

From the Mission Fields.

SECHELT, B.C., March 3, 1919

My Dear Father Prior:—

Cold and disagreeable snow-storms last week, beautiful and warm sunshine yesterday and today and probably for a few weeks more, these are the weather conditions here at present. The new moon has brought us spring. Violets are blooming, hazel trees are blossoming, the air is getting warmer. I wished my friends from the prairies could enjoy again such an old-fashioned spring as they were used to from the old country. The snow we had last week was the first we saw this winter. But we have gone through a whole lot of trouble all the same.

On the 13th of January one schoolboy contracted influenza of a very severe kind; in a few days all the other children followed suit. Half of the Sisters were also down with the disease. We notified the Indians of the fact and they all came back to Sechelt and helped nursing the children. The men cut wood for the stoves and the women did the washing. They helped watching the children at night too. And God was good to us, nobody died with influenza. But one Sister is down with the effects yet; I am afraid she contracted consumption. The disease had made its appearance at the school before, but in a mild form. But this last attack was the real thing. A fortunate circumstance was that the parents had had real influenza last fall, so that they could help us nursing the little ones. Some other people that had been spared before, contracted the disease too, and one young man and three children under school-age died with it. One little girl was paralysed on the right side which turned quite black, as the father told me.

The school is making a novena to St. Joseph now, as the House in Ottawa will decide if the Government is going to build a new school at Sechelt or not. The Indians are ready to sacrifice the last timber on their reserve and pay half of the costs, if Ottawa gives the other half. Certainly, such spirit of sacrifice deserves great credit.

But the Whites too have to make great sacrifices for the religious training of their children in British Columbia. The school laws are the same as in the U. States, and the churches are heavily taxed besides. The Holy Rosary Church in Vancouver has to pay about \$4000.00 municipal taxes, and keeps up a parochial school besides. I regret to say that only the Oblate Fathers have parochial schools in their parishes. The children of the other parishes go to the godless schools. And that this bad atmosphere does its destructive work can easily be seen. Taxing the churches is taxing religion, the aim of which is to drive the churches out of existence, as much as possible. I am afraid that we Catholics are losing ground here every day.

Some people wanted to send used clothes for the children of our school, but the station-agent did not know how to send them, as Sechelt has no railway station. All parcels must go to Vancouver, B. C., which is the railway terminal. From there they are shipped to Sechelt on the steamboat. So, please, address the parcels to Rev. W. Brabender, Sechelt, B. C., via Vancouver, B. C. From Vancouver I pay the steamship charges myself. If there are several families in a parish who would like to send clothes, they had better go together; this would save railway and steamship charges. Many thanks to the kind benefactors of my mission.

Rev. W. BRABENDER, O. M. I.

SPARKS FROM THE ANVIL
(Special for St. Peters Bote.)

—“Here’s a dollar,—now hit me in the face.” Did you ever say that, or feel like saying it? “No,” you’ll retort, “you don’t take me for a fool, do you?” And yet, that’s just what you do when you remain subscriber of a paper that attacks your religion, its priests and bishops, or even slanders the Pope.

—Agricultural papers, Scientific Magazines, Electrical and Engineering Magazines, should treat only of those subjects that their name would lead you to expect from them. Their one only aim should, and ought to be, to instruct you and help you to perfect yourself in your chosen life’s work. The old axiom tells us “The shoemaker should stick to his last.”

—An article in “The Rural Canadian” tries to insinuate, that Laurier, who was then still among the living, might be a Sinn Feiner. Then it goes on to say that Home Rule for Ireland would really be Rome Rule, and dishes up more of this “high-falutin balderdash,” which passes with fanatical readers for common sense.

—Don’t judge the cook in the kitchen by the cook book on the kitchen shelves. Likewise don’t judge a paper by its name. You’d fool yourself. When a man wants to read about religion he subscribes for a religious magazine. If he desires to see the Catholic religion traduced, held up to ridicule, he would subscribe for “The Orange Sentinel,” or “The Menace.” In neither case does he need an agricultural magazine. When you are sick, you do not call in any “Tom-Dick-and-Harry” to prescribe for you. So also, if you want to inform yourself on religious topics, you must turn to some recognized authority in such matters.

