

Rev. Father Husson, O.M.I., who returned from the east last week, went to Pembina last Saturday.

Very Rev. Father P. Magnan and Rev. Father Cahill, O.M.I., went to Fort Francis on Monday, intending to return on Saturday.

Rev. Father Bousquet, O. M. I., principal of the Indian Boarding school at Pine Creek, came here on Monday to make his annual purchases and returned northward on Thursday.

Cardinal Celesia, Archbishop of Palermo, Sicily, who died there on the 14th ult., was ninety years of age. His infirmities prevented him from coming to the conclave which elected the present Pope. His Eminence was very popular in Sicily.

Rev. Father Houle, C.S.V., who arrived here on Friday of last week, went to Makinak the next day accompanied by Rev. Brother Perrault, C.S.V., brother of the pastor of Fannystelle. Father Houle's order, the clerics of St. Viateur, are going to take charge of the Makinak farm. The number of those who will reside there depends on the requirements of the place.

Rev. Father Veilleux, S.J., returned at the end of last week from Ishpeming, Mich., where he assisted Rev. Father Proulx in mission work. On his way back through Duluth and Superior, Father Veilleux saw Father Guillet and found him busy with building plans. Father Frigon was preaching a mission to the French Canadians of Superior, assisted by Father Charron, under whose charge they are.

His Excellency Mgr. Falconio, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, will sail on May 31 for Europe. He will go merely for a much needed rest and vacation. After years of labor in Canada and the United States, he will visit Rome, and will for the first time, have the opportunity of an audience with the Holy Father, Pius X. Mgr. Falconio expects to return to Washington in the early part of August.

The Catholic Armenian Patriarch Mgr. Emanuelian, died recently at Constantinople. He was born at Telermen, in Mesopotamia, on the 16th January, 1829, and was educated at the Urban College, Rome. In 1881 he was elected Bishop of the titular See of Cesarea Pontica, and in July, 1899, was transferred to the See of Cilicia. This position was confirmed in the Consistory of the following December. He had for Auxiliary Mgr. Arpiarian, the titular Archbishop of Anazarbo.

### Persons and Facts

There has been no marked improvement in Mrs. J. A. Green's condition. She earnestly bespeaks the prayers of her friends.

With the ill-fated battleship Petropavlovsk there went down not only the gallant Russian Admiral—the one strong, competent man thus far conspicuously revealed to the world in the crisis with which Russia is face to face in the far East—but also the world renowned painter of war pictures, M. Vassili Verestchagin. —Catholic Times, (Eng.)

The Irish chapel erected in the new Church of St. Joachim, Rome, which was built to commemorate the episcopal jubilee of Leo XIII., was inaugurated on Monday, April 18th by the Most Rev. Dr. Foley, Bishop of Kildare, who celebrated the Mass. Mgr. Kelley subsequently delivered a sermon, in the course of which he explained the meaning of the chapels erected in the church by the different nations for which the building is dedicated, and spoke of the right of Ireland to be represented. A distinguished congregation was present, including the members of the Irish College and the rector, Mgr. Murphy. A luncheon in honor of Bishop Foley and Abbot Gasquet was subsequently given by Mgr. Murphy at the Irish College.

The following item from a Washington, D.C. paper of April 30, shows how much better off we are than the people living 21 degrees south.

"To properly enjoy a game of baseball in these piping days of belated spring a man needs an iron constitution, a fur overcoat, and a hot Scotch on the side."

Just now the Red River is a noble looking stream, and were not many people greatly inconvenienced by the high water, one could wish to see the river always filling its banks as it does now. The water is falling very slowly, only a few inches in the past ten days. By the time the Brandon flood has reached the mouth of the Assiniboine here, the Red river will probably have gone down enough not to overflow. The absence of rain, except slight showers, tends to make the situation more hopeful.

The Hon. Eric Drummond, whose conversion we reported five or six months ago, was married on April 20th to the Hon. Angela Mary Constable-Maxwell, second daughter of Lord and Lady Herries, sister of the Duchess of Norfolk. Being the second son of the late Viscount Strathallan, and half brother and heir presumptive of the Earl of Perth and Melfort, the Hon. Eric has every prospect of succeeding to a peerage and thus increasing the number of Catholic lords. He is not yet thirty.

