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CITY AND ELSEWHERE.

People who seem to know all about it state that the Hudsons Bay Railroad is a certainty. It is to be hoped so!

The bursting of the heating pipes caused a flood in the postoffice lobby Saturday.

It is rumored that Bishop McQuade of Keewatin has been suspended for six months.

FATHER GUILLET, O. M. I. the new pastor of St. Mary's is rapidly winning the affection of the parishioners.

Leo XIII says while laboring men have a right to go on strike, they have no right to prevent others from filling their places.

St. Mary's Hockey club composed of pupils of the school are proving themselves adepts on the ice. In three successive games they have come out victorious.

Some one asked who is the tiny little altar boy serving at St. Mary's. He is about the smallest specimen of surprised child in the Dominion.

The Papal brief confirming the appointment of Father Langevin to the Archdiocese of St. Boniface will arrive this week.

Through want of space the lecture on "Catholic societies" delivered by Mr. Kennedy at the Catholic Truth Society is held over till our next issue.

FATHER DRUMMOND's remarks on the school question, when interviewed by a press reporter were the best and most catchy of any published in the daily papers.

Quite a large number of Catholics attended the afternoon services at the Academy on Notre Dame Street on Sunday last, where the blessing of the throat took place.

The petition to be presented to the governor-general in-council is being signed in all the churches of the Northwest, and it is expected that every Catholic will enroll his name on the list.

Since the Privy Council decision on the school question was made public the one and only topic of conversation in political circles is "will the Catholics get back their schools," and it is the universal belief that they will. All things come to him who waits.

Who is the "Catholic layman" who complained to a Free Press reporter about the Catholic schools, who is he. Perhaps, he were known, the strength of his remarks would be very much weakened by his identity with them.

In the Catholic World Magazine for February, under the heading "Catholic and Catholic," Mr. Henry Austin Adams gives some brilliant illustrations of the absurd side of the Catholic-Protestantism abroad.

Catholic social circles are alive at present in anticipation of the advent of the Lenten season, not long ago Mr. Marria entertained a large gathering; later Mr. and Mrs. Egan invited their friends, and this week it is said there will be another such reunion.

Another of Father Elliot's chapters on missionary work amongst non-Catholics is given in the February number of the Catholic World Magazine. It is one of the most cheering of the series, and gives a glimpse of outside life as vivid as a search-light flash.

There was a theatrical company in Winnipeg last week, purporting to represent the Irish character. They won't come any more to this city, for the way in which the Press "roasted" them was a marvel, and it may be added, highly creditable to the critics. There is too much of this low vulgar misrepresentation of the Irish.

SOME unknown Catholic who has not the courage to sign his name to his effusions, has written a letter to the Nor Wester, refuting statements contained in a certain article of that paper. There is too much of this non de-plume, underhand business done, and needless

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to say with much harm, if not scandal. The Nor Wester offered to bring him into connection with the party from whom it received its information, but he declined. This goes to show that he did not have the manliness to come out boldly and assert over his own name what he purports to be true.

The Decision in the School Case.

The circumstances which led up to the recent decision of the Privy Council in the Manitoba School case are briefly as follows:

The Manitoba Roman Catholics petitioned the Governor-General-in-Council for the veto of the School Act, and they also asked for remedial legislation under the following section of the British North America Act: "An appeal shall be made to the Governor-General-in-Council from any act or decision of the Legislature of the province or of any provincial authority, affecting any right or privilege of the Protestant or Roman Catholic minority of the Queen's subjects in relation to education." In 1877, the Parliament of Canada made remedial legislation for the due execution of the provisions of this section.

Upon these petitions the Federal Government prepared a case and submitted it to the Supreme Court, asking that a judgment of interpretation be given before they considered remedial legislation. When the court's decision, adverse to the Roman Catholic minority became known, they appealed from the expression of opinion or judgment of Canada's highest tribunal to the Privy Council, and that body now has decided on the following points in favor of appellants:

An appeal shall lie to the Governor-General-in-Council from any act or decision of the Legislature of the province or of any provincial authority, affecting any right or privilege of the Protestant or Roman Catholic minority of the Queen's subjects in relation to education. Therefore, their Lordships held that the Roman Catholics' appeal to the Governor-General-in-Council was admissible by virtue of that enactment, inasmuch as the school acts of 1890, abolishing separate schools, affected the rights and the privileges of the Roman Catholic minority within the meaning of the section.

