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CURRENT COMMENT

THE ECHO AND OUR DELEGATES TO OTTAWA.

The Echo reprints what is represented as the declarations of Mr. Deegan to a Toronto journalist. We have already put our readers on their guard concerning the correctness of that report; more than ever are we in a position to say that Mr. Deegan has never said what is attributed to him. As a delegate Mr. Deegan had instructions to carry, and we know he did act according to those instructions. When the time comes for publication, what is now partly a secret as to results, will be made manifest.

Meanwhile we may say it is ridiculous to see the "Echo" calling upon Mr. Roblin, because of his majority in Parliament, to settle alone our still existing school difficulties. Why did not the "Echo" lecture its own party in the same manner, when it came to power, for if ever a man had the command of a large majority in Parliament it was surely Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Why then did he not settle that aggravating question? for it is a well known fact that the Manitoba School question settlement is about as far advanced to-day as it was prior to the agreement signed as final in 1897 by the Laurier and Greenway governments. We like strict honesty, even in politics. It may be the "Echo" is unable to reach that standard; at least it should try to remain within the limits of common sense.

The Rev. Father Drummond, whose interview with a Montreal journalist is reproduced from the Free Press in the columns of the Review, spoke very highly of the good feelings that exist between the different religious elements represented in the University of Manitoba. That is no doubt a well deserved praise due to the broad spirit that animates the best educationists of Manitoba; but why should it not be so in all the parts of our educational system? Had more good will prevailed among our separated brethren we might long ere this have reached a tolerable "modus vivendi." Many, it seems, in the lower grades of education have yet to be educated out of their prejudices; then perhaps will we see the end of the unjust persecution from which the Catholic minority has suffered so much since 1890.

In giving room in the Review to the plea offered in favor of the St. Joseph's Orphanage we feel nothing too strong could be advanced in favor of such a noble work, as the one pursued in behalf of the dear little ones that know not what the comforts of the home, sweet home are. Religion is the foster mother of such, and as such it appeals to the charity of all Christian hearts. Still we think ourselves justified in expressing the opinion that the St. Joseph's Orphanage shall not be closed. Hard as it may be for the Catholics of Winnipeg to pay double school tax, their charity is surely not exhausted. The prayers of the little ones as well as the sight of a group of orphans have an eloquence which no one with a human heart can resist. We know what has already been done by the community at large and by the Catholics of St. Mary's in particular, the blessing of heaven cannot let such grand work of charity go to ruin. We are confident that the St. Joseph's Orphanage will continue to exist and prosper and will advance in years.

FATHER DRUMMOND ABROAD.

St. Boniface Collegian Tells Montreallers About Manitoba University Work.

(Montreal Gazette of Saturday.)
Rev. Louis Drummond, S.J., of St. Boniface College, and one of the representatives of that institution on the council of the University of Manitoba, is in the city, the guest of the Reverend Fathers of St. Mary's College, Bleury street.

Being seen yesterday, the reverend gentleman spoke in the highest terms of both the college, which is now attended by 177 students, and the university, to which it is affi-

In 1877 the several colleges just named decided to establish the University of Manitoba which was instituted as an examining institution, after the fashion of the University of London. The council is composed of seven representatives from each of the affiliated colleges, ten members from the graduates, and seven representing the provincial government. The medical college is also represented, and the council numbers about fifty thoroughly representative educationalists.

Rev. Father Drummond says, however, that the most important body in connection with this west-

half-breed named Isbister, who became editor of the Journal of Education in London, left \$83,000 to the university, thus placing at their disposition scholarships and prizes to the amount of \$3,000.

"Does the university recruit largely from St. Boniface College?"

"In numbers we have only been about twenty-five, but our boys generally have been most successful, as far as honors are concerned. The governor-general's medal has been won by St. Boniface seven times out of twenty-two, the same taking a scholarship of \$90. This year in the first and second years of the university course, out of 88

Persons and Facts

The Rev. Father Lemieux, C.S.S.R., accompanied by the Pastor of St. Anne de Beupre, P.Q., passed through Winnipeg on Tuesday, the 18th inst., on his way to Brandon. The Rev. Father Lemieux is the Superior of the Redemptorists in Canada, and he is making his official visit to the Rev. Fathers in Brandon. He will not return before the blessing of the corner stone of the new church to be built there by the members of his orders. This imposing ceremony will take place on Sunday, the 30th inst.

The Rev. Father LeBel, S.J., who had been for years a Professor of Mathematics at the St. Boniface College, left last Sunday for the Sault St. Mary, Canada, where he will be stationed for the time being. Rev. Father Jete, S.J., recently returned from Alaska, will replace him at the college.

