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**CITY AND ELSEWHERE.**

The Territorial fair opens on Monday July 29.

The Victoria Hockey team of Winnipeg have returned home, crowned with laurels.

This evening Mrs. E. Cass will entertain a number of her friends at her residence 172 Vaughan Street.

The Manitoba school case will come up for hearing at Ottawa on the 26th inst.

The date of Archbishop Langevin's consecration has been changed to March 19, the feast of St. Joseph.

The Nor Wester states that the Hudson Bay road will be commenced in the very near future.

It is rumored that Ablegate Satolli will be created cardinal, and in order not to deviate from past custom, he will first be appointed nuncio to Lisbon.

The bonspiel of 895 is now a thing of the past; it was highly successful, and the curlers experienced delightful weather.

Mr. DIXON the member for Landdowne, better known as the defaulting treasurer of the St. John's municipality has resigned his seat in the house.

DALTON MCCARTHY says he will "oppose any government that will attempt to foist separate schools on Manitobans. His words are more stunning than his blows!

**Good for You, Madge.**

Miss Madge Barrett Scores a Point for St. Boniface Hospital.

The recent performances of "Robin Hood" by the Winnipeg Operatic Society have been a great success, financially and otherwise. The management elected with the aforesaid success became charitably inclined and deemed it only meet and just that a benefit matinee performance should be given for the Winnipeg general hospital. The propositions should be made to the members of the caste, and all at once the managers "struck a mag" for Miss Madge Barrett quickly asked "for what hospital the benefit was to be given?" "For the Winnipeg general hospital" was the reply. "Oh, no," responded the leading lady "you can't have my services unless St. Boniface hospital be included" and of course, they had to include it, inasmuch as Miss Barrett was the life and soul of the caste (together with Mr. Arnold). It is only proper to add that the other leading ladies sided with Miss Barrett. This goes to show that after all there is an undercurrent of antipathy against Catholic institutions. And yet it is a well known fact that fully 50 per cent of the free patients attended at St. Boniface Hospital are strangers to the Catholic faith.

**LOOK AT THIS.**

Then Look at That, and See for Yourself the Difference.

Dr. Carman the Methodist Divine says: "On civil and political grounds in this free country all who choose such a faith (Catholic) may of course without let or hindrance enjoy it and pay for it. But on the same grounds why should those who do not for a moment accept it be committted to it and taxed with it and for it?"  
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**FATHER LACOMBE.**

The Far-Famed Missionary of the Northwest is in Winnipeg—On His Way to Ottawa—Preached at St. Mary's Church on Sunday.

Rev. Father Lacombe the famous Indian missionary of the Northwest arrived in Winnipeg on Friday last. He looks hale and hearty and seems to be growing younger in years judging from his activity. Father Lacombe is on his way east. He has a two-fold mission: one to make arrangements in connection with Father Langevin's consecration; the other to interview the Dominion Government on a scheme which he has formulated for the assistance of the half-breeds. In connection with the latter, the Rev. Father was seen at St. Mary's presbytery by a member of the press. He said that the condition of the half-breed population of the Northwest, amounting to over 9,000 souls, was becoming deplorable. With the advance of civilization and the progress of the white man, the half-breeds were becoming poorer every day. This, of course, he said, is not to be attributed to the white man. What his scheme is he would not divulge just at present. He intends laying the whole matter before the authorities at Ottawa. "They will," he said, "answer me by saying that they have done all they can for the half-breed. But this matters little. Knowing the true state of affairs I will tell them that though the half-breed today is peaceable and quiet, the time will come when absolute starvation will force them to steal, and then they will be imprisoned. Is it not better to avert this evil now when it can be averted than to wait until more strenuous measures must be resorted to?" He spoke very feelingly about the half-breeds, saying that missionaries should never forget them. They were, he said, "our interpreters, our guides, our introducers to the Indians."  
Father Lacombe while in the east will try to arrange for a special car on the C. P. R. to Winnipeg, in connection with the consecration services at St. Boniface. He expects that at least forty clerics, including bishops and priests, will come up from the east for the ceremony. Archbishop Langevin's relatives will also come, and many prominent laymen. "You have left the hermitage at Printer's Creek, and are now at Edmonton," said the reporter.  
"Yes," replied Father Lacombe, "but my seat is in the hermitage still."  
"What about the school question?"  
"Oh, I don't know what the government will do, but you can rest assured that never will we Catholics give up the struggle for our rights, until our rights be restored. From generation to generation we will demand redress."

