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## EPISCOPAL APPROBATION.

"If the English-speaking Catholics of Montreal and of this Province consulted their best interests, they would soon make of the 'True Witness' one of the most prosperous and everal Catholic papers in this country. I heartily bless those who encourage this movement." —PAUL, Archbishop of Montreal.

## NOTES OF THE WEEK.

### UNJUSTIFIABLE REMARKS.

Mr. Bourassa, M.P., devotes a great deal of his time to writing articles on the position of the French-Canadians in the Dominion, on their views regarding Imperial connection and their aspirations as to the future. No one can find fault with any public man who honestly gives his convictions to the public. He may be right and he may be wrong. His statements may be based upon well digested facts, then they are valuable; or they may be the outpourings of a spirit troubled with unrest; in the latter case they are likely to do harm. However it may be, and whatever the state of mind of Mr. Bourassa, in particular, we have no desire to quarrel with him, so long as he "keeps off the grass" and does not spoil things that should be held sacred. Amongst these are the conditions that exist between the various sections of our country.

He tells the public that his French-Canadian fellow-countrymen agree better "with the Protestant Scotch and English than with the 'Catholic Irish.'"

This we think is not in accordance with the truth. The history of the past does not bear it out, and public events are there to contradict the statement as may be very easily shown. True every now and again political wirepullers and boodlers have succeeded for a time in making trouble where none should exist. In days gone by such a paltry thing as the appointment of a man on the police force used frequently to be made the occasion of a race quarrel in the City Council, for instance, so that behind the smoke and dust of the battle, some piece of rascality might be successfully carried out. But just as for years past, the best of feeling has existed amongst the Irish Catholic and their English-speaking fellow-citizens, so has the spirit of goodwill and concord continued to grow amongst French and Irish-Canadians throughout the land. It is very strange that the disturber of public harmony, whether he be of one section of the country or the other, should adopt not only the same old tactics, but have recourse to the same old calumnies. What we heard Mr. Dalton McCarthy using for a different purpose in the Parliament of Canada in 1890, on the occasion of his famous bill for the abolition of the French language in the North-West Territories. On that occasion Mr. McCarthy who was carrying on his nefarious campaign was replied to by a member of Parliament now occupying a seat in our Superior Court. The latter gentleman said, speaking in French, of which we give the Hansard translation: "I seize this opportunity to speak in the French language, as one of the representatives of the Irish Catholics of the Dominion, who have been attacked in a most unjustifiable manner, by the Hon. member for North Simcoe (Mr. McCarthy). That gentleman sought to establish on some authority or other that the Irish Catholics in Canada are not the friends of the French-Canadians, but they are their bitterest enemies. I think I speak

with a knowledge of the subject, and if in a distant past, when our immigrants reached this country, totally ignorant of the French language, unable to understand those with whom they were thrown in contact, or to make themselves understood by them, certain difficulties did arise, that to-day, not only as between Irish Catholics and Protestants, who have never had any difficulty as to language, but as between the whole Canadian people whatever their origin or creed, with the exception of those who make a trade appealing to prejudices, to the detriment of Canada's future, there never did exist in our country a stronger sentiment of unity, a stronger desire for the moral and material progress of our people than that which exists to-day." The speaker then went on to defend the French-Canadians and their language in a most forcible speech, and his effort was seconded by every Irish Catholic member of the House. This is only one instance on that side of the question. On the other, not to mention more than one subject, that of Home Rule for Ireland, on how many occasions did not the French-Canadians testify their love of justice towards their Irish friends by voting for resolution after resolution in favor of that measure being carried by the Imperial Parliament? It would be an easy task to show that outside of the occasions when certain sections of the people allow themselves to be duped, notwithstanding the best of feeling exists between us and our French-Canadian fellow-citizens. It is too late in the day to successfully make any considerable section of the community believe that feelings of animosity find a place amongst us. Thank God Canadians of every creed and origin understand what is for their benefit, and that one and all are happy in the practice of the motto of our good city—"Concordia Salus."

