

Persons and Facts

Mr. William Long, of Alcester, Man., and Mr. Michael Long, of Gretna, Man., were in town last Tuesday.

Last Sunday an important meeting was held at Eli, Man., after High Mass, which was celebrated by Rev. Father T. Campeau. The reverend father delivered an eloquent address, demonstrating the development of the settlement and the great need of a church. His remarks so roused his hearers that proceedings were taken at once and a committee was organized to look after the matter, composed as follows: Chairman, John Hebert; financial secretary, Maxime Allaire; treasurer, John Hebert; and John Hebert, Edward Roy, Saur Savagau, Edouard Bernarin, and John Kelly. It is proposed to build a church costing about \$8,000.

Mr. Z. Patnaude also addressed the meeting at some length.

Last week the convent, the convent school and the public hall in connection therewith at St. Alphonse were burned down in the afternoon during a high north wind. The parish priest, the Sisters, their pupils and some neighbors and Flemish settlers, including August Hutlet, Frank Langevin, Moreau and Mr. Castel, the teacher from Bruxelles, who were visiting at St. Alphonse, did their best to save the contents of the buildings. All the provisions, beds, stoves and part of the furniture were burnt. The insurance was \$1,300, but the property far exceeded this in value.

Next Sunday a new bell for the projected new church of the Trappists will be blessed in St. Norbert parish church by His Grace, the Archbishop of St. Boniface. In the evening at six o'clock the young ladies of the convent will present Racine's immortal tragedy of Athalie. Although they do not pretend to render so great a drama with the perfection of art, their careful preparation will enable the audience to relish the sublime truths and maxims and the able sentiments with which this unique tragedy abounds. No other literature can boast of so sublime a vindication of God's Providence. The music for the choruses, which is very beautiful and easily intelligible, has been imported for the occasion from France.

On Tuesday last our Holy Father, Leo XIII received with great solemnity the Duke of Norfolk and a delegation of British Catholics, who presented the pontiff with greetings and offerings. The duke read a loyal address, which the Pope answered, expressing his appreciation. The pontiff looked very well, considering his late illness. He said he felt quite himself again.

The following was the most important passage in the Duke of Norfolk's address: "We cannot forget the noble series of encyclicals in which you regulate the affairs with the kingdoms of the world, while strenuously asserting the independence of the Holy See, which Catholics throughout the world will never cease to claim."

A picture, representing Lucrezia Borgia as a poisoner, is attracting much attention in Cranston's window in Main street. It is not a work of art, rather it represents the gaudy, lurid style that pleases ignorant people; but what attracts many is the supposed truth of the fables that have gathered around the name of Lucrezia Borgia. It is taken for granted by the prejudiced Protestant onlookers that she was the daughter of Pope Alexander VI., and that she was a sort of official poisoner for the Papal court. Much of this unwholesome interest in a third-rate daub, would fall very flat if any of that gaping crowd had read William Roscoe or Gregorovius, both Protestants, who have thoroughly vindicated Lucrezia

from the charge of being a user of poisons, and have proved that she was a virtuous woman slandered by the enemies of her house. She was most probably the niece, not the daughter, of Rodrigo Borgia, and she was born long before he became Pope.

Clerical News

Rt. Rev. Edward J. O'Dea, bishop of Nesqually, has announced the removal of the See of his diocese from Vancouver, Wash., where it has been since the diocese was first formed, and its permanent location in Seattle.

Rev. Fathers Boutin and Theriault returned last Tuesday from a short visit to the Trappist monastery at St. Norbert.

Rev. Fathers Dufresne, Beaugard and Gendron visited the Archbishop early this week.

It is just twenty years—see Free Press, March 9—since Winnipeg was divided by the late Archbishop Tache into two parishes, Alexander street being the dividing line. Rev. Father Lavoie then had charge of St. Mary's, and Rev. Father Lebert was appointed first pastor of the Immaculate Conception. He was succeeded, July 14, 1884, by Rev. Father Cherrier, the present incumbent.

Rev. Father Cherrier returned home last Saturday much benefited by his interesting journey to Mexico and Louisiana. Rev. Father Jolys remained over in New Orleans, whence he intended to go to Florida. He will be back in his parish of St. Pierre, Man., at the end of this month.

His Grace the Archbishop leaves on Friday, March 13, for Letellier, where one of the nuns will make her profession on Saturday. The mission which Rev. E. Proulx, S. J., is preaching in that parish will end next Sunday.

Rev. Father Drummond leaves on Friday, March 13, for Calgary, where, according to a promise given last year, he will lecture in the opera house on St. Patrick's Day. Thence he will go to Cranbrook to preach a mission for the Catholics there, whose pastor is Rev. Father Ouellette, O. M. I. Father Drummond will be back at the end of the month.

