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HEALTH OF THE HOLY FATHER

During the past week not a single day passed without its report from the cable agencies concerning the health of the Holy Father. Today he is reported just breathing his last, tomorrow he is in robust health. What the object of these conflicting stories may be must remain a matter of conjecture for the public at large.

Mgr. Pechenard, who is just back from Rome, has had with a representative of The Echo de Paris an interesting conversation, which deserves special notice because The Echo de Paris is one of the most authoritative organs of the Patrie Francaise League.

After declaring that the Pope is in excellent health, and that he does not wish to be regarded as a Pope who is "finished," but one who is thoroughly able to fulfill the mission that he has received from Providence, Mgr. Pechenard adds the following remarks on the situation of French Catholics:

"The Pope was very categorical on the subject, and desired me to repeat his declaration everywhere. I obeyed what I regard as an order in assembling the students of the Catholic Institute and giving them an account of my audience. The Pope is distressed at what is going on in France. He loves the monastic orders no less than the parochial clergy, and the painful situation in which henceforth they find themselves among us cannot be regarded by him with indifference.

country and their faith. At present all men of order and liberty should band themselves together frankly to save society from the most dire catastrophes which it is unfortunate that persons who call themselves Catholics should have remained deaf to my voice.

HOUSE OF PROVIDENCE

The Catholic people of Toronto have the best reasons to feel proud of the good work done by the House of Providence. This institution is devoted to practical charity of a truly Catholic kind, Catholic in its foundation and for the most part in its maintenance, the House of Providence is surely an example of the distinction that Catholics are at all times most careful to make between what is sectarian and what is "Catholic."

The doors of the House of Providence stand open to all. In the modern world many causes isolate individuals of various conditions and creeds from the opportunities of self-support. Old age is the least tyrannical of them. Perhaps a temporary or accidental affliction may sometimes press with aggravated weight upon an individual or even a class. But true charity, like the pity of the Divine Redeemer, is all-pervading.

CATHOLICS IN THE LEGISLATURE

The Ottawa Free Press has interviewed ex-Ald. D'Arcy Scott, and that gentleman has declared he will accept the local nomination for the Legislature if chosen by the Liberal Convention. This is the nomination that goes to an Irish Catholic according to a thoroughly understood and approved principle.

The choice of an Irish Catholic Liberal candidate in Ottawa is always a matter of the keenest interest to all the Irish Catholics of Ontario, for although the selection in its local aspect narrows down to a point of agreement among our friends in the capital themselves, the wisdom and policy of their agreement, influences in no small way the political action of many others throughout the province.

Speaking without the slightest reference to the personal element we are inclined to say at the present time with no uncertain voice that the best thing Irish Catholics in this province can do, when opportunity offers, as in Ottawa, is to send younger men of proved ability into the Legislature. This is even more applicable to the Liberal than to the Conservative side of the chamber.

without waiting to hunt one up when some party emergency demands special material with which the party is not supplied. There are elderly Irish Catholics in Ottawa who by force of long habit their friends may wish to honor with a nomination. But it is well to remember, as we said a few weeks ago in regard to the Kingston election and the candidature of Mr. Hart, that there is responsibility as well as honor in public life, and the responsibility now facing Catholics in both parties calls upon them to avoid themselves of men who will make a mark as politicians of recognized ability, energy and cultivation.

Four years ago when a member of the Ottawa City Council he began to make his mark as one of the coming men of Ontario. He has done a great deal as President of St. Patrick's Society to bring the Catholics of Ottawa into closer touch with each other, and he is still engaged in labors to the same good end that few would care to undertake.

