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### Cap de la Madeleine.

For a number of years the shrine of Our Lady, at Cap de la Madeleine, near Three Rivers, has been a resort for devout pilgrims, and not a few very important pilgrimages from Montreal have been guided by our clergy towards that delightful spot. In fact, there is scarcely a place on the whole St. Lawrence more beautiful, more picturesque and more enchanting than that elevated Cape, standing out in the great river and marking the confluence of the turbulent St. Maurice. The parish is quite extensive, and when the summer brings its pilgrims, the place is decidedly in need of an adequate sacerdotal service. It has been decided, between the Bishop of Three Rivers and the superiors of the Oblate Order, that three of the Fathers would go to Cap de la Madeleine, and take charge of parish and shrine, somewhat as the Redemptorist Fathers have the charge of Ste. Anne de Beaupre. It is a work for which the Oblates of Mary Immaculate are eminently qualified. Their missionary history is one of the brightest pages in the Catholic story of Canada; and their zeal has long since outstripped the very vanguard of civilization throughout the great North land and the still greater Northwest. Their deeds are carved upon the rocks that border every tributary of the St. Lawrence, the Ottawa, and the Great Lakes. It is with fervor that the people of Three Rivers, and the good inhabitants of Cap de la Madeleine hail their coming. As yet they have not taken possession of the charge; but it is expected that before the first of June three of the Fathers will be there to attend to the spiritual needs of the parishioners and to welcome and serve the hundreds of pilgrims expected this year at the shrine.

### Echoes from Ottawa

(From a Special Correspondent.)

Ottawa, May 8, 1902.

As the House is not sitting today, on account of the feast of the Ascension, I will send you a few lines about the closing of the session. The grand aim on both sides is to get through by Saturday night; but I cannot now see how that is to be accomplished. It might have been had there been no holiday intervening. The members of the two parties want to get out into the field—that is the Ontario members. The Quebec, Maritime Provinces and Western men do not care so much; but the Ontario members are aching to be in the Provincial campaign. As a result, estimates are flying through like oats through a fanning mill. But even all that haste does not prevent an occasional hitch, when some special item of importance comes up.

No end of discussion has gone on in the Senate over a Divorce Bill, the "relief" of one James Brown. When this Bill, which had been

fought so hard in the Senate, came to the House of Commons for concurrence, it raised another hubbub. Mr. Charleton, in a very forcible speech, attacked the folly, nonsense, and even illegality of a Parliament constituting itself into a divorce court to suit the convenience of some individuals who wanted to get rid of the marriage obligation. It was argued that if divorces were to be granted, it should be by the authority of a competent tribunal. From the non-Catholic point of view this is very reasonable; for, after all, no such thing as justice in a matter of so much importance could ever be meted out by a Senate or a Parliament. In the first place, be it said to their credit, no Catholic Senator, and no Catholic member of the Commons was ever known to vote for a Divorce Bill, nor even to discuss its merits. Consequently, the Bill passed the other day, after so much discussion, became law (?) without any participation in its legislation by any one of the Catholic legislators. Only a section of the Senate passed it, and only a section of the Commons concurred in it. The result of all this will yet be the introduction of a Bill abolishing divorce legislation. And that will be a step gained in the right direction; divorce legislation is a disgrace to Canada.

### An Octogenarian Archbishop.

The other day the Catholic clergy and people of Boston celebrated in a most worthy manner the remarkable event of the eightieth anniversary of Archbishop Williams. What wonderful men the Church possesses! Nor does age seem to affect their faculties. From Leo in Rome to the grand and aged Archbishop of Boston, we may find a number of other members of the hierarchy whose years are counted by scores, and who appear to enjoy health, strength and activity despite the ravages of time. No more venerable prelate in all America than Archbishop Williams. The sermon preached on the occasion of his eightieth birthday, by Rev. M. J. Doody, Chancellor of the archdiocese, was a small biography of the Archbishop, as well as a resume of the history of the Catholic Church in Boston. But of all that was said or written on or for that occasion, we think that the Archbishop's reply to the several addresses presented to him, gives the very best idea of what his life has been. It has been styled a characteristic address; and through it we can see the simple, hard working, unselfish and successful life that the great prelate has led; we can see how he attributes to his immediate assistants all the triumphs in the cause of religion and education that have marked his episcopal career; we can see how he leaves all to his successor, thus demonstrating that his own life had been lived, through all those long years, for the glory of God, the good of the Church, and the especial benefit of his own archdiocese. We give his address in full, and are confident it will illustrate the delightful characteristics of Archbishop Williams.

"Right Reverend Bishops,—My first

duty is to express my great satisfaction at the apostolic and affectionate words of the Bishop, who represents the brother Bishops of New England. We have labored in the same province, and it was always a pleasure to meet them. There was union, strong and steadfast; one mind, one sentiment, affection for one another, hence respect and happiness.

"To you, the reverend clergy of the diocese, I can say in all the sincerity of my heart, 'Your are mine.' As our Lord said to St. Peter, once, twice, a third time: 'Peter, lovest thou Me?' and Peter said: 'Lord, thou knowest that I love you,' so I can say to-day: 'The Lord knows that I love you.' Such is the supreme affection in which I live and in which I hope to die.

"To-day I need not recall the events of the past thirty-six years, for they are known, but the assistance given promptly, generously and heartily by the clergy comes back to me in a vision of delight. When the great and lamented Bishop Fitzpatrick laid aside the duties of his office, and was called to his reward, the first work was the building of the Cathedral on the site set apart by my predecessor. The clergy of the diocese came to my help, and in six years presented to me \$300,000, with the co-operation of the people. Other works followed in order of necessity and importance, and whatever has been done was done by the clergy.