HIS GRACE'S SERMON. — On Sunday last, at the Cathedral, His Grace, Archbishop Bruchesi, delivered a most eloquent and exceedingly significant sermon. Already have the echoes of it been heard, both in our municipal halls and throughout the country. It was the first sermon preached by His Grace, since his return from Rome, and, very naturally it was looked forward to with considerable anticipation. After thanking the faithful for their hearty reception of their first pastor, and for the prayers which they had offered for his safe journey, the Archbishop referred to the reduction of the debt of the Cathedral by \$90,000, and made special mention of a princely donation just received. He also paid a glowing tribute to the zeal, administrative talents, and great success of Mgr. Racicot. A touching tribute to the memory of the late Abbe Colin, and a few words of well-merited praise of Rev. Abbe Lecocq, the new Superior of the Seminary, constituted the introduction to the sermon. After a feeling commentary upon the sufferings due to the lack of fuel during these severe winter months, His Grace proceeded to dwell upon the matter of the Civil Hospital. He said that he highly approved of the course taken by the Council, and he believes that a system of having detached pavilions, for contagious diseases, attached to the various existing hospitals, is similar to that which obtains in almost all the countries of Europe.

Turning then to the Public Library question, His Grace was clear and precise in his statement. He claimed that Montreal is well equipped in li-

braries wherein the best authorities in law, medicine, theology, philosophy, science, and general literature may be consulted. He believes that a grant of moneys, for a library, might be much more profitably made for other and more urgent needs. While not being opposed to the library, as such, he thinks that Montreal should be too proud to accept the alms-gift of a millionaire. Also he referred to many other disagreeable results that would certainly follow the establishment of such an institution. We may here remark that the expressions of the Archbishop have already produced a considerable effect in the Council.

Without wishing to theorize upon the subject, His Grace left it to be understood that the school question is not yet settled to the entire satisfaction of the Holy Father and of the Church. Much has been done; but there still remains much to be done. He called upon the Catholics not to abandon the underlying principle of this question, and he expressed the hope that, little by little, it would be fully settled. During the course of the sermon His Grace made mention of a special publication, which he has warned, and which, if his warning be ignored he will condemn without fear or hesitation. He also struck hard and directly at the questionable, or immoral stage. He contrasted the religious liberty in Canada with the mockery of religious conscience in certain European countries. After drawing a beautiful picture of Lourdes and its famous shrine, he closed with a touching tribute to the great Pontiff, Leo XIII.; and with a special benediction which the Vicar of Christ sent to the people of Canada, and of this archdiocese in particular.

On the whole it may be safely said that His Grace's sermon was one of the most important delivered, in a long time, in Montreal. Always gracious, always elegant, always clear, and always paternal and eloquent, Archbishop Bruchesi has a hold on the hearts of the faithful that can never be questioned.

## Letters to the Editor.

Sir,—Until very recently the chief magistrates of London, York, and Dublin, alone had the right to the title of "Lord Mayor." Of late years this honorable title has been accorded the mayors of Birmingham, Liverpool, and Belfast. It is announced that a royal warrant will be issued, in the near future, conferring this title upon the mayors of Melbourne and Sydney, in Australia. In consequence of the news of this probable departure, rumor has it that Canada will be asking for a like favor. The trouble with Canada is that every city in the Dominion would have to have a "Lord Mayor," or else there would be no end of trouble. It is suggested that the chief magistrate of the Federal Capital should, at least, be a "Lord Mayor"; then each provincial capital might well ask for the same honor. But in the long run a city like Montreal would have no claim—unless it were conceded that it is as important to be the commercial metropolis as it is to be a provincial capital. Exception being made of Ottawa, which as the Federal Capital, would naturally be the first to receive such a distinction, there would be some queer anomalies, in the matter of titles, in Canada. Imagine the Mayor of Montreal meeting the Lord Mayor of Charlottetown, or of Regina.

