

## MGR. TACHE ANSWERS TARTE.

### A STRAIGHT DENIAL GIVEN TO THE LATTER'S ASSERTIONS.

His Grace Never Conducted Negotiations of any Kind With Mr. Chapleau on Behalf of the Schools of Manitoba.

We had long since suspected that Mr. Tarte was drawing upon a lively imagination and that he would yet run amuck with both politicians and clergy. His great mistake, like that of all fire-eaters, is to not know when to stop. He has evidently delivered one speech too many, for he has caused Archbishop Tache to break silence and to address him the following open letter.

"Encouraged by the silence, I thought proper to keep, in spite of your provocation, you repeated your charges in your speech at the Liberal Convention, held last week in Ottawa. If I rightly understand your speech, what you allege is this:

"1. That on the occasion of the election of 1891, Hon. Mr. Chapleau, in the name of the Government, entered into negotiations with me in Montreal.

"2. That it was agreed that the Government would not disallow the Manitoba School Act, because it might injure Sir John Macdonald with the Tory element.

"3. That in return for such a concession on the part of the Archbishop of St. Boniface, the Government itself would take in its own hands the case of the Catholic schools should the decision, of course, be adverse to the interests of the minority.

"4. That this agreement between the Government and myself was put into writing; that the report of Sir John Thompson was drawn in conformity with such agreements; that the Government promised to give public and formal guarantees which would be a solemn confirmation of the agreement then concluded.

#### MAKES A STRAIGHT DENIAL.

"Well, sir, if that is what you have said or intended to say, I regret to say that there is not a word of truth therein. I regret to contradict, I regret to repeat my contradiction, but after all, why have you stated, why do you repeat statements so untrue and so unfounded?

"1. Neither Mr. Chapleau nor anybody else ever entered into negotiations with me, in the name of the Federal Government, with regard to the Manitoba schools. Please remark my affirmation, it is explicit. No one, directly or indirectly, by word or by writing, by telegraph or by telephone, ever consummated, pursued or even began negotiations with me in the name of the Government, on the school question.

"2. The negotiations of which you speak never took place. Consequently I could not have agreed and I did not agree with the Government that it would not disallow the Manitoba School Act. Naturally, also, during such alleged negotiations, no argument was offered about the danger of Sir John A. Macdonald to be compromised with the Tory element; since—I repeat it—no negotiations, no compromise ever took place between the Government and myself. My dealings with the Government on the school question have been official, and have been published in the sessional documents.

"3. Having conceded or compromised nothing, I cannot have received in return any promise. My hopes on this vital question never rested on anything else but the constitution of the country and on the sense of justice, which I hoped, and still hope, will prevail in the councils of the nation.

"4. The supposed agreements you mention having never existed, it is useless to say that they were

#### NEVER COMMITTED TO WRITING.

Sir John Thompson could not have used them as the basis of his report; the Government could not have bound itself to publish a formal and public promise which would have been a solemn confirmation of that agreement, which never took place.

Mgr. Tache's letter continues: "Embarrassed and somewhat pained in thinking of the part that you assign to me in 'negotiations without precedent in parliamentary annals,' you condescend to endeavor to excuse my conduct, 'before Catholics and before history.' You, so to speak, implore mercy in my favor, and you say in your article in L'Electeur of May 18: 'The old Archbishop, sick, tired and harassed, easily became the prey and the victim of the Cabinet, in whose name Mr. Chapleau applied to him. His excessive confidence has compromised a cause which could then have been safeguarded.'

"Without disagreeing once more with you, I dare affirm that Catholics—those

at least who know the real facts—that history, that is to say, true history, will judge me with more fairness and justice than you do, and that, without invoking the humiliating excuses you give, my conscience—and it is for me a high tribunal—my conscience, thanks to God, does not reproach me with the faults you mention."

The letter closed with the hope that Mr. Tarte will retract his assertions, and that justice may be done the Roman Catholic minority in Manitoba in regard to their schools.

#### Mgr. Fabre's Pastoral visits.

Mgr. Fabre left on Monday on his pastoral visit. The programme for the week is as follows: Monday, Lacolle; Tuesday, St. Valentin; Wednesday St. Blaise and L'Acadie; Thursday, St. Johns; Friday, St. Luc; Saturday, Chambly.

#### Prizes at St. Patrick's.

On Sunday the pupils of St. Patrick's Catechism received their prizes. Hattie Flanagan, a girl of twelve summers, won the highest honors of the "Butler" Catechism. She was crowned in the sanctuary along with Mary Christy. The latter young lady had as rivals in the Deharbe class, Annie McCabe and Katie O'Neil. By a draw she became entitled to a magnificent framed picture reproducing the painting of the Virgin Mother by the Evangelist, St. Luke.