We have also lost the Rev. Father Coffey, who is returning to Montreal. The Rev. Father Plante will succeed him here.

Sad intelligence just received of the death of Joseph Klinkhammer, at Los Angeles, Cal. Deceased was a son of P. Klinkhammer, formerly of Winnipeg, and a brother of Mrs. J. J. Kelly, of the Immaculate Conception. He was also a member of Branch 163 of the C.M.B.A.

MOTION OF CONDOLENCE.

At a regular meeting of the members of Branch 163 of the C.M.B.A. held on the 18th of August, 1903, the following resolution of condolence was unanimously carried.

Moved by Bro. Joseph Shaw, seconded by Bro. J. A. Manning:

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God to remove from this life, our brother, Frank J. Connell; and

Whereas, The said brother F. J. Connell died almost suddenly and away from his family, the members of which had not seen him for years,

Be it resolved, That we the members of Branch 163 of the C.M.B.A., of which deceased was a member in good standing, consider it our duty to extend our sincerest sympathy to Mrs. Connell and her three daughters in this their hour of bitter trial and sad bereavement.

Be it further resolved, That ten dollars be placed in the hands of our Spiritual Adviser to have Masses offered for the soul of our departed brother.

Be it also resolved, That a copy of the above resolution be sent to Mrs. Connell.

Carried unanimously.

GOLDEN JUBILEE.

The Noviciate of the R. R. Jesuit Fathers at Sault-au-Recollet 50 Years in Existence.

On the 6th instant the St. Joseph House at Sault-au-Recollet where the Jesuits have their noviciate, was the object of great rejoicings as it had on that date, reached the 50th anniversary of its existence.

The Rev. Father Armand Chossegros, S. J. published on that occasion a very interesting historical sketch of the noviciate of the Society of Jesus in Canada, since its inception (1843) to the present day.

It is, to the lovers of history a precious work, by which we may learn of the providential ways by which the Jesuits were recalled and returned to Canada. The following is therefore borrowed from the historical notes of Father Chossegros.



CARDINAL AGLIARDI, THE POPE'S CHOICE FOR SECRETARY OF STATE.

Cardinal Antonio Agliardi, the choice of Pius X. for papal secretary of state, is seventy-one years old and in the recent conclave would doubtless have been more prominently considered as a candidate for the papacy but for his age. He was born in Cologno al Serio, Italy, was educated in Bergamo and in Rome and became professor of moral theology in the seminary of the propaganda in the latter city. In 1884 he was made titular archbishop of Cesarea and was sent on a general mission to India, where he spent several years, after which he was successively nuncio to Munich and Vienna. Agliardi was proclaimed cardinal in 1896 and in 1900 was advanced to the title of cardinal bishop and assigned to the see of Albano.

liated. Father Drummond's description of the rise of the university was interesting in the extreme.

As far back as 1818 Rev. Father Provencher, formerly of the Montreal diocese, began a Latin school in St. Boniface, and from this small beginning has sprung the important French college of St. Boniface, now being conducted by the Sons of Loyola. In 1820 the Anglicans started St. John's school, at a locality now a portion of the city of Winnipeg, while in 1851 a Presbyterian college got to work at Kildonan, and in 1888 the Wesleyan Methodist college came into existence. All of these met with many difficulties, and the success to which they have one and all attained is a merited tribute to the earnest zeal of the pioneers in educational work throughout Manitoba and the Canadian Northwest.

ern university is the board of studies, composed of two representatives of each of the five colleges, and three more from other interests, the St. Boniface college being represented by Rev. Father Drummond, and Rev. Fr. Cherrier. He stated that the best of feeling prevails between the representatives of the several denominations, and in order to exemplify this Rev. Father Drummond cited the fact that though there are only two Roman Catholics on the board of studies, Rev. Father Cherrier has been 22 years chairman of that body, which the Rev. Father considers a tribute to his ability and judgment, and an excellent manifestation of that brotherly feeling which certainly exists between the Catholic and Protestant educationalists of Manitoba.

Some time ago, he explained, a

students who passed the examinations, only one got the grade 1-A., and he was a St. Boniface boy, named Jacques Mondor, a relative of Mr. Justice Prendergast.

Father Drummond also related another example of the tolerant spirit which is abroad in Manitoba. Last year at the conferring of the degrees by the university, both the chancellor and vice-chancellor being absent, Father Drummond was elected to perform this ceremony.

"Yes," he said, "I conferred degrees upon 62 students, and only two of these were Roman Catholics."

In conclusion, the Rev. Father said he had omitted to explain that there was a scientific department in connection with the university, where branches of science by Rev. Dr. Bryce, Dr. G. J. Laird and Dr. Ed. Kenrick were conducted.