—You’ve all heard of the little printer’s devil, who is responsible for so many aggravating mistakes in printed matter. One of these mistakes, which would be amusing if it were not so embarrassing appears in the Winnipeg Telegram’s report of the recent Grain Growers Convention at Regina. In citing the resolutions there passed, it mentions the one approving a provincial stockyard. Now here’s where the little printer’s devil “got in” his work. He made the report read “provincial stinckyard.”

—This was nearly as embarrassing as a sub-headline in a daily paper last December. It was intended to read Canadian Food Board, and the little devil changed it to “Canadian Fool Board.” Fortunately it was a newspaper that carried on its banner the device, “One Flag, One Language, and One School,” so it had no serious consequences. But—imagine the “hulabaloo” if the publishers had been so-called foreigners.

—This reminds me of a story in my reader “anno dazumal.” It told of a donkey that became jealous of a dog because his master fondled and caressed him, whilst he, the donkey, only received kicks and curses “galore.” He determined to find out what caused the difference of treatment. One day he saw the dog lick his master’s face, whereupon he was much petted. “Aha!” says the donkey. “Now I’ve got it.” So the next time the master came near him he licked his face too. But, alas for the donkey! The severest “hiding” he ever had, was his reward. Dear young friend! learn this lesson well. If two persons do the same thing it is not the same thing. What is suitable for one, is not suitable for the other. Perfect equality cannot be found in this life.

—The man who plays poker for a pastime usually passes more or less coin over to the other fellow.

—Many a man’s financial embarrassment may be attributed to the fact that he spent a lot of money in trying to get something for nothing.

—He who would rejoice with the Saviour on Easter day must deny himself during the penitential season of Lent.

Jubilee of Card. Gibbons

Extreme simplicity marked the celebration of the Golden Jubilee of Cardinal Gibbons, at Washington, D.C., which began with pontifical High Mass in the Church of the Franciscan Monastery at Catholic University.

After the services the visitors formed in procession and marched to the refectory where dinner was served.

Archbishop Cerretti, speaking for the Pope, Cardinal O’Connell for the Hierarchy in the United States, and Cardinal Begin for the Canadian clergy, praised the work and character of Cardinal Gibbons. Archbishop Glennon of St. Louis responded to the toast “Our Country.”

Thanking Archbishop Cerretti, representative of the Pope, Archbishop Bonzano, the Papal Nuncio in the United States, and other dignitaries for their presence, the Cardinal recalled that when the jubilee was canceled four months ago because of the influenza epidemic, the Pope inquired to what date it had been deferred. Cardinal Gibbons cabled that it was postponed indefinitely, but “in spite of my answer the Holy Father decided that it should take place.”

“When a man like myself becomes an octogenarian,” Cardinal Gibbons said, “he is disposed to be reminiscent, and to praise time passed away ‘laudator temporis acti.’ He has the temptation to embellish his narratives because his audience who are his juniors, have no means of contradicting him. He has the whole field to himself. But I assure you that I have no disposition to yield to the temptation myself.”

“At the close of the third plenary council over which I had the honor to preside, I addressed the assembled prelates, and referring to the words which St. Paul wrote to Timothy, I thanked them because they did not despise my youth.

“If your predecessors in the episcopate were so patient and forbearing to me in my youthful experience, you have always been kind and considerate to me in my declining years.

“I am today the sole survivor of the nearly 1,000 Bishops who attended the Vatican Council, and by a notable circumstance the oldest prelate at the time of the council was a Bishop from South America.”

“What is still more noteworthy, I am actually the only survivor of the eighty prelates who attended the third Plenary Council of 1884.

“The last to descend below the horizon of the tomb was the Venerable Patriarch of the West, the great apostle of temperance, the patriot whom his fellow citizens loved to honor, without distinction of race or religion, the lion of the fold of Judah; I refer to John Ireland, Archbishop of St. Paul.

“I thank God that we are assembled today when the war is over, and the blessed sun of peace has dawned upon us.

“During that tremendous conflict there was one majestic figure that towered over all others, I refer to our Holy Father Benedict XV. I behold him now in imagination standing like Moses on the mountain with uplifted hands, praying for his spiritual children shedding fratricidal blood.

“The Sovereign Pontiff stands out today the most exalted personage in Christendom. Kings will die, emperors will die, even Popes will die, but the Papacy lives forever.

“The Popes have seen the rise and development of all the improvements of Europe. It is not improbable they will witness the death of some of them and chant their requiem.