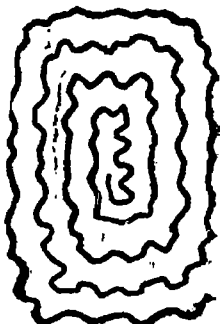
#### Impure Milk Poisons a Family.

A number of serious cases of what is undoubtedly milk poisoning occurred in one family last week. They reside in the west end and five members of the family are sufferers. An extra quantity of milk was required at supper one night and several quarts were purchased from a strange milkman. It was used freely, and at nine o'clock two members of the family were taken ill. Dr. H. W. Coyle, of the Civic Health Department, was called in and found the patients suffering from acute gastritis. Two other members of the family who had been present at supper went out to spend the evening at a neighbor's. While there they too were taken ill and were not able to return home until the morning. During the night the father of the family was also taken ill. Dr. Coyle has no hesitation in tracing the sudden illness in all cases to the milk used at supper, which evidently contained poison of some sort. The family were better next day. The Health Department will look into the matter.

#### Presentation to a Parish Priest.

After high mass at St. Mary's Church a number of the parishioners assembled in the vestry to congratulate Father Peter O'Donnell, their parish priest, on the occasion of the anniversary of his patron saint, St. Peter. The congregation's good wishes also took a more tangible shape, as after the presentation of an illuminated address by Mr. James Morley, Miss Logan stepped forward and begged his acceptance of a handsome bouquet, in the middle of which was hidden a cheque for a large amount on the Ville Marie Bank. The Rev. Father thanked his donors in most feeling terms.

"Papa," asked Willie, "what is phenomenal?" "It is phenomenal, my son," explained the father, "when a lawyer is content with a nominal fee."



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If you suffer from Constipation, Indigestion, Bilious Attacks, Sick or Biliary Headaches, or any derangement of the liver, stomach, or bowels, try these little Pellets. They bring a permanent cure. Instead of shocking and weakening the system with violence, like the ordinary pills, they act in a perfectly easy and natural way. They're the smallest, the easiest to take—and the cheapest, for they're guaranteed to give satisfaction, or your money is returned. You pay only for the good you get.

#### MISS CRONIN'S ACADEMY.

Final Examinations and Distribution of Premiums.

The school-room of Miss Cronin's Academy, at 179 Chatham street, was packed with pupils, parents and friends on Wednesday afternoon last to witness the final examinations and the awarding of medals and prizes. Amongst others present were Brother Arnold, Mr. P. S. Murphy, Major Letour, Dr. Leroux and Mr. J. K. Foran. The programme, which we give in full, was most admirably carried out in every detail. Mr. P. S. Murphy most generously gave twenty-five medals, three of which were gold, and the balance silver. This generous act of encouragement to a most deserving institution merits the highest praise. It is a practical way of aiding in the cause of education. Rev. Brother Arnold examined the pupils in English on history, geography and arithmetic. It is wonderful how cleverly they replied to all the questions and especially, be it said to Miss Cronin's credit, to those on Canadian history and geography. Mr. Foran examined the pupils in French, on Canadian and European history and geography, and Dr. Leroux examined them in mental arithmetic. One would be astounded at the progress that these young girls have made in seven months. At the close the pupils and teachers were highly complimented upon their success of the year. Brother Arnold pointed out the immense improvements in the copy books, and Dr. Leroux dwelt upon the able manner in which both languages were taught and the evident perfect classification of the pupils. Mr. Foran drew attention to the music, and especially to the grace and ease with which the girls played and sat at the piano, also to the solid rudiments in music which they seemed to possess as well as their alphabet. This redounds greatly to the credit of the music teacher Miss Cronin, sister of the Principal.

A very pleasant incident took place in the midst of the examinations. The pupils surprised Miss Stephens with a beautiful present that at once proved her popularity and the splendid training of character in her charge—for such gratitude speaks well for the pupils. The French lady assistants are certainly worthy of every word of praise that could be given them, and their girls prove beyond a doubt that the mistresses are not only able teachers but the ideal of ladies. Miss Racette, the amiable and refined head of the French department is a most able and greatly beloved teacher. And as to Miss Cronin, herself, we have only one word to say; after what we witnessed on Wednesday last we are prepared to affirm that she adds yearly to her high reputation as a teacher, a disciplinarian, and a principal. In fact we know of no lady, in Ontario or Quebec, who equals, certainly none who excels, Miss Cronin, in the grand profession to which she has consecrated her life.