Their Lordships decided further that the Governor-General-in-Council had power to make declarations or remedial orders asked for in the petitions, and that also the appeal was well founded.

It was not the Privy Council to intimate the course that may now be pursued, but their Lordships declared that if they had been essential that the statutes, repealed by the act of 1890, must be re-enacted.

All legitimate ground of complaint would be removed, if the education system were supplemented by provisions removing the grievance upon which the appeal was founded, or in other words granting funds for the support of the separate schools in the province.

Leading up to this judgment their Lordship reviewed at great length the circumstances under which the Act was passed, and also its exact scope.

The immediate effect of this decision, as indicated by a prominent member of the Privy Council of Canada, will be somewhat as follows: "The procedure is simply this: The Dominion Cabinet on receiving the text of the decision will ask the Catholic minority and the Manitoba Government to appear before it in Ottawa and discuss the prayer of the petition. If the conclusion of the minority are endorsed by the Ottawa ministers, a decision will be rendered accordingly, and an order-in-council will be duly passed. Then the Manitoba Legislature will be asked to intervene and grant remedial legislation."

Clandehoye Bay.

The entertainment which was given here in the school-house last December was repeated for the benefit of the church, at St. Laurent on the 12th of this month. The old church which was decorated for the occasion was comfortably filled, though no doubt had the entertainment taken place a week or two before we should have realized a much larger sum, as the little money to spend in a place like that is spent at New Year's time and a good many of the men had already left to hunt. Those present all seem to have had a good time to judge by the laughter which was continuous, and by everything said about it afterwards. Our clown was especially good and in several scenes really excelled. For instance he had a tooth drawn, and the dentist used a spade, a pick-axe and a great tope for the operation. Then the barber, who was supposed to be a ghost tipped his victim into the lather, etc. The tableaux were also pretty and the evening terminated with the song, "Bon Soir mes amis bon soir" and "God Save the Queen." Out of the proceeds, we presented the reverend Fathers with \$15.00 and after paying all expenses we still have \$5.50 in hand for our own altar.

Therefore we are well satisfied with ourselves and I think considering the size of the place, we may consider ourselves a very energetic dozen."

I suppose we may call this the "wilder of Manitoba" well would you like to know how we went to the mission: It was a cold Saturday morning but we were well protected from the wind in a sled with a canvas top arranged over our heads, ten of us made a merry party the other two proceeded in a jumper. The twelve miles over the Lake were accomplished in a short time, and the return journey on Sunday after Mass, was even more comfortable and merry. But the pleasure was doomed to be turned to pain for on our arrival we found one of our neighbors very ill. Indeed Mrs. Lecuyer was nearly related to several of our actors and her death which occurred early on Monday morning was a great grief to all. The Rev. Father Gascon from the mission who had been sent for immediately on our arrival and a doctor from Portage were present at the time. All feel the greatest sympathy for her husband and three tiny children also for Mr and Mrs. Pelouin her father and mother and her Pelouin relatives. The funeral took place on the Wednesday. About twenty people were going all the way to St. Laurent. What a change from the journey made a few days previous.

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and happily there was a large party assembled at the nearest neighbor's who on the alarm being given came rushing with pails of water, etc. and thanks to quick and determined efforts the danger was soon over. A high wind was raging at the time and had there not been plenty of men at hand the school house would have been in ashes in a short time. The stove pipes have been better arranged since so the danger has been lessened.

Cold in the Head and How to Cure it.

One of the most unpleasant and dangerous maladies that afflict Canadians at this season is cold in the head. Unpleasant, because of the dull, heavy headache, inflamed nostrils and other disagreeable symptoms accompanying it; and dangerous, because if neglected, it develops into catarrh, with its disagreeable hawking and spitting, foul breath, frequent loss of taste and smell, and in many cases ultimately developing into consumption. Nasal Balm is the only remedy yet discovered that will instantly relieve cold in the head and cure in a few applications, while its faithful use will effectually eradicate the worst case of catarrh. Capt. D. H. Lyon, president of the C. P. R. Car Ferry, Prescott, Ont., says: "I used Nasal Balm for a prolonged case of cold in the head. Two applications affected a cure in less than twenty-four hours. I would not take \$100 for my bottle of Nasal Balm if I could not replace it." Sold by all dealers or sent by mail postpaid at 50 cents per bottle, by addressing G. T. Fulford & Co., Brockville, Ont.

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