**PREACHES AT ST. MARY'S.**

On Sunday the Rev. Father preached from the pulpit of St. Mary's by special invitation of Rev. Father Gillet the pastor. His remarks were not characterized by fluency of language or bursts of oratory, but they certainly were most appealing, at least by reason of the sincerity with which they were made, and many times the aged missionary wept like a child. He first expressed himself as delighted to appear once again before the people of St. Mary's. He then made allusion to the new archbishop, in which he said that St. Mary's parish had just reason to be proud for having given Mons. Langevin to the archbishop of St. Boniface. He said that the late Mons. Tache before he died expressed his great desire that Father Langevin would be his successor. "I don't say too much," he added, "when I assert that the choice of the late archbishop was the choice of Rome, the choice of the Oblate Congregation, the choice of the people, and 'vox populi, vox Dei' is most applicable in this case." He then passed to another topic, in which he became visibly affected. "On Feb. 17, sixty-nine years ago, Pope Leo XII issued the decree recognizing the Oblates of Mary Immaculate as a religious community. This morning throughout this vast country, over the Rocky Mountains on to the Pacific coast far up to the north, every member of the Oblate order renews his obedience to his superior." He said he was proud of his mother, the congregation. Next July it will be fifty years since an Oblate priest and a young brother put their feet on the banks of the Red River; the young brother was the late Mons. Tache, "the old friend of my youth," who soon afterwards was to become the successor to Mons. Provencher. After fifty years of labor, he said, the whole Northwest is studded with mission homes; not little huts built in the midst of Indian camps, but churches and schools. "Forty-five years ago," he said, "I passed through what is now Winnipeg on dox sleighs. He then touched upon the school question and said that he was not a prophet, but he could predict a settlement of this burning question. Though the clouds were dark, there were some bright spots where the sunshine of hope peeped through. "Our missionaries were teaching the Indians and half-breeds in this country before any government existed; we received not a cent for our labors; and now they want to deprive us of our rights. In the words of the late archbishop he would say that the question would never be settled, until it is settled in justice; we won't accept any compromise; we want justice and right."  
Father Lacombe mentioned the name of Father Begreville, who was the celebrant of the mass; he was an old missionary; between them both they aggregated eighty-six years of missionary labors.  
He referred to his mission in going east, and said that he would arrange for the coming here of quite a large gathering for the occasion of the consecration. The date of consecration had now been decided on March 19, the feast of St. Joseph. It was expected that either Archbishop Walsh or Archbishop Cleary would be here in time to deliver an oration on St. Patrick, at the concert to be given in the Bijou on March 16, but as it is not likely now that they will reach the city before Monday, March 18, the committee in charge are looking elsewhere for a speaker. Archbishop Ireland of St. Paul, has been invited to attend the consecration; if he accepts, steps will be taken to have him arrive in time for the concert, when he will most likely deliver an address.

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**COMMUNICATION.**

To the Editor of the NORTHWEST REVIEW.  
SIR,—Knowing that your valuable Journal takes an active interest in the welfare of Catholicity I beg to request a space in its columns respecting my trip from Killarney via Belcourt to St. Anthony's mission N. Dakota, sixteen miles south west of St. John's—accompanied by Rev. Father Accorsini. Arriving at St. John's on Friday the 9th inst, we paid a visit to the Catholic Church at St. John's which is situated in a beautiful grove of oak trees near the large belt of timber in the Turtle Mountain.  
The church is a large building and beautifully finished, the Rev. Father Desjardins is pastor, with a congregation of about 500 souls—eight miles southwest of St. John's near the large tract of timber and two fine lakes, we saw the Belcourt Convent on a beautiful rising ground situated in the Indian reserve. It is a large structure and has a grand appearance. There is room in this convent for 200 children, there are at present 163 children in the convent composed of Indians and half-breeds. There are four different classes for the children who are well educated and speak the English language fluently. All the departments are neat and clean and well ventilated. There are eleven nuns at present in the convent which belongs to the order of the Sisters of Mercy. Mother Genevieve is the Superior and Mother Angeliue is her assistant. There is a fine chapel in the convent. The Rev. Father J. A. Dupont is the chaplain and has a congregation of 1,200 people and is parish priest of the Belcourt Mission.  
Miss Sheridan was the name of Mother Genevieve before she became a Nun, and she belongs to a family of note who are well known in the United States.  
A portion of the convent was built by Miss Drexel, who is now a Nun—and the balance was erected by the present nuns and under their able management the institution has become a grand success. The very Rev. Father Malo was the first founder of schools at Belcourt and rendered valuable assistance towards the construction of the Convent. Rev. Father Accorsini remained at Belcourt and was the guest of Rev. Father Dupont, and the Rev. gentleman preached an eloquent sermon last Sunday in the St. Ann's church here—which was attended by a large congregation.  
The subject was the immortality of the soul. Your correspondent continued on his journey to St. Anthony's mission and spent Sunday with his old friend Father Malo who has been appointed Dean of North Dakota diocese, and is living at St. Andrew's church 8 miles S. W. of Belcourt. The Very Rev. Gentleman celebrated mass in St. Anthony's church last Sunday and preached an able sermon very appropriate for the occasion.  
There are about 750 people in St. Anthony's mission which fills the church to its utmost capacity.  
The total amount of Catholics belonging to St. John's, Belcourt, and St. Anthony's mission amount to two thousand four hundred and fifty. The Very Rev. Father Malo has been an Indian Missionary at Winnipegosis for ten years and four years at Lake Winnipeg, he is thoroughly conversant with the Indian language of this large mission and is giving good satisfaction to all, since his appointment here. These missions are situated along the Turtle Mountain, convenient to large tracts of timber, composed of oak, ash, elm, and popular, large enough for saw logs.  
These missions are thickly settled by well to do farmers who have fine buildings and a large stock of cattle and horses.  
The Indians and Half-breeds are now civilized and are turning to farming.  
On my return home I saw the rising town of Rolla situated six miles east of Belcourt with its lofty buildings, grain elevators, etc. and a printing establishment, and a weekly newspaper named the Turtle Mountain Star.

**Wit and Humor.**

Women may be the weaker vessel, but it's always the husband that's broke.  
"Talk about absent-mindedness," said a man the other day, "why, I like it, when I was a boy I worked for a man who was so absent-minded that he dis-

charged me three times in one week and paid me a week's wages each time."  
Judge: "How old are you, miss?"  
Elderly female: "I am—I am—I am—"  
Judge: "Better hurry up; every moment makes it worse."  
"I'd like to know how I have offended Harry," Madge: "Hasn't he called this week?" "Yes, but he only bid me good-night six times last night."  
"All a woman asks is to be loved," says a gushing poet. Then all this stuff about her wanting new bonnets and jewellery must be a vile slander.  
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