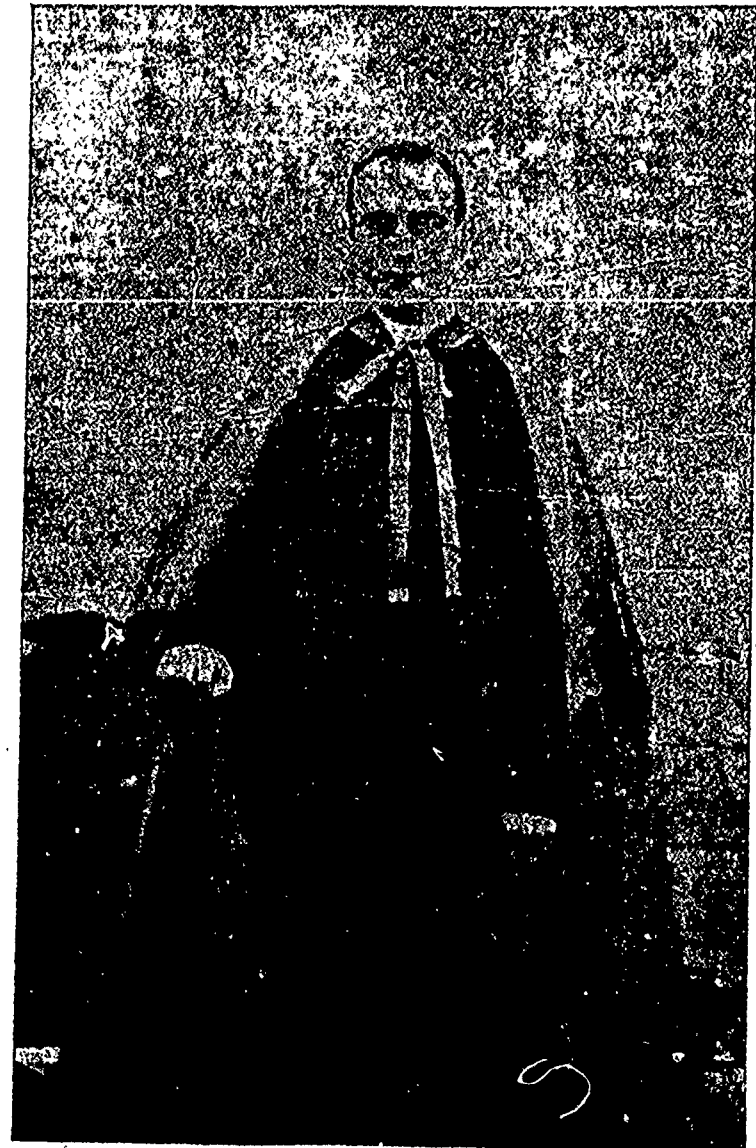
MORE TROUBLE IN MANITOBA

On the second page of this issue we publish an important deliverance by Archbishop Langevin on a new school question, or rather a new phase of

the bi-lingual advantages which the Catholic teachers alone possess, because Catholics only have gone to the expense and trouble of finding teachers qualified to speak the language of these immigrants. But your gifted politician is, of course, cocksure that he can accomplish the impossible. As a matter of fact he cares not a rap whether the Galicians learn English or learn anything else.

Archbishop Langevin pulled the mask completely off the intruders upon the religious rights of these people when in the course of his remarks, he said:

"He wondered why the same interest was not taken in the Menonite settlement where there were so many children who attended no school at all, and where in many of the schools in operation no English is taught. (Cheers.) He would like to know why there was not the same zeal for the children of the Doukhobors, who should be assimilated too. (Cheers.) Why this sudden and most marvellous interest in the Galician children? Was it not because the very great majority of the Galicians belonged to the Catholic Church? The Catholics did not seek to establish schools to educate Presbyterian children or others who did not belong to the Catholic faith, and he would say that the secret of peace in the community would be for everyone to mind his own business, and the political sects of the country would have sufficient to do if they bore that strictly in mind. (Cheers.) If the gentlemen who now



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the old question, which now threatens to disturb the peace of the Galician settlers in the west.

The facts of the situation are simple enough, and there is no need to waste many words in stating them. Some of the parties who were prominent from the first in the campaign against Catholic schools in Manitoba are placing themselves at the head of another agitation to wipe out a provision of the very inadequate "remedy" conceded to the minority in the heel of the long hunt after justice.

Only a few short months ago the Catholic press of Canada was being criticized even by Catholics themselves for keeping up the protest against the conditions under which the minority are left laboring in Manitoba. We ourselves were told that better conditions might come from peace than from agitation.

attacked the school settlement and advocated the striking out of the bi-lingual clause. They thought they could thus dispose of four thousand Catholic children they were greatly mistaken. (Cheers.) If they wanted to start a new school question there could not be a better time than the present."

Our own conviction still is that the Manitoba school question and the principle underlying it were too easily settled by the Catholics of Canada. If the anticipation of Archbishop Langevin that the western zephyrs are raising a new school question be correct, he will find, we believe, that the Catholics of the Dominion — and we speak of Quebec as well as the other provinces — have not at all forgotten their former all too easy persuasion into the path of peace over the Manitoba school question.