"At my episcopal silver jubilee there was a generous gift; at my golden sacerdotal jubilee one still greater. When the seminary was proposed, again the clergy came forward with \$120,000, not including the burses (scholarships).

"Thus the work went on from year to year with great success and satisfaction. We must remember, it is true that we are going forward with the rising tide. From 1872 to 1902 our Catholic population has doubled, hence the steady, lasting work was necessary, and has been done. I wish to say openly and clearly that it was not mine alone. The one who guided the helm on a great steamship does not move the ship; the steam is the power, and all who labor on the boat to produce the steam deserve the credit. The work is ever increasing, for our numbers are growing ever larger.

"It is marvellous to watch how God in His goodness has provided for each hour and work, and how He has given the continuous co-operation, hearty good will and generous assistance of priests and people, for in all the works the people have faithfully and lovingly shared. One instance of their combined efforts tells the story, for in one fair \$90,000 was raised, looking back, therefore, we recognize how good God has been.

"As we are now approaching the end, and may expect at any hour the call from God, it is a source of great delight to know and to say that the Cathedral, the Bishop's house, the two charitable homes near by, and the seminary, are free from any outside claim or mortgage.

"Lastly, if God were to call me this very day I wish to say that all I hold as individual, priest and archbishop of Boston will belong to the future archbishop of this see.

"I can not speak all the thoughts of my mind or the feelings of my heart on such an occasion, but you know and appreciate them. Thanks, therefore, to one and all who came to rejoice with me on this memorable birthday. You have shown your affection for me and your thanks to God for my health and energy. I return to you my heartfelt affection and gratitude, and say farewell."

The response of the Archbishop, says the "Sacred Heart Review," was spoken with the utmost depth of feeling, and was listened to with the greatest respect and attention by the assembled clergy. At the close of this characteristic speech, applause which lasted several minutes attested the sympathy of the gathering with the ideas of the Archbishop, and reaffirmed the regard and veneration in which he is held by his numerous clergy.

### Ireland and Dumb Animals.

The first movement ever made in the British Parliament to obtain some law for the protection of animals from cruelty was by a distinguished English statesman, who was met by such a storm of ridicule that he abandoned the attempt. Some time later there came into the House of Commons from Galway, on the west coast of Ireland, Dick Martin, who was noted widely for two things: (1) that he was very fond of animals, and (2) that he was equally fond of fighting everybody who

he thought insulted him. He had an established reputation as a fighting man. One day he brought into the House of Commons a bill for the protection of animals from cruelty. Some one immediately gave a cock crow. Martin at once stepped out on to the floor of the House of Commons and said he would be very much obliged for the name of the gentleman who had seen fit to insult him. He waited, but the gentleman did not give his name, and then went back to his seat amid the cheers of the House of Commons, and his bill became a law of Great Britain and the first law in the world for the prevention of cruelty to animals.

Some years ago when we had the privilege of addressing in one of the large halls of Philadelphia eight hundred of the police, with thirty-officers, we were told by the ex-mayor who presided that a large proportion of the men seated before us were of Irish birth or parentage, and so we related the above incident and then told them that it was a proud thing for old Ireland that the first law in the world for the prevention of cruelty to animals came from the brave heart of one of her sons. We need not say that this statement was followed by great applause, and will probably never be forgotten by any one of those present.—Geo. T. Angell in Dumb Animals.

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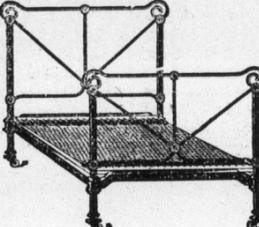
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As the time for the coronation of Edward VII. approached, the subject, in its interesting phase, that Catholic declaration, the topic of much speculation. But it is evident that the King if he made any such declaration, and if he did perfectly gratuitous on the Act of Parliament read declaration is to be made the day of coronation, opening of Parliament, following the royal accession. Now the first Parliament has taken place that occasion the King's declaration in question; he is not bound to repeat coronation. The section that bears date 1689, ro "An Act declaring the Liberties of the Subjecting the Succession of "And that every King this Realm who at any ter shall come to and suc Imperial Crown of th shall on the first day of the first Parliament n or her coming to the Cr in his or her throne, in Peers, in the presence of and Commons therein as at his or her coronation, person or persons as sh the Coronation Oath her at the time of his o the said oath shall mak and audibly repeat the mentioned in the statute 30th year of the reign Charles the Second, int "An Act for the more serving the King's perso erment, by disabling P sitting in either House ment."

"But if it shall happen King or Queen upon his session to the Crown of shall be under the age o then every such King or make, subscribe and aud the said Declaration at coronation or on the first meeting of the first Par abroad, which shall be after such King or Queen attained the said age of This Act, with its act phenous declaration, was to by Queen Anne, on April, 1702. Then by G II., III., and IV., and IV.; finally by the late toria, then a mere girl summers.

In the "Star" of the last, appeared a con signed "A Protestant," from Sheganihan, Ont., the writer attempts to why the objectionable cl act should retained. We worry about his long rel time accusations against lates, Catholics and Cat ments, all of which have proved times out of min of which are imaginary, upon fables instead of tory what stands there tute them. We are simp with this declaration of "I may state that there are some of the reasons section of the 'objection These causes of its adop

### The Fear of the

The London "Lancet" have found a new way of readers uncomfortable, regard to the ubiquitous We quote:—"It is against the custom one's morning mail one's cover at the breakfast table. It reels off a list of cases that might be on the habit which is simply Presumably the 'Lancet' to see that its own pages through a sterilizing pr they leave its offices. Men its readers can be t the rest."

What, after all, does t It is that perpetual fear that constant animal self-preservation; both themselves in man. It is self, wrong, nor is it un man should adopt eve means of prolonging an