In order to save difficulty it might be just as well to leave matters as they are. After all the Mayor of Ottawa would not be able to do any more for that city, with the title of Lord Mayor, than he does now. The Mayor of Montreal would not be one whit less important without such a title. The only thing that we might miss would be a Lord Mayor's procession. That would be an event to gladden the heart of the small boy, and to cause a little cash to flow in channels that would otherwise never know that powerful stimulant. However, as we have no ambition to, and much less expectation of, ever becoming mayor of any Canadian city, we are not personally interested whether or not that officer shall be called "Lord."

## Cardinal Moran's Welcome Home.

His Eminence Cardinal Moran reached Melbourne, on his way back to Sydney, on December 3rd. He had an extremely warm welcome from the Irish Victorians, a welcome that was made specially emphatic because of the Cardinal's doings in the old country while there. The Archbishop of Melbourne, Dr. Carr, concluded his speech of welcome by quoting D'Arcy McGee's lines:

O, pilgrim, if you bring us from the far-off lands a sign, Let it be some token still of the green old land once mine; A shell from the shores of Ireland would be dearer far to me Than all the wines of Rhineland or the art of Italy.

The Hon. N. Fitzgerald declared that they had "all watched with interest the travels of His Eminence in Ireland and Rome, in each of which places he had been received with the warmest affection and regard. They had been delighted to learn that His Eminence had told the Irish people that there in Australia they were in full sympathy and accord with the National aspirations. They were also glad to hear that the Cardinal had made known to the Holy Father that His Holiness had no more loyal and devoted children than were those in the Australian Commonwealth."

In his reply, the Cardinal gave a glowing account of the energy with which the Irish people are working for their own advancement and emancipation. Every beneficent measure that has been granted to the country is being used to the fullest extent. "This was marked in connection with technical classes which had only been established three or four years. Every small town now has its technical teaching, and the result has been to marvellously develop the industries. In Dublin the people were availing themselves. Some years ago the Public Library there had 8,000 visitors in one year; last year the numbers were 150,000 (cheers). These things will show how intense the feeling is, and how determined everyone is that the country shall prosper and have its rights. All the people are of opinion that Home Rule must come some day. It was a message of consolation to them to know that all our colonies were putting forth all their strength to see that the just demands of Ireland would be attended to by the Home Government (cheers). The greatest harmony prevailed, despite the attempt of the hostile Press to exaggerate small dissensions. All were determined to get their rights, and will not be contented with any measure less than that enjoyed in these colonies (cheers). I am delighted to say that at no time in my remembrance has the name of Australia been more honored than at present.

## Health Talks.

A few of our enthusiastic Catholic ladies have generously undertaken to organize a series of "Health Talks" in our Irish parishes, which are being well patronized. On Monday last Dr. H. J. Harrison gave the second of the series, in the Catholic High School, on "The General Care of Children," in which he traced their handling from babyhood to grown girls, and spoke of what to do in emergency cases, while waiting for the arrival of the physician. The next talk will be given Monday evening, February 2, by Hon. Dr. Guerin, on "Tuberculosis."

ST. ANN'S YOUNG MEN. — This well known organization, under the spiritual direction of Rev. Father Flynn, C.S.S.R., celebrated the 18th anniversary of its organization on Sunday last, at St. Ann's Church. Rev. Father Heffernan, one of St. Anthony's eloquent young vicars, preached a most impressive discourse. At the solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament which followed the discourse, the choir, composed of members of the society, rendered a beautiful programme of solos, quartettes and choruses.

## A Consistory To Be Held

It is semi-officially announced that the Holy Father will hold a Consistory in the month of February, when his jubilee year will come to a close. On this occasion Leo XIII. will pronounce an important allocution, in which he will briefly enumerate the principal events of his long Pontificate, deducting therefrom in-

teresting considerations on the present condition of the Papacy in particular and of the Catholic Church in general. As there are now eleven vacancies in the Sacred College it is almost certain that several Cardinals will be created, and it is even rumored that the new "Porporati" will be eight in number, but as usual in these cases is quiet impossible to predict who will be promoted. — Roman correspondence, Catholic Times, Liverpool.

