the occasion was delivered by Mr. William O. Demers, who took for his subject Washington: Our Idol, and he acquitted himself in a very creditable manner.

The following was the musical programme of the evening:

- Part I. Opening Chorus—"Emancipation Day" End Song—"Sing, Dance and be Merry" ... C. Sullivan Solo—"I'm Longing for My Kentucky Home" ... T. Doherty End Song—"Shame on You" ... F. Riley Solo—"Little Boy in Blue" ... A. Matthews End Song—"There's a Chicken Dinner Waiting for Me" C. Maher Solo—"The Man Who Fights the Flames" ... M. Fitzgerald End Song—"They'll Have to Go" ... A. McGarry Finale—"A Little Boy Called Taps" Chorus

Part II. Violin Solo ... T. Bourassa Sketch—"Stranded"—A. McGarry, C. Maxwell, A. Griffin. Jasper Johnson on the Race Question ... M. E. Kiley

Part III. Picnic on the Banks of the Susquehanna—Songs, Dances. Closing Chorus—"Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean." The solo and chorus work were especially good and reflected much credit on the excellent work which Rev. Father Fitzhenry accomplished in training them.

Too much praise cannot be given to the interlocutor and end men, Mr. M. E. Kiley proved the beau ideal interlocutor and the skilful manner in which he handled all the questions which the "ends" fired at him did not fail to elicit the applause it deserved from the audience.

Mr. Charles Sullivan, in his solo, "Sing, Dance, and be Merry," upheld the reputation he has already established. As an end man he gained his share of applause. Mr. A. McGarry, another end man, surpassed all his former records as a vocalist and fun-maker. Mr. Cornelius Maher, who has often appeared before the footlights, won many a round of applause by his solo, "There's a Chicken Dinner Waiting Home for Me." His artistic dances and jokes won him new laurels. But the palm must be awarded to Mr. Frank Riley. It is doubtful if a better choice for an end-man could have been made.

The evening's entertainment was brought to a close by the singing of "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean," by the entire chorus. Thus passed Washington's Birthday, a day to be remembered with feelings of pleasure by all who took part in its patriotic celebration.

SCHOOL SYSTEM IS SATISFACTORY

Mgr. Legal Explains His Remarks to an Eastern Paper Regarding Territories.

Mgr. Legal, of St. Albert, whose diocese corresponds closely with the new province of Alberta, arrived in Winnipeg last week. He went over to St. Boniface to dine with Archbishop Langevin, who had returned from St. Charles to meet him. Several of the clergy were also present.

Mgr. Legal was afterwards shown a copy of La Nationaliste, of Montreal, in which the accuracy of the Toronto Star's interview with him was questioned. He said:

"I have not seen what the Star printed. When I spoke to the reporter I understood that he represented the Montreal Star. He overwhelmed me with questions which I tried to elude. I have since been told that the Evening Journal of Ottawa, had taken up the interview and I am under the impression that perhaps the report was not exactly what I said. What I did say was that we were satisfied with the system of separate schools which we have. I did not say it was the best possible system for us. A system can be modified from time to time by ordinances and other measures so that you can never say that a system is the best possible. But we are getting along peacefully and we only hope that we will be allowed to retain what we have. Our Protestant brethren seem also to have taken the view that it was better to live in peace. My Vicar-General, Father Leduc, some years ago formulated some rights that we claimed, but there was never any intention to wage war to the death. It is true that in the province as a whole we are only four per cent. of the population, but in many localities we are the majority, so that the present system, after all, affords mutual protection.

NO COMPACT. "I deny absolutely," continued Mgr. Legal in answer to a question, "that there was any compact between us and the government either before or after the elections. Neither myself nor Father Leduc saw any of the ministers. We have just passed through Ottawa, but I did not go to see Sir Wilfrid Laurier, nor any member of the cabinet."

Mgr. Legal said that Catholic immigration to Alberta was very large and that any agitation might drive it away. Mgr. Legal, who has just returned from Europe, contrasted the easy manner of travelling to-day with that of twenty-five years ago. When he came out West he had to come through Chicago and St. Paul. It took him eighty-three days to make the trip to his mission at Pincher Creek, having had to report to the Bishop at St. Albert en route. "What a country!" he exclaimed, "I hope our country shall always go on progressing in this way."