“They have seen kingdoms changed to republics and republics changed to monarchies. They have looked on while the Goths, the Vandals and Visigoths invaded the fairest portions of Europe, upsetting thrones. All this they have seen, while the divine constitution of the Church of which they are the guardians has remained unchanged. We may apply to her the words of the apostle: ‘These shall perish, but thou remainest, and all of them shall grow old as a garment. But thou, O Immortal Church art all ways the same, and thy years shall never fail.’”

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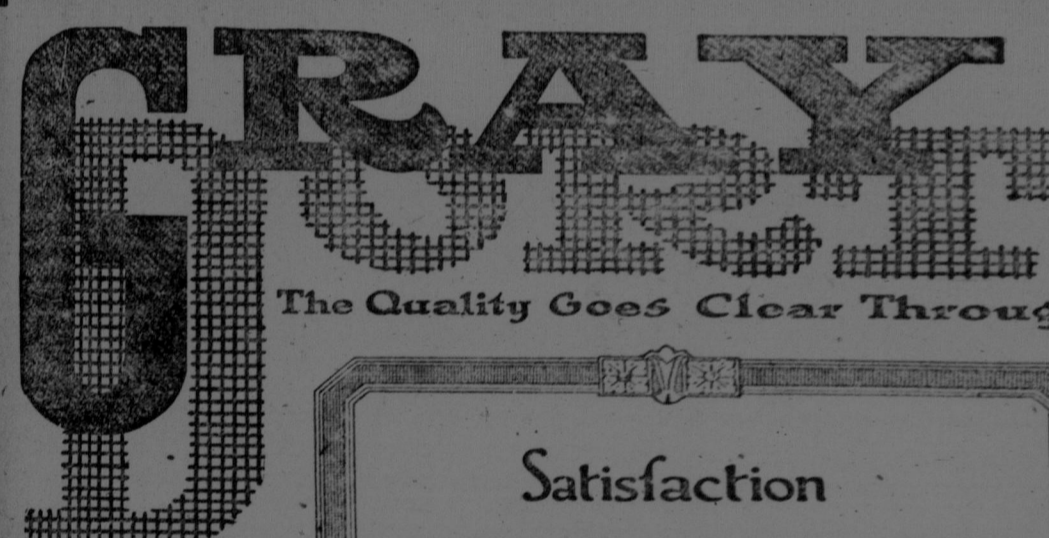
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| <p>Horses:
Team of mares, 4 yrs. old, one heavy with foal, weight about 2800 lbs.
Bay mare, 12 yrs. old, heavy with foal, weight 1500
Dapple gray mare, 6 years, 1400 lb
Black mare, 10 years, heavy with foal, 1500 lb
Black mare, coming 6 years, 1400 lb
Bay gelding, 6 years, 1400 lb
Bay mare, 3 years, 1200 lb
Bay mare, 3 years, 1100 lb
2 mare colts, 2 years old
1 mare colt, 1 year old
Driving mare, 8 years, 1050 lb</p> <p>4 sets of work harness
1 single driving harness</p> <p>Cattle:
4 fresh milk cows
1 cow coming fresh soon
1 cow coming fresh late in summer
4 heifers, coming 2 years old
2 steers, coming 2 years old
1 yearling heifer
1 yearling purebred Shorthorn bull
3 calves
10 hogs
About 2 dozen chickens</p> | <p>Machinery:
7 ft. Deering binder, good as new, used in one season
20 run McCormick single disc drill
20 run Deering shoe drill
14 in. Cocks-hutt gang plow
walking plow
disc harrow
4-section lever harrow
spring tooth harrow
McCormick mower
Frost & Wood mower, good as new
hay rake
2 wide tire wagons
2 treble boxes
hay bottom
two seated buggy
single buggy
2 bob sleigh, both 2½ in. run, one steel sole, the other cast iron sole jumper
Hero fanning mill
seed grain pickler, used one season
12 bbl. rain water tank
20 keg stock tank
stock tank heater
wheel barrow
Melotte cream separator
grind stone</p> | <p>tool grinder
picks, shovels, scoops, and all kinds of handy farm tools.
Several stacks of hay</p> <p>Household Goods:
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airtight heater
kitchen cupboard
dresser, new
lounge
3 double bedsteads
3 bed springs
folding cot
phonograph
extension dining room table
centre table
8 dining room chairs
rocking chair
eight-day clock</p> <p>Many other household goods, such as dishes etc., too numerous to mention.</p> |
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