The Bishop of Salford, England, is dying.

Rev. Father David Benjamin (Keldaine), B. D. of Urnia, Persia, is about to publish a work on the history of the Chaldaeo-Assyrian Church and its Missions. These MSS. have been perused by Rev. J. McSwiney, S. J., a famous Orientalist, of Manresa House, Southampton, who has acted as censor, and have received Cardinal Vaughan's "imprimatur."

Rev. Father Guillet, O. M. I., pastor of St. Jean Baptiste church Duluth, left for his parish last Thursday.

Rev. Father Drummond preached last Sunday in the Church of St. Norbert, while Monsignor Ritchot, whose health is fairly good, sang High Mass.

Rev. Father Leseq, O. M. I., returned last week from France to his mission on Smoky River in the Peace River district.

Rev. Father Lalonde, of St. Adolphe, was here on Thursday, March 12.

Rev. Brother Robillard, O. M. I., accompanied Rev. Father Guillet to Duluth. A large number of Father Guillet's friends, lay and clerical, including His Grace the Archbishop, went to the C.P.R. station to see them off by the 2.10 p.m. train.

Rev. Father Vachon, O. M. I., of Prince Albert, left on Wednesday for Kansas, where he is to meet prospective settlers in the Saskatchewan.

Obituary.

Mr. Alfred Trudel, born at St. Jerome, Que., died on March 5th, in St. Boniface hospital at the age of 69 years, 9 months and 5 days. Coming to Manitoba 24 years ago, he worked in the C. P. R. shops of this city as machinist 21 years. Three of these years were spent in St. Boniface with his son Edmond. During the last three years of his life the deceased was in failing health, and bearing in mind the fact that his three brothers had died suddenly, he was always praying that his own death might not be too sudden. His prayers were granted, for he had 24 hours of immediate preparation. As to remote preparation, his truly Christian life made him ever ready for the Master's call. During those three years of forced rest his great grief was that he could no longer work. His son, the Rev. Dr. Joseph Trudel, administered to him the last rites of the Church, which he received with perfect consciousness and great fervor. When he breathed his last with perfect resignation, his bereaved wife, his son Joseph and his daughter, the Rev. Sister Trudel, were at his bedside.

As he had spent his last days with Mr. Joseph Coutu, the latter kindly received the remains until the funeral. More than 550 persons came to pray in the improvised mortuary chapel; among these were represented all the religious communities of Winnipeg and St. Boniface. His Grace, the Archbishop, came himself to condole with the mourning family.

The funeral took place on Saturday, March 7, at 9 a.m. The cortege left Mr. Coutu's house for the Cathedral at 8.30, the pall bearers being Messrs. Coutu, Collin, Francois Jean, Cherrier, De Lorimier and Marcoux. Among those who followed the hearse were the Rev. Sister Trudel, Mrs. Emile Mailnot, daughters of the deceased, Mr. Edmond Trudel (his son), of Regina, and the grandsons. The remains were met at the church door by the Very Rev. A. Dugas, V.G. The Requiem Mass was sung by Rev. Dr. Trudel, with Rev. Dr. Beliveau as deacon and Rev. Father Theriault as subdeacon. The Archbishop assisted on his throne, accompanied by Rev. Father Guillet, O. M. I., and Rev. Father Lavigne, pastor of Neche, N. Dak. In the sanctuary were Rev. Father Hudon, S. J., Rector of St. Boniface College, Rev. G. S. Lebel, S. J. Rev. Fathers Paul and Joseph, Trappists, Rev. Fathers Cahill, Dandurand and Dorais, O. M. I., Rev. Fathers Dugas, Messier, Sauve, Cloutier, and the clerics, Messrs. Robillard, Bellavance and Mirault. The Cathedral was completely filled.

The deceased leaves five children, 14 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Mrs. C. B. Major, of Papineauville, daughter of the deceased, and wife of Mr. C. B. Major, member for Ottawa County in the Quebec Legislature, could not come to the funeral, but telegraphed her condolence.

We regretfully chronicle the death last Saturday and the funeral last Tuesday of Mrs. Theophile Pare, of St. Anne, wife of the well known ex-M.P.P. She was a native of this country, her maiden name having been Falcon. Mrs. Pare, who was always an exemplary Catholic, leaves her only daughter a Grey Nun. We respectfully present to our worthy friend, Mr. Pare, our sincerest condolence in his great loss.

R. I. P.

The Orangemen of Ulster have had a big split in their ranks. It appears that one Imperial Grand Potentate insulted another High and Exalted Bugaboo, whereupon the brethren took sides and the cruel war is on.

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