25 YEARS IN THE WEST.

Bishop Legal has just returned from a European tour during which he visited Belgium, France and Italy, being absent seven months. He attended important meetings in Europe, and returns to his western diocese in the best of health. He went to the diocese of St. Albert's twenty-five years ago and was for sixteen years a missionary to the Blackfeet, Blood and Piegan Indians in the vicinity of Macleod. During his residence among the Indian population very extensive work was done by his church for the benefit of the native race, and at the present time there are missions on all the reserves, churches at various points, a successful hospital for the treatment exclusively of Indians, boarding schools for Indian children, and a large industrial school similar to the one at Fort Qu'Appelle. The industrial school is located at Dunbow station and is attended by 80 Indian children.

In 1886 the successful Indian missionary was elevated to the House of Bishops, and has since administered the diocese of St. Albert's with great success. The area under the bishop's care corresponds very closely with the new province of Alberta, the church dividing the territory many years ago on the lines now selected by the Dominion Government.

Father Leduc, the vicar-general of the diocese, went east to Three Rivers to meet the Bishop, and returns with him. Father Leduc has been in

the west for forty years, and is one of the old-timers, having been a parish priest in Manitoba before the Riel rebellion. He has spent his life in and about Edmonton, where he is widely known and held in very high esteem.

International Organizer Welcomed to Buckingham.

On Thursday evening, Feb. 9th, a very enthusiastic meeting of the local Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and their friends was held in Cameron's Hall, to tender a welcome to Mr. Denis E. Ryan, of Buffalo, N.Y., one of the national organizers of the Order. Immediately after the Division work of the meeting had been concluded, the doors were thrown open to the uninitiated friends who had come to share in the welcome extended to the visitor, and to participate in the pleasure of listening to his very instructive discourse. President J. Louis O'Neill, in a few well chosen words, introduced Mr. Ryan, and extended to him a cordial welcome on the part of the local Division and of the Irish people generally of the town and surrounding country. He explained briefly that the adverse circumstances of the brevity of the notice received regarding this visit and the unfavorable state of the weather and roads had forced a great many to forego the pleasure of being on hand for the occasion, and of gladly sharing in the welcome to be given and of hearing an account of the valuable experiences from such an honored and worthy son of our race and high official of the order.

Mr. Ryan rose, and in a discourse of almost forty-five minutes went over a vast deal of matter concerning the origin and history of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and their triumphs in behalf of faith, friends and fatherland. He pointed out how this organization had started in the old land and won the elevation of the race through concentrated and organized action. He briefly recounted a few of the many excellent works done in the early days of this organization in the protection of our people when first arriving on the shores of the western world. His own field of labor had been in the great Republic to the south, but in his brief visits through Ontario he had been able to see that to a great extent the wants of our race had been about the same here. A great heritage had come with our fathers across the sea, and this heritage had been purchased at an awful price, and it was for us to prove worthy of it and strive to hand it down to the generations to come as unscathed as we had received it. The Irish race in the United States had become almost entirely identified with the Catholic Church. This was the inheritance of the Irish race in America and this was the aim of the noble Order of which he came as a representative—to further every work towards the present maintenance and preservation of this noble heritage that had come down to us from St. Patrick.

On the visitor resuming his seat, President O'Neill called upon Father Cavanagh to address the meeting. The worthy chaplain rose and briefly told of the pleasure he felt in being present and the benefit he thereby derived. The high and noble aims of the order as set forth by Brother Ryan it was his pleasure to applaud, and he felt it his duty to exhort his audience to further them by every means in their power. With such knowledge as he had on these matters, acquired during his brief membership in it, it was his firm conviction that everything said by Brother Ryan was strictly correct and his sentiments worthy of being endorsed by all.

Brothers Fred Gorman, H. Martin, Conor McGurn, H. F. Cosgrove and County President Denis P. Lahey briefly addressed the meeting, and all expressed their great pleasure on hearing Brother Ryan, and heartily endorsed the sentiments expressed by him in his address.