THE LATE MR. MOYLAN

The lamented death of Mr. James G. Moylan at Ottawa has saddened old friends in Toronto, Guelph, St. Catharines and other parts of the province, where he was remembered after he took up his residence in Ottawa. He was an old man in years but young in vigor and almost youthful in his tastes. He never, for instance, re-

laxed his Latin reading, finding a scholarly pleasure in keeping up his classics. His early training steeped him in the desire for cultivation. He was educated at St. Jarlath's, Tuam, and at Maynooth, and the first occupation he found in Canada was that of a teacher of classics in the College of the Jesuits, Guelph. His connection with Catholic journalism in Toronto had a distinctly beneficial influence upon the Catholic community and their interests. It is not so long ago, but the field has been extended in the meantime. The late Mr. Moylan was one of the foremost writers who led the pioneer work.

In Ottawa Mr. Moylan stood equally high in the esteem of his fellow Catholics.

Father Murphy, speaking in St. Joseph's Church on Sunday, expressed the feelings of pain and regret evoked by the unexpected announcement of Mr. Moylan's death. He said: "By Mr. Moylan's demise Ottawa loses a citizen, who by his exceptional ability, thorough education and sterling character, was an ornament to the community in which he lived. This congregation will remember him best as a practical, fervent, devout member of his church. Well as he

MGR. MERRY DEL VAL

For some time back it has been rumored in English Catholic circles that it was probable that Monsignor Merry del Val would be appointed Coadjutor to the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster. This prelate, who has had a distinguished career and is still only 38, is held in the highest esteem by His Holiness.

of Count Torrediaz, who was for a long time Spanish Ambassador there. It seems to be assumed in Protestant circles in London that the English Catholics would object to the appointment of a non-Englishman to a position, giving him the right of succession to the Archiepiscopal See of Westminster. But The Tablet has certainly given no indication of any objection on that or any other ground. Mgr. Merry del Val is remembered in Canada with affection and esteem.

served his country in responsible positions, he served his God better. In the faithful discharge of every religious duty, and above all, in his child-like respect for everyone and everything connected with the public service of his Maker, he, the superior in intelligence and attainments of the vast majority, if not of all of us, set an example that must live long after him."

EDITORIAL NOTES

We regret to hear that Hon. Wm. Hart, the new member of Parliament for Kingston, is ill with pneumonia.

While one set of Frenchmen is endeavoring to hunt the religious Orders out of the country, to smash crosses and crucifixes, and to destroy Catholicism, another section is still showing that France is always the great propagator of the Faith, and the glorious nursery of Apostolic zeal and devotion.

In the record of the "Missions Catholiques" for 1900, it is set forth that nine bishops and one hundred and sixty-two priests have died in the service of the Church in the Far East. Of the bishops, four were French. One of these was murdered in Manchuria, another died of yellow fever. Of the 162 priests 88 were French, and 15 of these died violent deaths. Forty of them were from the Paris Foreign Missions, 18 were of the Congregation of the Holy Ghost, 14 were Jesuits, and the rest Marists, Vincentians, or Franciscans. In connection with Foreign Missions, Monsieur Colin, the publisher, has brought out two new volumes of the "French Catholic Missions in the 19th Century," edited by Father Piolet, S. J., who has been assisted with information by Vicars Apostolic and by the heads of religious Orders engaged in the Evangelization of distant countries. M. Etienne Lamy and M. Brunetiere, two of the leading Catholic writers, have contributed to the new volumes.

The New York Freeman's Journal, commenting upon the address of President Roosevelt before the Long Island Bible Society, says President Roosevelt took the Catholic view in his address when he said: "We must cultivate the mind; but it is not enough only to cultivate the mind. With education of the mind must go the spiritual teaching which will make us turn the 'trained intellect' to good account."

"It is an admirable thing, a most necessary thing, to have a sound body. It is an even better thing to have a sound mind. But infinitely better than either is to have that for the lack of which neither sound mind nor sound body can atone — character. Character is in the long run the decisive factor in the life of individuals and of nations alike."

"Sometimes, in rightly putting the stress that we do upon intelligence, we forget the fact that there is something that counts more. It is a good thing to be clever, to be able and smart, but it is a better thing to have the qualities that find their expression in the Decalogue and the Golden Rule. It is a good and necessary thing to be intelligent; it is a better thing to be straight and decent and fearless."

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