#### FIRST CLASS—FIRST DIVISION.

Mary Trace, silver medal, given by P. S. Murphy, Esq., and 1st prize for general proficiency.

Annie Darragh, silver medal, given by P. S. Murphy, Esq., and 2nd prize for general proficiency.

Norah Connolly, silver medal, given by P. S. Murphy, Esq.

Ethel Mooney, silver medal, given by P. S. Murphy, Esq.

Bessie Kernaghan, special prize for conduct and reading.

#### SECOND DIVISION—FIRST CLASS.

Sarah Coughlin, Agnes Quinn and May Callaghan, silver medals, given by P. S. Murphy, Esq.; Malvina Mercier, Mary Dunn, Gertie McMahon, Rosie Guinon, Annie Davis, Annie Mullins.

#### SECOND CLASS.

Mabel Barrett, medal; Lizzie Foley; medal, given by P. S. Murphy, Esq.; Annie McMahon, Dollie Brennan, Maggie Cooney.

#### SPECIAL PRIZES.

French, Mary Trace. Sewing, Ethel Mooney.

#### MUSIC.

1st prize, gold medal, given by P. S. Murphy, Esq., Bessie Kernaghan. 2nd prize, silver medal, given by P. S. Murphy, Esq., Ethel Mooney. These two girls were the successful winners in the competition. They had to draw. The following also had a chance to draw:—Norah Connolly, Laura Normandin, Mary Dunn, E. Housée, Mary Trace.

Special prize, given by a Rev. Friend, won by Mary Trace.

The prize for punctuality was awarded to Dorillan Thivierge.

#### THIRD CLASS.

Medals for general proficiency, Miss

Beatrice Brown and Miss Rose Casey. Medal for excellency, Miss M. Rose Charette. Medal for arithmetic, Miss R. Pleau.

Prizes for general proficiency:—Misses R. Pleau, Mary Roach and Hattie McCann. Cards:—Misses Clara McMahon, Annie Callaghan, Nellie Karick, Tessie Mullins, Lillie Duggan, Assie Davins, Annie Sullivan, Annie Johnston, Ella Bower, Katie Scanlan, Teresa Ryan, Christine Morrison.

#### FRENCH CLASSES.

##### FIRST DIVISION.

Medal for Assiduity,—Drawn for by Misses Leverture, Dupre, E. Dagenais, and won by Miss D. Thivierge.

Medal for Excellence,—1st, Miss Blanche Lachance; 2nd, Miss Leverture Hupe; Miss Am-a LeRoux.

Prize for French,—1st, arithmetic, Miss B. Lachance; 2nd, Miss A. LeRoux. 1st, geography, Miss L. Hupe.

English,—1st, Miss B. Lachance; 2nd, Miss R. Beaulieu; 3rd, Miss LeRoux. Sewing,—Miss Evelina Guilmette.

##### SECOND DIVISION.

Excellence,—1st, J. Lacroix; 2nd, E. Dagenais; 3rd, A. Lachance.

English,—1st, Miss L. Hupe.

Medal for Progress,—Miss Bernadette Guilmette.

Medal for English,—Miss Alma Lachance.

Special Prize,—Miss Leverture Hupe.

#### PROGRAMME.

1. Song—"Vivat Pastor," School Choir
2. Recitation—"The Ministry of Angels," Annie Darragh.
3. Examination—Geography, Arithmetic 1st class.
4. Instrumental solo—"The Robin's Return," Mary Grace.
5. Recitation—"The Force of Habit," E. Mooney.
6. Examination—Spelling, 1st and 2nd classes.
7. Duett—"The Witches Flight," 1st, 2nd and 3rd classes.
8. Examination—Mental Arithmetic, Tables 1st, 2nd and 3rd classes.
9. Recitation—"Where the Angels Dwell," S. Coughlin and B. Brown.
10. Duett—"Heavenward March," Ethel Mooney and Bessie Kernaghan.
11. Recitation—"The Child's Prayer," Rebecca Pleau.
12. Recitation—"Auntie's Bonnet," Mabel Barrett.
13. Recitation—"What the Chimney Sang," Agnes Quinn.

Why are the actions of men like great rivers? Because we see the course they take and not the source from which they spring.

Barber: How would you like to have your hair cut, sir? Customer: With scissors, sir. Did ye s'pose I wanted it done with a scythe?



Mrs. Mary E. O'Fallon

of Piqua, O., says the Physicians are astonished, and look at her like one

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### Hood's Sarsaparilla

and am now a well woman. I weigh 128 lbs., eat well and do the work for a large family. My case seems a wonderful recovery and physicians look at me in astonishment, as almost like one raised from the dead."

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