President O'Neill then called for a vote of thanks to the worthy National Organizer, Brother Ryan, which was moved by County President Lahey and seconded by H. F. Cosgrove, sergeant-at-arms, and the Chaplain, Father Cavanagh. The meeting broke up after a most enthusiastic rendering of the grand old anthem, God Save Ireland.

Mr. Ryan, during his stay in Buckingham, was the guest of President J. Louis O'Neill. This was his first visit to the Province of Quebec, but he has given assurance of another in the not too distant future. D. V. and when he comes again there will await him a real old "Keltic Faith Roman."

NOTES FROM THE PARISHES OF THE

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH. The Redemptorist Father ... retreat next Sunday at his ... Rev. Fathers Hoffmann ... who have been ill for the ... days, are steadily improv ... On Sunday afternoon a ... tended meeting of the Lad ... of the League of the Sac ... took place. Rev. Father ... in the absence of Rev. Fath ... fernan, presided. Solemn ... tion closed the proceedings.

ST. MARY'S PARISH. Last Wednesday evening t ... supper of the choir took pl ... Mary's Hall. Nearly sixty ... attended. Rev. Father Bra ... After Justice had been ... good things placed before ... pany, speeches and songs p ... pleasant hour away. The contract for the new ... the church has been signed ... will be ready in June of th ... The new picture of Our ... Good Counsel has been pla ... the high altar. The Young Men's Society, ... of the parish, the girls of ... vent school, and the boys o ... ward Murphy school, all a ... engaged in preparing differe ... for the grand concert to be ... St. Patrick's night, which ... to be the event of the parish.

ST. AGNES PARISH. On Sunday evening special ... tions were held in honor ... League of the Sacred 13 ... which several new members ... The sermon was preached ... Father Casey, of the dioc ... Springfield, Mass. Benedic ... the Blessed Sacrament bro ... ceremonies to a close.

ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH. On Sunday afternoon a me ... the wardens was held at wh ... ters pertaining to the work ... interior of the church were di ... and also the separate sch ... which will be presented at ... sion of the Provincial Legis ... a few days.

On Wednesday evening at ... opening exercises in connecti ... the month of St. Joseph too ... On Sunday afternoon the m ... of the League of the Sacred ... held a meeting. Commencing next Sunday ... will be three masses instead ... the first at 7.15, the second ... and the last at 10.15.

At the Franciscan Church

Last Sunday afternoon the ... speaking men of the Third O ... St. Francis held a largely a ... meeting at the Franciscan c ... Dorchester street. After the ... tion of the office of the Bless ... gin, a sermon was preached b ... Father Christopher, O.F.M. ... Rev. Father took for his text: ... less your justice abound mor ... that of the Scribes and Phar ... eases, you cannot enter the ki ... of Heaven" (St. Matthew). "It is thus," said the pr ... "that our Divine Lord cond ... Pharisees, and in future ages ... who would imitate them in ... vices and passions. Who were ... that our Lord spoke about? ... were men who by their practi ... exterior conduct gained the ap ... of men. Yet they were cond ... by Christ in the words, 'Woe ... Scribes and Pharisees, hypo ... because you make clean the o ... of the cup and of the dish, but ... in you are full of rapine and ... ness.' It is the heart that ... wants, and not the false piet ... the Pharisees, who prayed with ... but their hearts had no p ... it. Such piety was false piety ... Pharisees upbraided our Saviou ... healing on the Sabbath day. ... they did not scruple to blacke ... character on the Sabbath day ... Pharisees were strict in the o ... of minor matters, but i ... greater things. The Pharisee ... was not disinterested. They ... for no reward from God, and ... received none. They gained th ... probation of their friends, but ... gained nothing more; a very po ... ward for all the trouble they ... themselves. Finally said the p ... re: "We must seek the glory of ... and not the glory of men. ... would be happy with Christ in ... Kingdom." Solemn Benediction was imp ... by Rev. Father Whelan, O.F.M. ... be the coronation. Rev. Father