Reverend Mother St. Lucy, Superior General of the Sisters of Mercy, returned from Edmonton at the end of last week in a very alarming state of illness. The fluctuations of her heart were so great that it was thought prudent to administer the last sacraments on Tuesday evening. She may recover, but just now she needs absolute rest and her devoted sisters of the Maternity hospital are doing their best to ease her pain.

The agent of Dominion Lands at Edmonton in the annual report of the Department of the Interior says:

"The settlers coming from the British Isles are of the right class, and the work done by the Immigration Department on the new lines adopted appears to be effective in reaching a class of Old Country settlers who will succeed in this country.

"I cannot speak too highly of the manner in which the Old Country settlers have adapted themselves to their new surroundings and the appreciation shown by them of any attention received. The class now coming will succeed here and are of the right kind for pioneer work.

"The remarkable manner in which the settlers from the British Isles have adapted themselves to new conditions is worthy of mention. That they will succeed in this new country there is no doubt."

The Emperor William received on board the "Hohenzollern" some Little Sisters of the Poor whilst at one of the Italian ports and gave each of them a contribution of £5. A German paper relates that during his stay at Naples he invited the Abbe of Monte Cassino (who is a German) and several of the Fathers to dinner on board the Imperial yacht. Scarcely had they entered when the Emperor appeared and gave the monks a right hearty welcome. The Kaiser wore the uniform of an admiral, and in order to mark his esteem for his guests he also wore a massive gold chain around his neck from which there hung upon his breast the large gold medal of St. Benedict which was presented to him some years ago at the monastery of Beuron. The Abbe was put in the place of honor at the right of the Emperor while Father Desiderius, the head of the Beuron school of Art, was seated at his left. During dinner the Emperor kept up an animated conversation with them, and inquired particularly as to the progress made by the monks in the decoration of the tomb of St. Benedict at Monte Cassino. Last year the Emperor paid a visit to the monastery, and very generously gave the monks the sum of £500 towards the decoration of the crypt.

The many friends of Mr. Arthur Bleau, of the Archbishop's palace, who is now in Montreal, will sympathize with him in the great loss he has sustained by the death of his mother last Tuesday.

Foster's forecast about the warm weather lasting a week has been verified to the letter. Much cooler weather has been experienced since Sunday last. But the predicted storm between the 10th and the 14th has not yet struck us.

The assessors give Winnipeg's population as 67,000, just ten thousand less than the phenomenally inaccurate Henderson's Directory. The increase of population during the past year has been 20 per cent. The assessment has increased 33 1-3 per cent. and is now \$48,000,000. This excess of assessment increase over population increase will enable the city council to reduce the rate of taxation, which, last year, was 2 1/2 mills on the dollar.

The negotiations which have been in progress for some time between the Winnipeg Electric street railway company and the Norwood Improvement Company seeking an arrangement permitting the first named company to run street cars over the Norwood bridge to St. Boniface, have resulted in an agreement mutually satisfactory. The Winnipeg and St. Boniface line will now be connected and a through service established just as quickly as rails can be laid across the bridge.—Free Press, May 10.

### LAY CATHOLICS THE MOST PRACTICAL REGENTS.

Long before it had been decided to retire Bishop Doane, of Albany, from the Board of Regents of the University of New York, and without any intimation from the State officials or leaders of the party in power, it was agreed among Catholics and especially between the Right Rev. Thomas A. Hendrick, of Cebu, late regent of the University and many ecclesiastics that it is desirable for good reasons to have laymen in preference to clerical representatives, as hitherto, in the board, chief among the reasons for this agreement is the fitness of entrusting to the laity the civil offices for which they are peculiarly qualified, and the likelihood that they will be free and able to exert their influence more effectively than priests, who, precisely because it is presumed they are committed to certain views of principles, are not always regarded as unbiased or most desirable as political counsellors. It is gratifying to know that Catholics of their own accord anticipated this policy, and gratifying, also, to have as a ground of confidence in the Hon. Eugene A. Philbin, who has been chosen to represent Catholic interests in the Board of Regents, the knowledge that for some years he has been actively interested in the various measures proposed for improving our educational system, and successful in checking attempts to introduce politics into the schools and to discriminate against private interests in education.—The Proper Sphere of the Laity, in the April Messenger.

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