## LOCAL NOTES.

### ST. ANN'S TEMPERANCE MEN.

—On Sunday last, the good men and true, of St. Ann's T. A. and U. Society held their annual meeting when their spiritual director, Rev. Father McPhail, C.S.S.R., who takes a deep interest in the noble cause, made a spirited and eloquent plea to the members to use every effort to increase their membership. The financial affairs of the society are in a flourishing state. The election of officers resulted as follows:—  
Spiritual Director, Rev. Father McPhail, C.S.S.R.  
President, Ald. D. Gallery, M.P.  
Vice-president, Ald. M. J. Walsh.  
Financial Secretary, Bernard Feehey.  
Recording Secretary, J. Quinn.  
Assistant Recording Secretary, E. Rogers.  
Treasurer, M. J. Ryan.  
Assistant treasurers, William Howlett.

Executive committee, M. Fitzgerald, M. Griffin, P. Kent, M. Meade, T. Rogers, M. J. Darragh, John Hagan, J. Shanahan, G. Murray, M. Murphy, M. Cannon.

### RECEPTIONS AT THE PALACE.

—On Sunday evening Archbishop Bruchesi held a reception for gentlemen, and on Monday afternoon for ladies, at the Palace. Both receptions were largely attended by all classes. His Grace seems to have benefited by his trip.

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### ST. MARY'S PARISH.

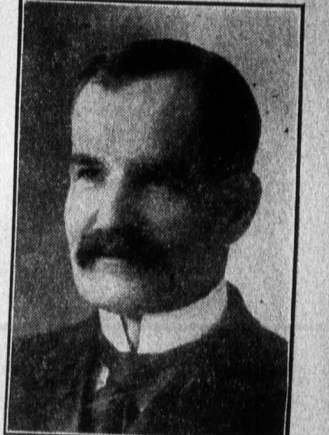
—The dramatic entertainment announced in the "True Witness" to be held in St. Mary's parish Church hall, this week, has been postponed until February 17th.

Many works seem full of charity; but as the order of discretion is not in them, so God is not in them.—St. Antoninus.

O harbinger of the day, O guide of the pilgrim, lead us, as thou wast led in the dark night across the bleak wilderness; guide us unto Jesus, guide us home.

## Irish Catholics in Public View.

"La Press," in its report of the recent banquet, held by the Architects Association of the Province of Quebec, whose large membership—as reported in the last issue of the "True Witness"—honored Mr. William E. Doran by electing him to the high office of President, says:—Mr. Doran presided and discharged the duties devolving upon him with marked ability. The Association, proceeds our French-Canadian contemporary, has made a most judicious choice in selecting Mr. Doran as its president for the current year.



MR. WILLIAM E. DORAN.

In proposing the toast of the evening, Mr. Doran offered many valuable suggestions in regard to the profession of which he is such an able member. Among others that the Provincial Government should take steps to establish a traveling scholarship, open to competition to young architects, in order to afford them an opportunity of studying the architectural monuments in European countries. Hon. Mr. Gouin, who was present, in responding to a toast, said it would afford him very great pleasure to communicate to his confreres, the suggestion of Mr. Doran, in regard to a traveling scholarship.

## Recent Deaths.

MRS. LOUGHMAN.—A venerable and saintly Irish woman well known in Montreal—in the person of Mrs. Denis Loughman, mother of Mr. Michael Loughman, passed to her reward this week, after a brief illness.

Mrs. Loughman was a native of the County Waterford, Ireland, and came to Canada about forty years ago. She was a member of the English section of the Third Order of Franciscans, and was also a devout member of St. Ann's congregation. The funeral took place from the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. M. F. Clarke, to St. Ann's Church, and was largely attended.—R.I.P.

MR. E. M. ROWAN, a well known young Irish Catholic, who has been confined to his home for many months, died this week. Mr. Rowan was associated with many Catholic organizations, and had a large circle of friends.—R.I.P.

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